

**DONATE NOW; PROPEL OUR OUTREACH AND FIELD WORK**

PROJECT SUBMITTED ON:

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SUBMITTED BY:

Epilepsy Warriors Foundation (EWF)



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Location of Project	Blantyre, Malawi
Project Tittle	Donate now, propel our outreach and field work
Main Focus	EWF Secretariat
Objective of the Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ease mobility, support outreach and field-based programs.</li> <li>• Enable beneficiary follow ups and direct field visits</li> <li>• Enhance the organizations operational efficiency, program reach</li> <li>• Facilitate monthly procurement of program and office supplies</li> <li>• Provide safe timely transportation for staff running administrative work</li> <li>• Reduce Transportation costs</li> </ul>
Final Project Beneficiaries	Persons with Epilepsy, parents of persons with epilepsy and their carers, EWF Office staff

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANT**

Epilepsy Warriors Foundation (EWF) is a patient centered organization of persons with Disabilities (OPD)/ NGO with its secretariat in Blantyre. EWF was established to address the most urgent and pressing needs of individuals with epilepsy. Currently the organization is run by people with and without Epilepsy in all its governance structures.

## **LEGAL STATUS**

EWF is registered under the Trustees Incorporation Act as a charitable non-governmental organization, Ref no TR/INC 8678, the Non-Governmental Organizations Regulatory Authority (NGORA), registration no. NGO/L/24/017 and the Council for Non-Governmental Organizations in Malawi (CONGOMA) Registration no C1533/2021.

## **CHARACTERISTICS AND NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Year of Establishment:	2018
Year of Registration:	2019
Identity & Nature:	Organization of Persons with Disabilities (OPD)/Local Non-Governmental Organization.
Governing Body:	Board of directors/ Trustees led by a Board Chairman.

## **VISION & MISSION**

### **VISION**

For people with epilepsy to receive proper health care, support, public respect, understanding and co-exist in harmony with all other people.

### **MISSION**

To promote Human Rights, Epilepsy Awareness, and Inclusive Societies.

### **THE OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH EWF WAS ESTABLISHED ARE GENERALLY: -**

- Enhance quality of life of people with Epilepsy.
- Form and maintain effective relationships with different stakeholders, both national and international, through partnerships, affiliation, collaboration, communication and offering technical advice.
- Improve community understanding and response to epilepsy.
- Provide epilepsy related guidance, education, and support services.
- Undertake or promote research into understanding epilepsy models of care.

Since the organizations inception EWF has been working both at District and at National level to promote his vision, mission and objectives, over the past five years we have;

- Successfully implemented 4 advocacy projects in Blantyre, Chikwawa and Lilongwe Districts with funding from the Disability Rights Fund aimed at advocating for the rights of individuals with epilepsy in Malawi.
- Disability Rights- EWF has advocated school authorities to re-enroll learners that dropped out or forced to withdraw from school, followed up on disability related cases i.e rape and defilement cases with persons with epilepsy as survivors and have followed these cases with relevant authorities to ensure that suspects face the law and survivors receive the help that they need, persons with epilepsy laid off from work because of their condition are placed back on to their workplace or receive their work benefits.
- Epilepsy Awareness- Conduct epilepsy awareness via the media, our social media platforms, through community outreach activities, orient school authorities and learners to understand epilepsy, formed epilepsy clubs in primary and secondary schools and epilepsy peer support groups in Bangwe and Machinjiri townships.
- Capacity Building- Coordinate the epilepsy assessment and management course in Malawi offered by Pretola Global Health and consulting which has trained over 150 health professionals from across Malawi, Hosted youth group meetings with youth with epilepsy from Blantyre District.

- **Project Summary**

Epilepsy Warriors Foundation (EWF) is deeply rooted in community engagement and evidence-based practices. However, the lack of a dedicated vehicle for the organization is a critical barrier. This absence severely limits our ability to reach, support, and follow up on disability related cases—especially for persons with epilepsy, people affected by disasters,

We are launching this fundraiser to raise funds to purchase a **Toyota Hiace Commuter**, which will transform our mobility, dramatically improve operational efficiency, and multiply our impact. With your support, we will be able to respond swiftly to emergencies, carry out regular outreach, and do administrative work with ease.

