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WORD FROM THE PUBLISHER

A proverb says: It is not easy to jump on the bandwagon. However, it seems easier when it has arrived at its destination." It is an honour and a real pleasure for us, at Handicap International to become part of an important orchestra that has played together for nearly eight years to continually and consistently come up with an enormous piece of music: the Kenya Disability Directory 2009-2010.

The home to this music, Handicap International, is an international organization specialized in the field of disability. Non-governmental, non-religious, non-political and non-profit making, it works alongside people with disabilities, whatever the context, offering them assistance and supporting them in their efforts to become self-reliant.

We believe strongly that provision of access to information, makes lives of persons with disabilities better. As it were by consistently producing the Kenya Disability Directory, we continue to show a commitment to our two underlying principles: action and campaigning to empower people in disabling situations in Kenya lead better lives.

This particular edition is an updated version of the previous publications. It includes more organizations addressing the needs of persons with disabilities. It also contains a list of organizations and individuals offering disability friendly HIV and AIDS services.

We attribute the success to the support we have received from stakeholders in the field over time. We therefore extend our sincere gratitude to all who have made this possible. We look forward to your continued support in ensuring that the Disability directory remains a must use resource.

The Kenya Disability Directory not only serves as a reference publication but also as a networking tool which ensures that at any one given time and place, those who seek assistance know where to source it from. It is our hope that this tool will help all users in their routine tasks, by strengthening the reference base, enhance coordination and networking as well as diversify intervention measures in disability work.

We appreciate the time and effort taken by our stakeholders and partners to share with us details of their work that have led to the successful compilation and publishing of the current edition of the Kenya Disability Directory.

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FOREWORD

The National Council for Persons with Disabilities was set up in December 2004 following the enactment of The Persons with Disabilities Act (PWD) No 14 of 2003. We are a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA) under the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development. Our vision is to promote disability mainstreaming in national development.

Our role is mainly to coordinate services for persons with disabilities in Kenya. In order to achieve this goal, there is need for greater collaboration, partnership and synergy between government ministries, departments, agencies as well as with disability based organizations.

The Directory has over the years served to link individuals and organizations from all walks of life that for one reason or the other require information and services on various subjects relating to disability.

The Kenya Disability Directory edition 2009-2010 has new contacts, information and services on disability. We take pride for the timely inclusion of a list of competent sign language interpreters spread all over the country. The Council commends the work and partnership of Handicap International since 2005 in making this innovative document a reality.

This year, we shall also have an online edition complete with all grassroots organizations and institutions that the Council has registered. It is important to note that registration of persons with disabilities and Disabled Persons Organisations is crucial in service delivery and access to basic human rights as enshrined in the The Persons with Disabilities Act and The Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In addition, this edition is being looked upon as a focal point to enhance networking for individuals and organizations at the local and international levels for purposes of information sharing, fundraising and research.

The National Council for Persons with Disabilities and her partners in government remain committed to seeing to it that the lives of persons with disabilities are improved for a better future towards realizing Kenya's Vision 2030.

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ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

This directory is divided into two main sections;

1. Alphabetical listings of the institution

The institutions are grouped according to their status. Within each broad category, they are grouped into subcategories (e.g. by province) and listed alphabetically.

2. Entry into the Directory

The Kenya Disability Directory is updated and produced bi-annually. Entry into this directory is absolutely free. To get your institution listed in this publication please use the entry form on page 143 to send us your details. Once published it is distributed at no cost to all stakeholders.

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Field of work: Support to local NGOs; capacity building and advocacy.

Location of activities: Country wide

Activities

Support to local NGOs and networks

The main Action Aid Support Programme provides capacity building support to UDPK.

Advocacy and awareness

Action Aid also supports local partners in the field of advocacy and raising awareness to the community. Main partners are Nairobi Family Support Services (NFSS), Kenya Society for the Physically Handicapped (KSPH) and CBOs like Korogocho Handicapped and Development Organization (KHDO).

