

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

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN LILONGWE, ZOMBA, BLANTYRE & MZUZU

Commodity	Quantity	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu	
		Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total
Maize (50 Kg Bag)	2 Bags	2089	4178	1300	2600	2000	4000	2130	4260
Milling (Including Grinding)	14 Tins	104	1456	84	1176	80	1120	100	1400
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	6.4 Kg	196	1254	287	1837	284	1818	274	1754
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	1 Kg	806	806	1071	1071	1471	1471	760	630
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kg	1375	1100	1243	994	1510	1206	1700	1360
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kgs	1217	974	1000	800	1567	1254	708	566
Beef (1 kg/day) 4 days	4 Kgs	608	2432	250	1000	521	2084	592	2368
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	48	26	1248	31	1488	28	1344	28	1344
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	22.5 Kgs	69	1553	119	2678	100	2250	99	2228
Tomato (0.5 kg/day) 30 days	15 Kgs	102	1530	137	2055	181	2715	205	3075
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	3.5 Kgs	160	560	253	886	242	847	238	833
Fresh Milk (250mls/day) 30 days	15x500 ml pkt	97	1455	110	1650	100	1500	102	1530
Kazinga Cooking Oil	3x 1 Liters	503	1509	498	1494	531	1593	535	1605
Bread (5 bkfts/week) 20 days	20 Loaves	119	2380	124	2480	124	2480	120	2400
Sugar (2 kgs/week)	8 Kgs	164	1312	164	1312	164	1312	180	1440
Kitchen Salt	1 Kg	83	83	80	80	113	113	147	147
Tea (Chisangalalo)	40 x 25g	11	440	30	1200	15	600	23	920
Cassava (2kgsx2bkfsts/wk)	16 Kgs	39	624	41	656	53	848	32	512
Sub-total			24,894		25,456		28,556		28,502
Sub-total (Food Basket)									
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS									
Charcoal (50 Kgs)	2 Bags	2057	4114	1160	2320	2000	4000	2000	4000
Protex	10 Tablets	118	1180	124	1240	93	930	131	1310
Boom	8 Packets	89	712	88	704	93	744	108	864
Clere Body Lotion	2 x 400 Mls	124	248	118	236	119	238	148	296
Vaseline Blue Seal	2 x 100 Mls	150	300	145	290	104	208	148	268
Electricity (Meter)	Average/Month	3173	3173	2575	2575	2750	2750	1475	1475
Running Water (Meter)	Average/Month	1891	1891	1806	1806	2275	2275	1225	1225
Housing (3 Bed roomed)	Rent/Month	15,844	15,844	8,750	8,750	15000	15000	8075	8075
Sub-total			27,462		17,921		26,145		17,513
Total for Basic Needs Basket			52,356		43,377		54,701		46,015

City Average from previous months	March.10	April.10	May. 10	June. 10	July.10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10	Oct. 10	Nov. 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb.11	March. 11
Amount (MK)	52,095	49,107	46,109	47,677	48,243	47,246	46,566	44,556	44,933	45,530	47,334	48,044	49,112

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	
Education (per year)					Fuel (cost at the pump)
Secondary (fees)	7, 645	7, 525	6,000	7, 600	Diesel (per litre) K290
Primary (GPF)	500	950	700	1, 200	Petrol (per litre) K260
Uniform/shoes (Primary)	2, 020	2, 920	3,200	2, 100	Paraffin (per litre) K155
Uniform/shoes (Secondary)	3, 050	5, 100	4,000	4, 400	Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK240 – MK240;
Other (pens, books, etc.)	2, 910	3, 900	2,600	2, 700	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 26th- 30th March 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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