

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

June, 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	1396	2792	1233	2466	1500	3000	1520	3040
Milling (Including Grinding)	14 Tins	106	1484	95	1330	80	1120	102	1428
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	6.4 Kg	197	1261	288	1843	209	1338	290	1856
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	1 Kg	1028	1028	1186	1186	1307	1307	1090	1090
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kg	1185	948	1357	1086	1629	1303	1625	1300
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kgs	1250	1000	1000	800	1800	1440	692	554
Beef (1 kg/day) 4 days	4 Kgs	683	2732	550	2200	521	2084	592	2368
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	48	34	1632	30	1440	25	1200	30	1440
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	22.5 Kgs	110	2475	113	2543	109	2453	77	1733
Tomato (0.5 kg/day) 30 days	15 Kgs	182	2730	148	2220	172	2580	229	3435
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	3.5 Kgs	265	928	226	791	197	690	290	1015
Fresh Milk (250mls/day) 30 days	15x500 ml pkt	97	1455	110	1650	100	1500	100	1500
Kazinga Cooking Oil	3x 1 Liters	529	1587	546	1638	528	1584	532	1596
Bread (5 bkfts/week) 20 days	20 Loaves	116	2320	120	2400	121	2420	120	2400
Sugar (2 kgs/week)	8 Kgs	193	1544	191	1528	191	1528	192	1536
Kitchen Salt	1 Kg	83	83	93	93	91	91	165	165
Tea (Chisangalalo)	40 x 25g	12	480	13	520	13	520	24	960
Cassava (2kgsx2bkfst/wk)	16 Kgs	49	784	24	384	55	880	31	496
Sub-total			27,262		26,117		27,037		27,911
Sub-total (Food Basket)			(B) COST		OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS				
Charcoal (50 Kgs)	2 Bags	2057	4114	1200	2400	2000	4000	1900	3800
Protex	10 Tablets	124	1240	134	1340	111	1110	159	1590
Boom	8 Packets	90	720	94	752	91	728	100	800
Clere Body Lotion	2 x 400 Mls	134	268	126	252	131	262	154	308
Vaseline Blue Seal	2 x 100 Mls	166	332	148	296	139	278	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			27,582		18,171		26,403		17,541
Total for Basic Needs Basket			54,844		44,288		53,440		45,452

City Average from previous months	June10	July10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10	Oct.10	Nov. 10	Dec. 10	Jan. 11	Feb.11.	Marc.11	Apri.11	May.11	June. 11
Amount (MK)	47,677	48,243	47,246	46,566	44,556	44,933	45,530	47,334	48,044	49,112	49,070	49,211	49,506

(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

Note: Income figures will be released from the February Household survey findings later on

The Social Conditions Research Program of the Centre for Social Concern conducted these surveys in 23rd to 26th June, 2011 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe and Mzuzu.

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