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Organizational background: Action Network for the Disabled (ANDY)

is a Kenyan NGO formed by and for youth with disabilities, dedicated to achieving equality, inclusion and empowerment of youth with disability in Kenya. We are registered under the NGO Board reg.No. OP.218/051/2009/0321/5905

ANDY seeks to mainstream this youth into all aspects of daily life. All our activities are catered towards self empowerment and growth.

ANDY is a unique initiative that provides an inspiring environment for people with different types of disability - and people without disabilities - to work together.

Disabled people are a uniquely vulnerable group in Kenya: they often end up being hidden for fear of exposure of their problems and disabilities to the larger community.

Management: The organization is led by an independent management board of professionals and renowned disability activists. The board is in charge of policy formulation, supervision of the secretariat and strategy development

Our Vision: Our vision is a barrier-free society fully inclusive of persons with disabilities.

Our Mission: Our mission is to advance and advocate for equal opportunities for youth with disabilities, through promoting proactive social and economic participation.

Objectives:

- To seek greater involvement of youth with disabilities in development and decision-making processes.
- To facilitate socio-economic empowerment of youth with disabilities through self-sustainable projects. E.g. small-scale enterprises, micro-credit etc.
- To facilitate information and service provision in health, mobility, legal and rights issues for youth with disabilities.
- To encourage and facilitate the integration of disability issues in mainstream development processes in the country.
- To liaise with other organizations to ensure that youth with disabilities gain access to resources, services and programmes towards their life improvement.

Programmes

- Economic Empowerment Programme.
- Health and Fitness.
- Human Rights Programme.
- Capacity Development Programme.
- Sports and Recreational Programme.

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Disabilities targeted: Visual impairment/Albinism.

Location of activities: Regional (Africa) and National (Kenya).

Organizational background: The African Braille Centre (ABC) is a regional Non Governmental Organization based in Nairobi, Kenya. In operation since 1987, ABC has contributed significantly and in several ways to the development and access to education for learners with visual impairment in Kenya and the region for the last 22 years.

Vision: A society in which people with visual impairment have access to educational, professional and general interest materials as well as devices and services suited to their needs.

Mission: To promote and enhance the educational, professional and general provision of materials; devices and related services appropriate to their needs in order to enable them become active and effective participants in society.

Activities: ABC is committed to advancing the cause of people with disabilities in Kenya and the region through awareness creation, lobbying and advocacy, networking, partnership and collaboration, as well as building the capacity of those who work with and for them. Supporting partners to deliver value to their beneficiaries, their benefactors and supporters is an integral part of ABC's strategy. ABC takes special pride in providing quality and affordable services to partners in the disability, education and development sectors as part of her strategy of addressing the needs of these sectors.

Service Delivery

Braille Transcription / Provision of Teaching and Learning Materials

ABC is premier institution in the country and the East and Central Africa Region producing teaching and learning materials for learners with visual impairment. In Kenya, ABC seeks to ensure that all schools offering education to the visually impaired through special schools and integrated education programs in the country have equal access to key curriculum educational materials at par with their sighted peers.

ABC produces Braille materials and distributes them primarily to educational institutions and other users such as: Government Departments, local and international NGOs and individuals with visual impairment. ABC currently supports 19 Integrated Education Programmes spanning 35 districts in Kenya. It also supports 6 Special Primary schools and 1 Special Secondary School for the Blind in the country. ABC supports learners within integrated educational programmes, Special Schools for the Blind and teacher training colleges spread across the country.

