

## KEY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Provision of basic education to deafblind persons
- ◆ Awareness raising
- ◆ Resource mobilisation
- ◆ Gender
- ◆ Identification and Assessment of children with deafblindness
- ◆ Training and orientation of parents of children with deafblind
- ◆ Capacity building of support staff
- ◆ Livelihoods
- ◆ Partnership and collaboration



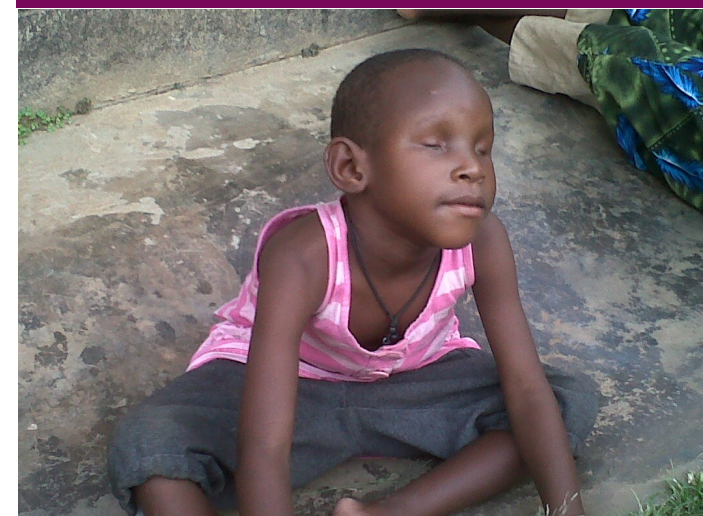
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**CHISOMBEZI  
DEAFBLIND  
CENTRE**

**A self-reliant  
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## ABOUT CHISOMBEZI

Chisombezi deafblind centre is the only centre that provides services to deafblind children and youth in Malawi. Run by sisters of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary (SBVM), the centre helps deafblind people to communicate, interact, socialize and acquire skills for daily living.

## OUR VISION

**A self-reliant deafblind person in the society**

## OUR MISSION

**To provide services aimed at improving the quality of life for deafblind children and adults in collaboration with their families and other service providers**

### WHAT WE DO...

The main focus of the centre is to assist the vulnerable children and those who are also orphans. The children and youth are assisted on how to socialize in the community and learn activities of daily living skills, orientation and mobility skills. Parents are trained how to communicate with their children and youth with disabilities and guidance counseling are given to both the children and the family members.



### WHERE WE ARE...

Chisombezi Deafblind is in the Southern Region of Malawi in Chiradzulu District, Mkwamba Village, T/A Likoswe. It is in a rural setting. These children are both deaf and blind plus mental challenges to know about themselves. Chisombezi deafblind is located along the road leading to the Catholic University of Malawi and St. Joseph Hospital.

### OUR PARTNERS...

**Norgian Church Aid** facilitated the establishment of the centre in 2004.

**Signo Foundation** has been in good and successful partnership with Chisombezi Deafblind Centre since 2008. Signo Foundation is an organization which has expertise on working with the deaf and deafblind.

**Cross International** has been supporting Chisombezi's activities in the light of preferential option for the poor.

**Irish Aid** supports Chisombezi's Livelihood activities.

**Miva –oneMen** has supported Chisombezi with a means of communication (Toyota Hilux D-Cub).

**Mary's Meals** supports Chisombezi with food stuffs for the children.

Chisombezi also appreciates the support from the following institutions:

- ♦ **Lakhani Wholesalers**
- ♦ **Catholic small Christian Communities**
- ♦ **MTL**
- ♦ **BAWO women**
- ♦ **O. G. Issa**
- ♦ **Hilton Perkins for the blind**
- ♦ **Vitaal International**
- ♦ **And others** who have been generously supporting the centre