



**SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES**
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Your sponsorship for SOS Children's Village Ngabu

Dear Sir or Madam,

Greetings from SOS Children's Village Ngabu. It's time for me to give you an update on the children and families that we are supporting, thanks to your untiring love and support. Please read some of the real-life stories of the children you support. In the stories, I have changed names of the children to protect their right to privacy.



An SOS children playing with a toy made with wires

Life in the village

2022 is ending on a good note! The village has 112 children and young people in 15 SOS families. It also supports 1740 children and their 338 original families living in their own homes near the village.

The youngest member of the village, Gift, is 5 months old. Gift came to live with his SOS mother Joyce after his parents passed away and there was no one else to care for him. He is growing fast and smiles often. He is bonding well with Joyce and loves chasing after the ball and playing with colorful balloons and toy cars. His SOS brothers and sisters love taking turns playing with him and showing him off to their friends. Your continued support guarantees that all his needs will be met. Thank you!

Sports and recreation

Sports is one area that has kept the children and young people busy and entertained this year. The village has witnessed the growth of strong football and netball teams that are able to compete with other teams in the neighboring schools and communities and do well.



A child playing with a doll in the village

Luka, is one of the young people who enjoys playing soccer with his brothers and sisters and friends at the village playground. He is a reliable member of the village and school teams.

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'I enjoy playing soccer and I play as a goalkeeper. I love it when we win all the games when competing with others,' he says. He would like to play professional football and represent his country one day. Plans are underway to have him join a soccer academy in Lilongwe where he will have a chance to have professional coaches and soccer trainers.

Positive Parenting

Positive parenting is one of the areas that helps children to grow up in a healthy and loving environment. Tiyesenawo is a parenting group in one of the villages in Ngabu where my colleagues work with caregivers and children in the community. Since its establishment in 2018, the group has been a hub of parenting knowledge for vulnerable families. Parents learn and exchange ideas on how best they can take care of their children.

'During our meetings and training this year, we talked about child rights, care, health, and education. Our children are now in better hands as we now know how to raise them and pay attention to their needs, questions, and challenges in life,' said Chrissy, a model parent and peer educator based in the village. Chrissy and her friends attended training organized by my colleagues and then shared their new skills with fellow parents and caregivers during meetings of the group.

Helping children and young people living with disabilities

Being a poor country, Malawi lacks the necessary resources such as medical and material support to help people living with disabilities. Sandra faces challenges as she has a physical disability. She is not able to walk on her own. She depends on friends and family to push her around on a wheel chair, for her to move. Hers is a story of pain and hope at the end, just like many children in the area.

Sandra moved to live with her uncle after her father died because her mother was unable to care for her and her five brothers and sisters.

'I am now able to sit and eat at the same table with everyone else and will be going to school now. I now have a tricycle; and feet, knees, and arm pads that will help me to move and help around the house.' Said Sandra. Her aunt caregiver and 140 other parents in the area received training in parenthood which also emphasized the need to love and treat children with disabilities with utmost care and give them opportunities just like any other child.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read about the real-life experiences of children and young people in the village. I am grateful to you for your support which is making our work to be possible. Thank you! I wish you and your family a happy festive season.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy'.