

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

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN													
ITEM	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi							
Maize	12,929	25,858	10,400	20,800	10,833	21,666	11,083	22,166	15,000	30,000	12,000	24,000	
Milling (Including Grinding)	386	5,404	533	7,462	300	4,200	375	5,250	700	9,800	700	9,800	
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,163	7,443	1,500	9,600	1,371	8,774	1,750	11,200	700	4,480	1,200	7,680	
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	7,900	7,900	7,286	7,286	9,857	9,857	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,117	7,117	
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	7,358	5,886	7,143	5,714	9,286	7,429	8,050	6,440	1,500	1,200	5,200	4,160	
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0	0	6,771	5,417	11,286	9,029	3,400	2,720	0	0	5,367	4,294	
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	3,275	13,100	3,000	12,000	2,557	10,228	3,500	14,000	3,000	12,000	3,000	12,000	
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	121	5,808	120	5,760	120	5,760	120	5,760	130	6,240	127	6,096	
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	400	9,000	414	9,315	420	9,450	425	9,563	720	16,200	308	6,930	
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	450	6,750	543	8,145	621	9,315	678	10,170	650	9,750	713	10,695	
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	963	3,371	700	2,450	1,743	6,101	1,618	5,663	675	2,363	1,100	3,850	
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	394	5,910	397	5,955	354	5,310	500	7,500	400	6,000	400	6,000	
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 days	3,675	11,025	4,286	12,858	3,679	11,037	3,183	9,549	3,500	10,500	4,000	12,000	
Bread (5 bnfsts / wk) 20 days	888	17,760	942	18,840	831	16,620	900	18,000	1,000	20,000	950	19,000	
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	1,175	9,400	907	7,256	986	7,888	1,183	9,464	1,200	9,600	1,233	9,864	
Kitchen Salt	413	413	504	504	371	371	692	692	390	390	500	500	
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	100	4,000	161	6,440	50	2,000	185	7,400	100	4,000	158	6,320	
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	243	3,888	179	2,864	343	5,488	193	3,088	275	4,400	150	2,400	
Sub-total		142,916		148,666		150,523		154,625		152,923		152,706	
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS													
Charcoal (50 kgs)	13,623	27,246	16,896	33,792	18,571	37,142	20,000	40,000	7,447	14,894	13,333	26,666	
Protex	613	6,130	686	6,860	621	6,210	603	6,030	550	5,500	767	7,670	
Boom	656	5,248	629	5,032	721	5,768	500	4,000	650	5,200	800	6,400	
Clere Body Lotion	397	794	468	936	371	742	358	716	425	850	383	766	
Vaseline Blue Seal	1,213	2,426	1,143	2,286	1,021	2,042	1,325	1,066	1,300	2,600	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		129,422		119,081		138,289		94,596		63,887		94,535	
Total Basic Needs		272,338		267,747		288,812		249,221		216,810		247,241	
(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	May,2021	June,2021	July,2021	Aug,2021	Sept,2021	Oct, 2021	Dec,2021	Jan,2022	Feb,2022	March,2022	April 2022	May,2022	
Amount (MK)	203,988	203,568	203,430	205,733	208,427	206,772	229,587	235,584	242,394	245,799	250,243	257,028	

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K815 Malawian Kwacha (MK). Source National Bank of Malawi: The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 23rd and 24th May, 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