

Over 3000 children benefit from our care in Malawi

Sue Ryder Care has been working in Africa for over 20 years.

We need your support to raise £110,000 a year to provide care to children and their families in some of Malawi's remotest rural communities.



Our work in Malawi is unique. We focus on people with chronic conditions such as epilepsy and asthma, and those with physical disabilities; people who live beyond the reach of government services; people who rarely figure in the deliberations of other international charities.

The Sue Ryder Foundation in Malawi

Founded in 1990, the Sue Ryder Foundation in Malawi employs a team of eight nursing and rehabilitation specialists, reaching over 6,500 people each year and conducting over 100 clinics a month.

Our care is focused on the poorest of the poor – people in remote areas who have no access to services delivered by government health systems and other national or international organisations.

Our care is provided free of charge.

And we work in close partnership with the local community, relying on the support of 600 volunteers who provide a vital link between the community and our staff.

For the children we assist, our care is the difference between them going to school, and staying at home, playing with friends and being ignored, kicking a football or sitting in silence. For many, our care is the difference between life and death.

Each year for example, around a quarter of a million people die of asthma worldwide. 80% of these deaths occur in low income countries such as Malawi, because of a lack of appropriate medication and assistance.

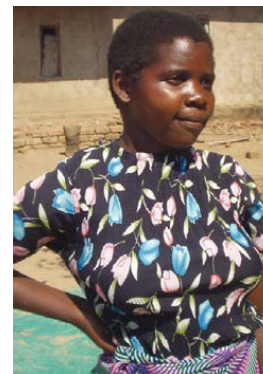
The statistics for epilepsy are equally grim. 70% of people with epilepsy can live in control of their seizures if they access the appropriate treatment. In Malawi, just 5% of people current access such medication.

Evelyn is a young woman we got to know a few years ago.

As a young child, Evelyn's family did not know how to help her so she spent much of her time tied to a tree.

Thanks to the medical care and support provided with Sue Ryder Care's help, Evelyn is able to lead a normal life and take full part in community life.

Evelyn is just one of the many thousands of people cared for by Sue Ryder in Balaka and Ntcheu Districts.



Chimwemwe is another child with a story to tell.

Chimwemwe was hit by a car when he was 8 years old and had to have his left leg amputated below the knee.

When the Sue Ryder rehabilitation team met him he was using the crutches bought by the driver of the car. But he couldn't go long distances, or carry firewood. He attended school irregularly.



Chimwemwe received rehabilitation to prevent his leg becoming deformed, was given a prosthetic limb, now walks without crutches and has returned to school.

Chimwemwe now has two ambitions: to become a Member of Parliament, or a professional footballer.

The difference you can make

£700 will provide 10 prosthetic limbs for children like Chimwemwe.

£1,850 will provide 3 intensive rehabilitation clinics for 24 children aged 1-15.

£2,250 will keep a senior rehabilitation assistant in full-time employment directly benefiting over 400 children with physical disabilities.

£4,760 will cover the cost of treatment for all the children with epilepsy that the Sue Ryder care teams support.