Deforestation is one of Malawi’s biggest environmental problems. An area of forest the size of a football pitch is cut down every 10 minutes! Ripple Africa’s Forest Conservation Project is helping communities living in the forests to stop any further destruction and preserve those trees that remain.

We are doing this by:

- Empowering local communities to take ownership of their forests and set up local forest conservation committees.
- Working in partnership with communities and district government staff to introduce bylaws to protect the forests.
- Reducing illegal activity by supporting the conservation committees and Forestry Department to patrol the forested hills.
- Educating local communities on the importance of forest conservation.
- Promoting sustainable environmental projects such as Ripple Africa’s Tree Planting project and our Fuel-efficient Cookstove project.

By donating to this project, you will help Ripple Africa continue to protect Malawi’s forested hills. Our forest conservation project runs largely on a grassroots basis, utilising local partnerships and volunteer committees to make the project as cost effective as possible.

A donation of only £50 ($70) helps to protect 10,000 trees.
We run eight pre-schools and have an average of 100 children registered at each one, that’s 800 children each day who receive a nutritious sweet potato meal. Our budget includes not only the cost of planting the sweet potato vines but also allows us to pay the pre-school teachers a small amount of money to care for the plants, harvest the sweet potatoes and to cook them each day for the children. Pre-school maintenance and resources are really important too to ensure the children are learning in safe and fun environment, and with stimulating toys and equipment.

A donation of £5 ($7) sends a child to pre-school for a month.
A donation of £60 ($80) sends a child to pre-school for one year.
Both donations include a meal of sweet potato every day.
Disabilities and Rehabilitation Project

Matilda is the manager for this project, having joined the Ripple Africa team in January 2017. Matilda has already made great progress with both existing patients and their families as well as identifying other children and adults with varying disabilities. To date there are over 120 children and their families benefiting from the service. Four groups have been established in four different areas to encourage children and their parents/guardians to meet together to share stories and suggestions, and to benefit from receiving and learning therapy techniques.

By donating to this project, you will helping to support Matilda’s work and your donation will help fund patient referrals, basic mobility aids, rehabilitation equipment, and transport.

A donation of £21 ($30) provides vital support to three children and their families for a month.

A donation of £84 ($110) provides vital support to a child and their family for a year.
We run a Community Library, an Adult Literacy project and Children’s Corner. The library has over 4,500 books and more than 1,600 members. Some of those members attend our Adult Literacy classes which are held four times a week. We're also offering other lessons too for adults returning to secondary school. The library team also run Children's Corner on a Saturday to create the next generation of readers. By donating to this project, you will be helping us to support this important resource for the local communities.

A donation of £15 ($20) runs these facilities for a day ensuring they are available to both adults and children in our community.
Mwaya Dispensary was built by Ripple Africa in 2010 and offers healthcare to more than 10,000 residents living in and around Mwaya. Previously people had to walk around 7km to reach medical care. Whilst the government pay a medical assistant to run Mwaya Dispensary, Ripple Africa fund a member of staff who ensures the facility is clean and hygienic. The clinic is open from Monday to Friday and, on average, around 400-500 people visit the doctor every week. Many of the patients are there for malaria testing and wound dressings. Gift, the medical assistant, lives on site so is also able to deal with any emergencies too.

By donating to this project, you will help us to continue supporting the Dispensary. Although Mwaya Community Dispensary is largely funded by the Malawi government, we provide some supplies, salaries, and miscellaneous costs to supplement the government provision.

A donation of £115 ($150) supports the Dispensary for a week.
Can you remember when you were a child and used to lie or sit on the floor to read a book and play? Imagine if you had to sit on the floor all the time to read and write – at home and at school. In many rural schools in Malawi, underfunding has meant that there is often no money for basic equipment such as desks. Many children do not have any desks at all in the classroom and have to sit all day on a concrete floor or sit outside on the ground. Often if the classrooms have desks it is not uncommon for lots of pupils to share one desk, as there aren’t enough for the ever-increasing class sizes.

**A donation of £50 ($65) buys a new desk to help children learn in a better environment**