

**CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET BASKET: LILONGWE, ZOMBA, BLANTYRE, MZUZU, MANGOCHI AND KARONGA FEBRUARY,2022**

<b>(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN</b>													
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Lilongwe</b>	<b>Zomba</b>	<b>Blantyre</b>	<b>Mzuzu</b>	<b>Karonga</b>	<b>Mangochi</b>							
Maize	9,929	19,858	9,200	18,400	10,167	20,334	9,250	18,500	8,750	17,500	11,000	22,000	
Milling (Including Grinding)	371	5,194	558	7,812	300	4,200	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000	
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,325	8,480	1,900	12,160	1,414	9,050	1,700	10,880	700	4,480	1,400	8,960	
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,250	5,250	6,429	6,429	10,857	10,857	3,667	3,667	4,000	4,000	6,500	6,500	
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	6,750	5,400	6,429	5,143	9,500	7,600	6,100	4,880	3,000	2,400	8,333	6,666	
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0	0	6,343	5,074	13,571	10,857	3,717	2,974	0	0	6,833	5,466	
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,738	10,952	2,814	11,256	2,386	9,544	3,000	12,000	2,500	10,000	2,767	11,068	
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	116	5,568	117	5,616	100	4,800	120	5,760	100	4,800	120	5,760	
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	377	8,483	479	10,778	450	10,125	427	9,608	542	12,195	633	14,243	
Tomato ( 0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	750	11,250	1,671	25,065	1,314	19,710	637	9,555	763	11,445	1,217	18,255	
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	2,050	7,175	2,243	7,851	1,571	5,499	1,548	5,418	798	2,793	2,500	8,750	
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	368	5,520	366	5,490	350	5,250	397	5,955	400	6,000	400	6,000	
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 days	2,875	8,625	2,854	8,562	2,736	8,208	2,792	8,376	2,950	8,850	2,500	7,500	
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	638	12,760	592	11,840	586	11,720	700	14,000	450	9,000	600	12,000	
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	888	7,104	893	7,144	900	7,200	942	7,536	880	7,040	917	7,336	
Kitchen Salt	425	425	446	446	321	321	536	536	390	390	400	400	
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	103	4,120	141	5,640	50	2,000	170	6,800	100	4,000	125	5,000	
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	175	2,800	256	4,096	388	6,208	207	3,312	240	3,840	173	2,768	
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>128,964</b>		<b>158,802</b>		<b>153,482</b>		<b>135,006</b>		<b>118,533</b>		<b>155,672</b>	
<b>(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS</b>													
Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,030	20,060	13,899	27,798	18,452	36,904	13,333	26,666	7,455	14,910	10,873	21,746	
Protex	585	5,850	607	6,070	543	5,430	600	6,000	550	5,500	600	6,000	
Boom	575	4,600	513	4,104	507	4,056	542	4,336	570	4,560	467	3,736	
Clere Body Lotion	356	712	363	726	304	608	338	676	388	776	333	666	
Vaseline Blue Seal	869	1,738	1,114	2,228	843	1,686	1,045	1,066	1,050	2,100	800	1,600	
Electricity	10,518	10,518	10,143	10,143	15,419	15,419	6,473	6,473	5,423	5,423	7,907	7,907	
Running Water (meter)	7,067	7,067	6,912	6,912	13,987	13,987	7,512	7,512	8,379	8,379	8,642	8,642	
Housing (3 bedroom)	56,227	56,227	43,415	43,415	59,236	59,236	28,799	28,799	23,981	23,981	33,003	33,003	
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>106,772</b>		<b>101,396</b>		<b>137,326</b>		<b>81,528</b>		<b>65,628</b>		<b>83,300</b>	
<b>Total Basic Needs</b>		<b>235,736</b>		<b>260,198</b>		<b>290,808</b>		<b>216,534</b>		<b>184,161</b>		<b>238,972</b>	
<b>(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS</b>													
	<b>Lilongwe</b>	<b>Zomba</b>	<b>Blantyre</b>	<b>Mzuzu</b>	<b>Karonga</b>	<b>Mangochi</b>							
Education										Fuel (cost at the pump)			
Secondary (fees) per year	31,875	17,719	22,592	45,000	31,506	30,000				Diesel (per litre)	K1120		
Primary (GPF) per year	3,150	10,297	3,824	1,463	6,000	3,000				Petrol (per litre)	K1150		
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	18,525	27,502	51,127	32,027	40,100	25,075				Paraffin (per litre)	K833		
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	29,400	35,220	39,772	38,192	58,826	24,104							
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	13,900	7,145	15,303	10,295	17,370	17,300							
<b>Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1400; BT: MK700; ZA: MK500 – MK600; MZ: MK550 – MK600</b>													
<b>Average</b>	Feb,2021	Mar,2021	Apri ,2021	May,2021	June,2021	July,2021	Aug,2021	Sept,2021	Oct, 2021	<b>Dec,2021</b>	Jan,2022	Feb,2022	
Amount (MK)	<b>209,366</b>	<b>208,926</b>	<b>207,409</b>	<b>203,988</b>	<b>203,568</b>	<b>203,430</b>	<b>205,733</b>	<b>208,427</b>	<b>206,772</b>	229,587	<b>235584</b>	<b>242394</b>	

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K831 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th February, 2022 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe, Mzuzu, Karonga and Mangochi

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**NOTE: The data on electricity, housing, water and other additional costs is collected and analysed on quarterly basis**