

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

September, 2011

(B) 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	1718	3436	1425	2850	2000	4000	1560	3120
Milling (Including Grinding)	14 Tins	106	1484	98	1372	80	1120	100	1400
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	6.4 Kg	236	1510	315	2016	223	1427	337	2157
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	1 Kg	1381	1381	1200	1200	1557	1557	1220	1220
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kg	1728	1382	1329	1063	1507	1206	1650	1320
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kgs	1383	1106	1000	800	2133	1706	758	606
Beef (1 kg/day) 4 days	4 Kgs	633	2532	550	2200	593	2372	600	2400
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	48	30	1440	31	1488	30	1440	27	1296
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	22.5 Kgs	84	1890	61	1373	89	2003	82	1845
Tomato (0.5 kg/day) 30 days	15 Kgs	129	1935	74	1110	166	2490	128	1920
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	3.5 Kgs	205	718	160	560	186	651	195	683
Fresh Milk (250mls/day) 30 days	15x500 ml pkt	113	1695	133	1995	121	1815	105	1575
Kazinga Cooking Oil	3x 1 Liters	654	1962	681	2043	599	1797	642	1926
Bread (5 bkfts/week) 20 days	20 Loaves	169	3380	155	3100	159	3180	165	3300
Sugar (2 kgs/week)	8 Kgs	198	1584	199	1592	193	1544	197	1576
Kitchen Salt	1 Kg	93	93	100	100	104	104	174	174
Tea (Chisangalalo)	40 x 25g	19	760	41	1640	18	720	28	1120
Cassava (2kgsx2bkfsts/wk)	16 Kgs	55	880	33	528	54	864	32	512
Sub-total			29,169		27,030		29,996		28,150
Sub-total (Food Basket)			(B) COST		OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS				
Charcoal (50 Kgs)	2 Bags	2571	5142	1450	2900	2000	4000	2500	5000
Protex bath soap	10 Tablets	131	1310	150	1500	121	1210	177	1770
Boom wash soap	8 Packets	99	792	114	912	96	768	102	806
Clere Body Lotion	2 x 400 Mls	157	314	171	342	111	222	170	340
Vaseline Blue Seal	2 x 100 Mls	177	354	202	404	150	300	159	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			30,804		25,147		26,859		26,973
Total for Basic Needs Basket			59,973		52,177		56,855		55,123

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	July11	Aug. 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	54,398	53,453

(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 (\$) = 167 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 September 2011 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe and Mzuzu.

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