



Healthcare Scholarships

At EMMS International, we strive to make lives healthier and safer, improving the well-being of young and old alike.

Polwarth Church has enabled us to offer opportunities to develop skills, careers, and livelihoods to those who have few chances in life. You are helping young people to graduate with the necessary skills to deliver life-saving healthcare.

Life in Malawi

Most Malawians live in rural areas where poverty levels are very high (**70%** of its 18 million population is considered poor, according to World Bank estimates) and where healthcare services are seriously lacking. More than **3** million people have to travel further than 8km to receive medical attention.

We are committed to changing this shocking situation for the better.

Malawi's population is likely to exceed 26 million by 2030. The need for healthcare will increase and the shortage of healthcare professionals will become more keenly felt.

We envisage a Malawi with more qualified healthcare professionals who are able to meet more communities' needs. We know what a huge appetite there is for learning and attaining qualifications in Malawi. Supporting students to become skilled midwives, nurses, medical assistants, and clinical officers is an important part of our work.



In Malawi, there is 1 doctor for every 50,000 people. In the UK, there are 3 doctors per 1,000 people.

Nursing scholarships

Young people deserve more opportunities to learn a craft, develop skills, choose a vocation, and enjoy all the benefits that come with having a steady job.



For students, the chance to study and become a healthcare professional is a dream come true. They have grown up in poor, rural regions, and they have experienced the hardships of getting healthcare. These students not only recognise the issues surrounding access to health services, but are passionate about resolving them.

For Constance Mkwandawire, left, one of the students recruited to our Registered Nurse Midwife programme at ECOHS, the nurses whom she saw while growing up were “**role models who always encouraged me to work harder** in class in order to have the best results”.

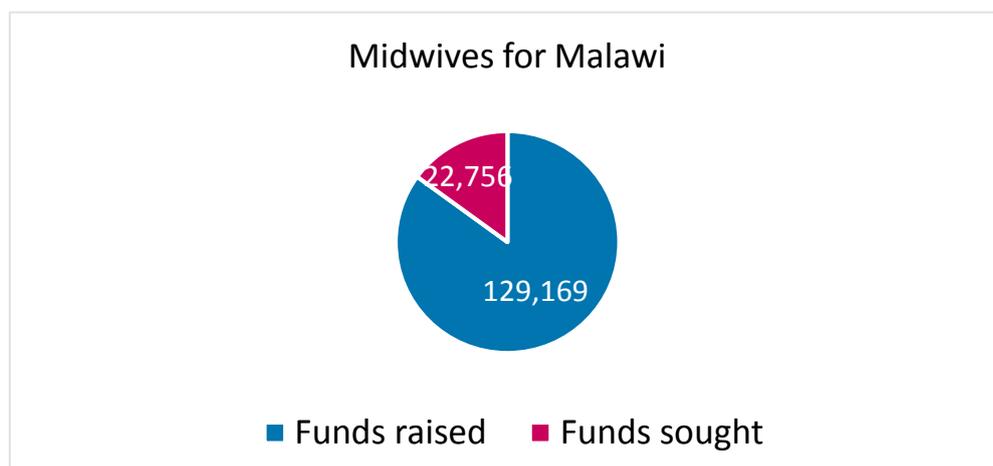
Now she would like to be a role model in the community, someone who not only provides nursing care but counselling, teaching, and advocating too. Constance understands how tough getting healthcare is when you live in a remote region. Significantly, our sponsored students will be bonded to serve in rural areas for a number of years after qualifying.

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The progress

Our 12 students are progressing well at Ekwendeni College of Health Sciences, passing their exams and commencing their final years of study. This course has also grown in popularity.

The number of students applying and being accepted to study midwifery tripled to over 60 for the second intake, and 50 students are expected to begin studying as the third intake. Strong demand from those trying to gain a place on this course is a very encouraging indicator of its sustainability.



This is an essential need that Malawi is struggling to meet. Since 2014, we have been supporting **12 students** as they study towards a qualification in **Registered Nurse Midwifery** at our partner, the Ekwendeni College of Health Sciences.

Too many mothers are losing their lives in childbirth as they do not have access to the healthcare or the healthcare professionals they need.

All of these students have grown up in rural regions, and will have experienced the hardships of getting healthcare.

We can transform the health of Malawian mothers and their babies through funding this university-standard training.

We thank Polwarth Church for your support of these students and thank you for your donations totalling £2441.16 in 2017/2018.