

FEBRUARY 2011 CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LILONGWE, BLANTYRE, ZOMBA, & MZUZU

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD WITH SIX MEMBERS IN LILONGWE, ZOMBA, BLANTYRE AND MZUZU

Commodity	Required Quantity	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu	
		Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total
Maize (50kg bag)	2 bags	1600	3200	1014	2028	2000	4000	1800	3600
Milling (including grinding)	14 tins	107	1498	84	1176	80	1120	100	1400
Beans (0.8Kg/day) 8 days	6.4Kgs	241	1542	280	1792	284	1818	245	1568
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	1 Kg	1165	1165	1100	1100	1214	1214	520	520
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days	0.8Kgs	1145	916	1243	994	1303	1042	900	720
Kapenta (200g /day) 4 days	0.8kgs	1217	974	1000	800	533	426	517	414
Beef (1Kg/day) 4 days	4Kgs	588	2352	550	2200	521	2084	592	2368
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	48	29	1392	31	1488	28	1344	30	1440
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	22.5Kgs	81	1823	113	2543	106	2385	108	2430
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) for 30 days	15Kgs	93	1395	107	1605	146	2190	162	2430
Onion (116g/day) for 30days	3.5Kgs	238	833	247	865	261	914	253	886
Fresh Milk (250 mls/day) for 30 days	15x500ml packet	97	1455	113	1695	103	1545	113	1695
Kazinga cooking oil	3x1 Litres	510	1530	521	1563	531	1593	533	1599
Bread (5bkfts/week)	20 loaves	117	2340	123	2460	124	2480	120	2400
Sugar (2kgs/week)	8Kgs	165	1320	164	1312	158	1264	177	1416
Kitchen Salt	1Kg	84	84	70	70	113	113	137	137
Tea (Chisangalalo)	40x25g	13	520	10	400	15	600	23	920
Cassava (2kgsx2bkfasts/week)	16kgs	52	832	41	656	53	848	18	288
Sub-total (Food Basket)			25,171		24,746		26,980		26,230
(B) Cost of essential non-food items									
Charcoal (50kgs)	2 bags	2057	4114	1340	2680	2000	4000	2000	4000
Protex	10 tablets	111	1110	122	1220	93	930	133	1330
Boom detergent clothe soap	8 packets	83	664	96	768	91	728	100	800
Clere Body Lotion	2x400mls	125	250	121	242	120	240	148	296
Vaseline blue seal body jerry	2x100mls	150	300	155	310	104	208	134	268
Electricity (Meter)	Average/month	2923	2923	2575	2575	2750	2750	1475	1475
Running water (Meter)	Average/month	1891	1891	1806	1806	2275	2275	1225	1225
Housing (3 bedroomed)	Rent /month	15844	15844	8750	8750	15000	15000	8075	8075
Sub total			27,096		18,351		26,131		17,469
Total Basic Needs Basket			52,267		43097		53,111		43,699

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu
Education (per year)				
Secondary (fees)	7, 645	7, 525	6,000	7, 600
Primary (GPF)	500	950	700	1, 200
Uniform/shoes (Primary)	2, 020	2, 920	3,200	2, 100
Uniform/shoes (Secondary)	3, 050	5, 100	4,000	4, 400
Other (pens, books, etc.)	2, 910	3, 900	2,600	2, 700

Fuel (cost at the pump)
 Diesel (per litre) K290
 Petrol (per litre) K260
 Paraffin (per litre) K155
 Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK240 – MK240;
 BT: 120.00; ZA: MK120 – MK160;
 MZ: MK140 – MK180

(D) SOME COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF WAGES-- (NET PAY)

	Teacher	Nurse	Petrol/Diesel Attendant	Waiter in Local Restaurants	Shop Attendant	Security Guard in Private Firm
Monthly Wage.	<i>being updated</i>	<i>being updated</i>	<i>being updated</i>	<i>being updated</i>	<i>being updated</i>	<i>being updated</i>

The Social Conditions Research Program of the **Centre for Social Concern** conducted these surveys in February 24th -27th, 2011 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe and Mzuzu.

NOTE: This Urban Basic Needs Basket is undergoing some modifications to incorporate various input from different stakeholders following the consultative session held on 2nd September, 2010. We welcome more feedback from you!

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