

# NYANJA HEALTH PROJECT

**Bringing Health & Hope To Some Of  
Malawi's Most Remote and  
Impoverished Communities**

The Nyanja area lies on the northern shore of Lake Malawi. In this remote region there are particularly difficult challenges in providing adequate healthcare to the population. Some of



these challenges stem from the remoteness of many of the communities and others are due to high levels of poverty. The remoteness of the location means there is a scarcity currently of adequate healthcare provision both in terms of staff, facilities and equipment. The high levels of poverty results in low levels of sanitation and hygiene with all the resultant knock on problems. Child and Maternal mortality in this area, for instance, are extremely high. Expectant mothers and young children do not get to healthcare on time, and health posts and health centres are under staffed and poorly resourced. It can take up to seven hours by road to transport those in need of specialist and emergency treatment to the appropriate medical centres from their communities.

Working with partners in the area EMMS International through the Nyanja Health Project is seeking to effectively address these healthcare issues and significantly improve access to good quality healthcare. The project should improve healthcare provision for approximately 50,000 people living in the region.



A vital component of the overall project will be the provision of three 4x4 vehicle ambulances and one speedboat lake ambulance. These ambulances will enable emergency responders to get people to hospital more quickly, reducing the maximum travel time from 7 hours to under 3 hours. One of these ambulances will be based at the Roman Catholic run St. Anne's health centre, which is soon to be a rural hospital, in Karonga Distric Similarly, the provision of adequate housing to attract and retain medical staff in these remote communities is another important component of the overall project.



Typical 4x4 Ambulance

EMMS International are currently seeking partners in the UK for the Nyanja Health Project. Aspects of the project that would be financially supported by such partners would include:

- **Provision of the 4 x 4 vehicle ambulances at cost of approximately £25,000 each**
- **Provision of the speedboat lake ambulance at cost £50,000**
- **Renovation of accommodation for medical staff at remote clinics at approx. £3000 per house**



Medical Staff Housing in need of renovation