Digital Audio Transcription & Media Services

In pursuit of her mission of providing services within these sectors, ABC runs a state-of-the-art audio recording and transcription studio and media services at their offices in Nairobi West. These services include:

- Full production of digital audio books, research and annual reports, conferences proceedings;
- Conversion of regular printed text materials (magazine, journals, reports, etc) or electronic text into digital audio format;
- Live recordings and transcription of focus group discussions (FGD);
- Hiring out of studio services for your own customised production;
- Live coverage of music, drama, field events, programme events;
- Production of broadcast quality radio programmes;
- Documentary voice-over recordings for television;
- Awareness creation and advocacy materials;
- Recorded interviews, research support;
- Complete documentaries for radio;
- Audio advertising materials; etc.
- Perkins Braille Services

In pursuit of her mission of providing services within these sectors, ABC operates a full Perkins Braille Workshop and Spare Parts Depot at their Nairobi West offices. These services include:

- Distribution of Perkins Braille to your partners in Kenya and in the region;
- Procurement of new Perkins Braille (both single units or in bulk);
- Full range of Perkins Braille spare parts;
- Perkins Braille repair kits;
- Braille dust covers;
- Scheduled maintenance service (at the workshop or on client's site);
- Needs Assessment for Braille services and Braille;
- Consultancy services on any aspect of Braille;
- Assistive devices for use by people with visual impairment;
- White canes, slates and stylus, Abacus, Talking calculators, Braille watches, and other accessories;
- Sports and games accessories like goal balls; board games for the visually impaired, etc.
- All other accessories and devices (including digital audio talking books) for the visually impaired may also be procured on order.

Capacity Building

ABC regularly transfers skills and knowledge that either directly or indirectly enhances the quality of life of persons with visual impairment. ABC supports and organizes training of key educational personnel who support learners with visual impairment within educational institutions.

Training and Consultancy

ABC offers training and consultancy services in Braille; production planning and control; management of Braille production facilities; technical training in Braille production; repair and maintenance of production equipment; as well as in making of tactile maps and diagrams both for clients in Kenya and the region.

Advocacy and Awareness Creation

ABC always supports the initiatives of other local and international organizations and stakeholders with interest in expanding access to education and services to persons with visual impairment through creating awareness on the capabilities of persons with visual impairment or reduction of the burden of visual impairment. ABC is an active supporter; organizer and participant at national and international events and activities that seek to create greater awareness on the capabilities of persons with visual impairment.

ABC has collaborated with other stakeholders to lobby for the development and adoption of appropriate legislation and policies that will ensure the inclusion of persons with visual impairment, as well as enhance their educational achievement and quality of life. ABC is also at the forefront of advocating and lobbying for increased employment opportunities for persons with visual impairment.

Networking, Partnership & Collaboration

ABC pursues active collaboration with other public and welfare organizations as an active partner working towards the general welfare of persons with visual impairment. ABC also has active collaboration with institutions in Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Mozambique as well as several West African countries. ABC will continue pursuing partnerships with other institutions and organizations with a similar mission as hers. Through this collaboration, ABC contributes to enhanced advocacy and information sharing on good practice for people with disabilities in general, and those with visual impairment in particular.

Technology

ABC recognizes the challenges posed to people with visual impairment by the fast-changing technological environment. To address this challenge, ABC pursues collaboration with other partners to promote access to and use of assistive technology for VIPs, while appreciating and addressing the limitations this may cause to them where appropriate interventions are lacking. ABC also keenly keeps abreast of new developments in Braille transcription and production technology and invests appropriately in order to harness its wealth of knowledge in the sector for the benefit of her key stakeholders. ABC also ensures that it takes full advantage of the latest and up-to-date technology that allows her to provide the best services to her beneficiaries, clients and other stakeholders.

Research

In order to keep abreast with new developments in Braille and audio transcription and production technology as well as assistive technology and access devices for people with disabilities, ABC is involved in research and invests appropriately to enhance this area for the benefit of its beneficiaries and other stakeholders in the sector. ABC is also involved in research around poverty, HIV/AIDS, policies, education and other social issues that affect people with disabilities.

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Field of work: Disability prevention, capacity building, socio-economic empowerment and advocacy.

Location of activities: Makueni district ie Kibwezi, Wote, Makindu and Mtito Andei districts.

Activities

Disability prevention

In partnership with other organizations, AMREF is involved in prevention and health care, through the Flying Doctors Service which works closely with the Kikuyu Eye Clinic and the Kijabe Hospital within outreach programmes. Mobile clinics help in the prevention of cerebral malaria and with access to sanitation against disability.

