

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

October, 2011

(C) 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	1971	3942	1792	3584	2250	4500	1580	3160
Milling (Including Grinding)	14 Tins	104	1456	98	1372	80	1120	100	1400
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	6.4 Kg	246	1574	322	2061	251	1606	334	2138
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	1 Kg	1244	1244	1371	1371	2157	2157	1060	1060
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kg	1775	1420	1629	1303	2143	1714	1800	1440
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0.8 Kgs	1350	1080	1000	800	1833	1466	775	620
Beef (1 kg/day) 4 days	4 Kgs	650	2600	600	2400	593	2372	600	2400
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	48	31	1488	34	1632	30	1440	26	1248
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	22.5 Kgs	97	2183	79	1778	93	2093	88	1980
Tomato (0.5 kg/day) 30 days	15 Kgs	115	1725	93	1395	194	2910	93	1395
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	3.5 Kgs	198	693	192	672	188	658	182	637
Fresh Milk (250mls/day) 30 days	15x500 ml pkt	111	1665	133	1995	121	1815	118	1770
Kazinga Cooking Oil	3x 1 Liters	669	2007	677	2031	599	1797	648	1944
Bread (5 bkfts/week) 20 days	20 Loaves	151	3020	153	3060	160	3200	155	3100
Sugar (2 kgs/week)	8 Kgs	196	1568	198	1584	195	1560	192	1536
Kitchen Salt	1 Kg	89	89	100	100	104	104	167	167
Tea (Chisangalalo)	40 x 25g	19	760	18	720	18	720	29	1160
Cassava (2kgsx2bkfts/wk)	16 Kgs	63	1008	38	608	59	944	35	560
Sub-total			29,522		28,466		32,177		27,715
Sub-total (Food Basket)			(B) COST		OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS				
Charcoal (50 Kgs)	2 Bags	2714	5428	1500	3000	2500	5000	2500	5000
Protex bath soap	10 Tablets	155	1550	153	1530	143	1430	168	1680
Boom wash soap	8 Packets	113	904	104	832	100	800	119	952
Clere Body Lotion	2 x 400 Mls	178	356	172	344	151	302	187	374
Vaseline Blue Seal	2 x 100 Mls	178	356	199	398	160	320	163	268
Electricity (Meter)	Average/Month	3,943	3,943	2029	2029	1649	1649	1405	1405
Running Water (Meter)	Average/Month	2,201	2,201	2261	2261	1574	1574	1437	1437
Housing (3 Bed roomed)	Rent/Month	19,687	19,687	14,963	14,963	15000	15000	14,775	14,775
Sub-total			34,425		25,357		26,077		25,891
Total for Basic Needs Basket			63,947		53,823		58,254		53,606

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	July.11	Aug.11	Sept.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	56,032

(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)	K360
Primary (GPF)	500	950	700	1, 200	Petrol (per litre)	K390
Uniform/shoes (Primary)	2, 020	2, 920	3,200	2, 100	Paraffin (per litre)	K171
Uniform/shoes (Secondary)	3, 050	5, 100	4,000	4, 400	Minibus fare to town and back	LL: MK240 – MK800;
Other (pens, books, etc.)	2, 910	3, 900	2,600	2, 700		BT: K140.00-K180; ZA: MK200– MK240;
						MZ: MK200 – MK240

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 October, 2011 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe and Mzuzu.

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