**SCENARIO #3**

**Who are you:**

You are a 58-year-old grandmother, raising 2 grandchildren, ages 6 and 10.

You work as a parttime cleaning assistant at an office 30 mins away by bus earning USD 7.50/hour. You also watch your neighbor’s two children in the afternoon, which pays USD 450 a month. You receive a special TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) payment of USD 135. Your total monthly income is USD 1,250.

You have high blood pressure causing you to need medical treatment on a daily basis.

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| Monthly expenses |
| Rent (a two-bedroom apartment) | USD 650 |
| Utilities (electricity, gas, water, and phone) | USD 250 |
| Transportation (bus fare) | USD 60 |
| Medical expenses (on state-funded health insurance) | USD 150 |
| Taxes | USD 200 |
| Total expenses: | USD |
| Monthly income: | USD |
| Minus amount of expenses: | USD |
| Amount left for food: | USD |

1. If you deduct the total of your expenses from your monthly income, how much money do you have left over to buy food?
2. What other things would your family need to buy every month? Consider everything that goes into keeping a house clean, washing clothes, toiletries, kitchen supplies like paper towels, plus shoes, clothes, and school supplies for the children.
3. Are there things that you won't be able to afford on your budget?

See the Federal Poverty Level. Is your family's income above, on, or below the poverty line?