

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

July, 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	1514	3028	1292	2584	1750	3500	1450	2900
Milling (Including Grinding)	14 Tins	106	1484	98	1372	80	1120	100	1400
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	6.4 Kg	200	1280	298	1907	226	1446	300	1920
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	1 Kg	1044	1044	1459	1459	1879	1879	1220	1220
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kg	1175	940	1414	1131	1514	1211	1675	1340
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kgs	1250	1000	1000	800	2483	1986	692	554
Beef (1 kg/day) 4 days	4 Kgs	608	2432	550	2200	607	2428	592	2368
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	48	33	1584	30	1440	30	1440	30	1440
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	22.5 Kgs	78	1755	127	2858	99	2228	78	1755
Tomato (0.5 kg/day) 30 days	15 Kgs	149	2235	86	1290	154	2310	208	3120
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	3.5 Kgs	230	805	203	711	164	574	198	693
Fresh Milk (250mls/day) 30 days	15x500 ml pkt	103	1545	120	1800	111	1665	100	1500
Kazinga Cooking Oil	3x 1 Liters	586	1758	550	1650	540	1620	537	1611
Bread (5 bkfts/week) 20 days	20 Loaves	131	2620	128	2560	124	2480	130	2600
Sugar (2 kgs/week)	8 Kgs	194	1552	196	1568	188	1504	193	1544
Kitchen Salt	1 Kg	85	85	93	93	129	129	166	1656
Tea (Chisangalalo)	40 x 25g	14	560	13	520	13	520	21	840
Cassava (2kgsx2bkfst/wk)	16 Kgs	46	736	23	368	55	880	30	480
Sub-total			26,443		26,310		28,921		27,451
Sub-total (Food Basket)			(B) COST		OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS				
Charcoal (50 Kgs)	2 Bags	2057	4114	1120	2240	2000	4000	1933	3866
Protex bath soap	10 Tablets	125	1250	136	1360	121	1210	159	1590
Boom wash soap	8 Packets	92	736	94	752	96	768	100	800
Clere Body Lotion	2 x 400 Mls	140	280	127	254	111	222	153	306
Vaseline Blue Seal	2 x 100 Mls	165	330	153	306	150	300	148	268
Electricity (Meter)	Average/Month	2592	2592	2588	2588	2245	2245	2485	2485
Running Water (Meter)	Average/Month	1737	1737	1563	1563	1732	1732	1519	1519
Housing (3 Bed roomed)	Rent/Month	18,563	18,563	14,938	14,938	15000	15000	14,775	14,775
Sub-total			29,602		24,001		25,477		25,609
Total for Basic Needs Basket			56,045		50,311		54,398		53,060

City Average from previous months	June10	July10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10	Oct.10	Nov. 10	Dec. 10	Jan. 11	Feb.11.	Marc.11	Apr.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: MK150 – MK600;
 BT: K140.00-K180; ZA: MK140 – MK200;
 MZ: MK160 – MK200

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = 151 Malawian Kwacha (MK)

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 28th to 30th July, 2011 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe and Mzuzu.

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