**Key Messages:**

* Wounds that occurred in children in a rural setting in a developing economy were not cared for and so failed to heal and became complicated and chronic.
* The aim of the study was to determine the prevalence, aetiological types and predilection sites of chronic wounds in children in a rural setting.
* The major cause of chronic wounds in the children was untreated or inadequately treated traumatic wounds, majority of which occurred in the lower limbs.