

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

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(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	1836	3672	1125	2250	2000	4000	2150	4300
Milling (Including Grinding)	14 Tins	104	1456	94	1316	80	1120	100	1400
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	6.4 Kg	199	1274	263	1683	214	1370	267	1709
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	1 Kg	950	950	1343	1343	1079	1079	780	780
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kg	1313	1050	1329	1063	1671	1337	1750	1400
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kgs	1183	946	1000	800	1600	1280	708	566
Beef (1 kg/day) 4 days	4 Kgs	597	2388	550	2200	550	2200	600	2400
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	48	28	1344	31	1488	26	1248	28	1344
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	22.5 Kgs	69	1553	103	2318	66	1485	113	2543
Tomato (0.5 kg/day) 30 days	15 Kgs	143	2145	191	2865	171	2565	217	3255
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	3.5 Kgs	164	574	190	665	180	630	252	882
Fresh Milk (250mls/day) 30 days	15x500 ml pkt	97	1455	110	1650	94	1410	100	1500
Kazinga Cooking Oil	3x 1 Liters	529	1587	526	1578	513	1539	550	1650
Bread (5 bkfts/week) 20 days	20 Loaves	119	2380	124	2480	119	2380	120	2400
Sugar (2 kgs/week)	8 Kgs	168	1344	169	1352	166	1328	180	1440
Kitchen Salt	1 Kg	83	83	87	87	126	126	150	150
Tea (Chisangalalo)	40 x 25g	15	600	20	800	13	520	22	880
Cassava (2kgsx2bkfst/wk)	16 Kgs	35	560	22	352	46	736	32	512
Sub-total			25,361		26,290		26,352		29,111
Sub-total (Food Basket)			(B) COST		OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS				
Charcoal (50 Kgs)	2 Bags	2057	4114	1160	2320	2000	4000	1967	3934
Protex	10 Tablets	116	1160	123	1230	110	1100	131	1310
Boom	8 Packets	88	704	92	736	94	752	100	800
Clere Body Lotion	2 x 400 Mls	125	250	121	242	116	232	147	294
Vaseline Blue Seal	2 x 100 Mls	164	328	146	292	131	262	148	296
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			27,464		17,951		26,371		17,381
Total for Basic Needs Basket			52,825		44,241		52,723		46,492

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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