



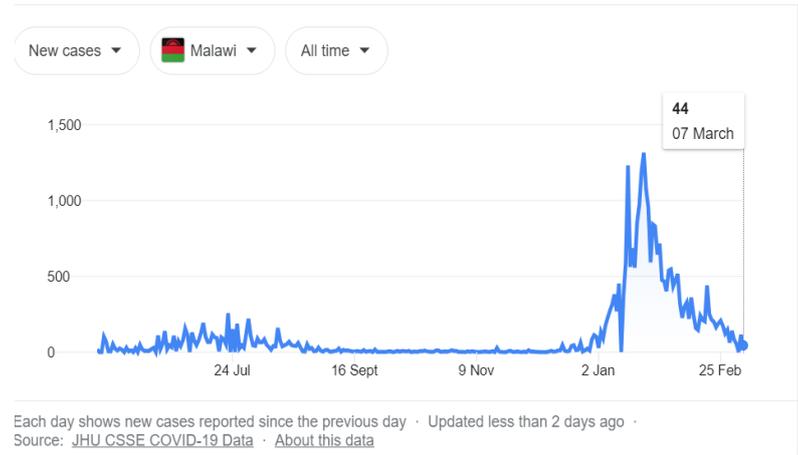
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MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

## The Oxygen of Life Appeal

The second wave of the Covid – 19 pandemic in Malawi is now mercifully declining but there are still approx. 10,000 people needing medical care. They are still suffering from the disease either in hospital, other health centres or at home and they may need access to oxygen over the coming days and weeks.

The South African variant has become more dominant and is now severely affecting the healthcare provision in the country. Oxygen supplies are running very low, with some hospitals only having a few cylinders left. In addition, the oxygen concentrators that take normal air and filter it, to just supply oxygen to patients, are in short supply as many are not working and in need of repair. PPE supplies are also urgently needed.

This is the data for new cases as at, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Starfish Malawi have already responded to this situation by setting up the Fighting Covid Fund, to enable us to help supply some of these urgent needs to Salima District Hospital and to our Hope Clinic.



With the current financial support for this fund, we have already secured 4 oxygen concentrators and 4 hospital grade pulse oximeters, plus some other medical supplies, which will be flown out to Malawi in the next few weeks. This will help to meet this urgent need. However, we would love to supply more of this equipment to help the situation plus deliver PPE supplies.

It is important to note that apart from these concentrators assisting Covid patients, they are also needed to assist in normal healthcare needs, such as for providing oxygen to women during childbirth.

Starfish are committed to helping assist the more general healthcare needs of the community in Salima, by using part of this fund to supply medicines and medical supplies to Hope Clinic in Ngolowindo. In addition to this, Starfish plan to launch an education programme to underline the importance of everyone being vaccinated.

If you would like to help us provide more equipment in the fight against Covid -19 in Malawi, please donate to this appeal, we would be extremely grateful. There are two ways to donate:

1. By visiting [www.justgiving.com/campaign/fightingfundformalawi](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fightingfundformalawi)
2. By BACS transfer to our bank: CAF Bank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 00018762

**Many thanks for your support!**