### **What Is the Problem?**

Currently, EWF's field operations are hampered by significant transportation challenges:

- We rely on public transport and hired vehicles, which are often unreliable and expensive.
- This makes urgent follow-ups, such as disability-related cases (sexual harassment, forced school dropouts and denied employment for people with epilepsy), and disaster response (after floods or cyclones) difficult or even impossible.
- Our outreach is limited without our own vehicle, conducting training sessions, awareness campaigns, and rural visits becomes a logistical nightmare.
- Administrative duties like visiting the bank (for withdrawals, deposits, account updates), collecting donations, and buying office supplies require frequent travel, but with no reliable transport, these vital tasks drain our limited resources and time.

These constraints aren't just operational inconveniences they directly limit how many people we can help, how often, and how effectively.

### **How This Project Will Solve the Problem**

By acquiring a **Toyota Hiace Commuter**, EWF will address each of the transportation challenges that are currently limiting our impact. Here's exactly how the vehicle will solve the problem:

1. **Improved Response Time for Urgent Cases**
  - With our own vehicle, we can respond immediately to sensitive and urgent disability-related cases (sexual harassment, or employment denial for persons with epilepsy). Instead of waiting for a hired car or public transport, our team can jump into the van and go, giving us the agility to act when it matters most.
  - In the event of disasters like floods or cyclones the vehicle ensures we can reach affected communities quickly, delivering relief, assessing needs, and mobilizing support without delay.
2. **Expanded and Consistent Outreach**

- The vehicle enables us to conduct regular outreach activities in rural and semi-urban areas that are otherwise difficult to reach. We can run periodic training sessions, awareness campaigns, and community sensitization events because we have reliable transport.
  - It also allows us to make follow-up visits to people with epilepsy (or other issues) living scattered across distant and hard-to-reach areas. This consistent presence deepens trust, strengthens our relationships, and improves quality of care and advocacy.
- 3. Administrative Efficiency and Cost Savings**
- Instead of multiple monthly trips via public transport or hired vehicles going to the bank, collecting donations, buying office supplies staff can use the van to consolidate these errands in one trip. This reduces transport costs, staff time, and logistical frustration.
  - Over time, owning a vehicle will be more cost-effective than relying on outside transport.
- 4. Safer and More Reliable Mobility**
- Public transport can be unpredictable, unsafe, or unavailable especially during emergencies or in remote locations. Owning a dedicated vehicle ensures safe, secure, and dependable transport for both staff and beneficiaries.
- 5. Long-Term Functional and Strategic Capacity**
- The vehicle becomes a **strategic asset**: not just for daily field work, but as a backbone for future growth. We can use it to scale our work, reach more communities, and operate more professionally.
  - Because we'll be able to reach more people more often, the impact of our programs will grow. This can help us build sustainability: stronger outcomes, better donor relationships, and an enhanced reputation in the community.

## Potential Long-Term Impact

The benefits of this project will ripple far beyond just getting a vehicle:

- **Faster response and crisis intervention:** We will be able to reach people in need more quickly, especially during emergencies or for sensitive disability-related follow-up.
- **Expanded outreach:** With reliable transport, EWF can run more frequent trainings, awareness campaigns, and rural visits — increasing our geographic reach and deepening our impact.
- **Cost savings over time:** While there is an upfront investment, owning a vehicle will reduce our reliance on costly hired transport, which should save money in the long run.

- **Stronger community trust:** Regular field presence will build trust with beneficiaries, enabling better relationships, more consistent support, and better data/tracking of outcomes.
- **Sustainability and scalability:** The vehicle gives us a backbone to scale operations. We can plan more ambitious programs, expand to new areas, and deepen our impact in underserved communities.

### **Final Project Beneficiaries**

- Persons with epilepsy and other disabilities who need follow-up, support, or advocacy for their rights.
- Survivors of trauma or abuse (e.g., sexual harassment) who require sensitive and timely follow-up.
- Communities in rural and semi-urban areas that currently lack regular access to our outreach programs and training.
- Staff and volunteers of EWF, who will benefit from safer, more reliable, and cost-effective transport for their duties.
- The broader community, which will benefit from increased awareness campaigns and more visible presence of our organization.

## Budget

Version/date:

Currency:

USD

Line ref	Description of budget item	No. Times	No. of Units/Qnty	Unit cost (MKW)	Total (MKW)	Unit Cost(USD)
1.0	Purchase of a Toyota Hiace Quantum	1			35,256,600	\$19,587.00
2.0	Shipping	1			10,800,000	\$6,000.00
3.0	Insurance	1			10,800,000	\$6,000.00
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,587.00</b>

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