

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

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN													
ITEM	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi							
Maize	10,286	20,572	12,000	24,000	10,000	20,000	9,250	18,500	11,250	22,500	12,000	24,000	
Milling (Including Grinding)	350	4,900	550	7,700	300	4,200	375	5,250	700	9,800	700	9,800	
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,138	7,283	1,500	9,600	1,429	9,146	1,750	11,200	700	4,480	1,267	8,109	
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	7,250	7,250	6,857	6,857	10,857	10,857	3,667	3,667	6,000	6,000	7,500	7,500	
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	8,000	6,400	7,286	5,829	10,714	8,571	8,917	7,134	3,250	2,600	6,880	5,504	
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0	0	6,343	5,074	14,714	11,771	3,717	2,974	0	0	6,833	5,466	
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	3,000	12,000	3,000	12,000	2,543	10,172	3,000	12,000	2,500	10,000	3,000	12,000	
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	115	5,520	120	5,760	120	5,760	120	5,760	125	6,000	140	6,720	
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	290	6,525	443	9,968	394	8,865	419	9,428	492	11,070	467	10,508	
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	429	6,435	1,357	20,355	636	9,540	618	9,270	663	9,945	1,083	16,245	
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	850	2,975	1,343	4,701	829	2,902	1,587	5,555	873	3,056	1,283	4,491	
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	365	5,475	386	5,790	354	5,310	400	6,000	400	6,000	400	6,000	
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 days	3,288	9,864	4,186	12,558	3,629	10,887	2,867	8,601	3,450	10,350	3,800	11,400	
Bread (5 bnfsts / wk) 20 days	831	16,620	892	17,840	807	16,140	808	16,160	830	16,600	800	16,000	
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	969	7,752	943	7,544	907	7,256	967	7,736	985	7,880	967	7,736	
Kitchen Salt	369	369	504	504	314	314	692	692	390	390	500	500	
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	100	4,000	161	6,440	50	2,000	182	7,280	100	4,000	225	9,000	
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	239	3,824	260	4,160	329	5,264	199	3,184	382	6,112	223	3,568	
Sub-total		127,764		166,679		148,955		140,389		136,783		164,546	
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS													
Charcoal (50 kgs)	11,423	22,846	13,175	26,350	18,214	36,428	14,583	29,166	6,707	13,414	16,250	32,500	
Protex	606	6,060	664	6,640	614	6,140	603	6,030	550	5,500	650	6,500	
Boom	631	5,048	600	4,800	721	5,768	550	4,400	570	4,560	683	5,464	
Clere Body Lotion	397	794	407	814	368	736	338	676	425	850	408	816	
Vaseline Blue Seal	956	1,912	1,134	2,268	950	1,900	1,045	1,066	1,050	2,100	800	1,600	
Electricity	10,829	10,829	11,584	11,584	16,102	16,102	6,473	6,473	5,529	5,529	5,681	5,681	
Running Water (meter)	12,356	12,356	10,111	10,111	13,560	13,560	7,512	7,512	8,601	8,601	8,761	8,761	
Housing (3 bedroom)	64,393	64,393	48,480	48,480	56,723	56,723	28,799	28,799	20,713	20,713	36,991	36,991	
Sub-total		124,238		111,047		137,357		84,122		61,267		98,313	
Total Basic Needs		252,002		277,726		286,312		224,511		198,050		262,859	
(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS													
	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi							
Education													
Secondary (fees) per year	40,543	30,370	23,007	45,000	45,000	30,000							
Primary (GPF) per year	2,371	6,538	3,824	1,463	6,544	3,037							
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	15,525	35,645	50,719	32,027	39,399	43,367							
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	28,941	36,531	40,014	38,192	52,640	46,400							
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	19,308	8,244	15,525	10,295	14,781	23,925							
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1400; BT: MK700; ZA: MK500 – MK600; MZ: MK550 – MK600													
Average	Apri ,2021	May,2021	June,2021	July,2021	Aug,2021	Sept,2021	Oct, 2021	Dec,2021	Jan,2022	Feb,2022	March,2022	April 2022	
Amount (MK)	207,409	203,988	203,568	203,430	205,733	208,427	206772	229,587	235584	242394	245.799	250,243	

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K813 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 23rd and 24th April, 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