In the field, AMREF has operated for twelve years in Kibwezi, Makueni and Mtito Andei districts. They operate home and safety programmes acts to minimize the factors of disability. To remove the stigma and demystify disability, an awareness programme has been setup including a child to child project.

AMREF also provides appliances for persons with physical disabilities.

Capacity Building

AMREF programmes also consist of technological transfer through training programmes in physiotherapy and occupational therapy seconded by the Ministry of Health.

Some community health workers also provide training to parents and act to enable the community to have the technological skills to face disability.

Socio-economic empowerment

Education Programme: AMREF gives little bursaries to children with disabilities in secondary schools.

Training Programme: Vocational training is provided to persons with disabilities.

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Field of work: Rehabilitation of people with physical disabilities, cerebral palsy and multi-handicapped children.

Location of activities: Nairobi, Coast, Kisumu, Kisii, Nakuru, Machakos, Busia and Embu.

Activities

Rehabilitation Clinics

All the branches provide rehabilitation clinic services (orthopaedic surgery, shunting, occupational therapy, physiotherapy) with the intervention of physiotherapists, occupational therapists and orthopaedic technologists.

CBR programmes

The Nairobi branch runs a Community Based Rehabilitation Programme in Mukuru village in Industrial Area and a day care centre was recently set up at Lunga Lunga Village. The CBR programme at the Coast branch also covers slum areas. A new rehabilitation centre has just been opened within the Bombolulu Project.

Mobility AIDS Workshop

The Nairobi, Coast, Nakuru, Kisumu and Embu branches run orthopaedic workshops. These workshops build appliances for people with disabilities and employ them to produce wheelchairs, tricycles and crutches. In Nairobi, the orthopaedic workshop is the main income generating section of the Branch. The orthopaedic workshop has moved to Kabete.

Mobile Outreach Teams

Rehabilitation Services covering Machakos and Kitui districts are provided by the Nairobi Branch in addition to services in Kariobangi, Korogocho, Ngong and Mukuru areas within Nairobi. A home visit programme also deals with physical rehabilitation for surgical cases. In Kisumu, the mobile clinic reaches an average of 200 patients per year.

Other activities

- The Masaku School for the Physically Handicapped is supported by APDK Machakos Branch to improve the standard of education and the physical facilities.
- The Likoni Furniture workshop at the Coast makes up an income generating programme for persons with physical disabilities.
- The micro-finance Programme of FAIDA (Coast branch) consists of loaning amounts to people with disability who want to start income generating activities.

Challenges

- To extend the day care centre programme into other areas of Mukuru
- The use of the orthopaedic workshop of Kabete in order to increase the production of appliances and benefit from economies of scale.
- An orthopaedic workshop in Kisii Branch is about to be created.

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Disabilities targeted: Autism

Location of activities: Ngara, Nairobi

Organizational background: The Autism Society of Kenya was set up by parents to cater for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Kenya. ASK set up an Autism Unit at City Primary School, Ngara which runs on principles of sensory integration, behaviour modification, a structured educational approach and dietary intervention. Autism units have also opened in Kisii and Karatina. We are expanding our community outreach activities nationwide.

Activities: We run advocacy and public awareness campaigns. We have developed informational materials on Autism such as brochures and a newsletter to aid us in our advocacy work. We also run autism sensitization forums and teacher training workshops.

Challenge: Financial constraints.

Blind and Low Vision Network

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Disabilities targeted: Visual impairment

Organizational background: Blind and Low Vision Network – Kenya is a non-governmental and charitable organization registered in 2003. Being a network, the organisation works with formal and informal community based organizations and associations that comprise the persons who are blind and those with low vision to enhance the interest and welfare of the visually impaired persons.

Location of activities: Nairobi and its environs

Activities

- Community capacity reactivating.
- HIV&AIDS awareness among persons who are blind and the low visioned.
- Adult Braille literature, orientation and mobility and confidence building

Challenges: Socio-economic and cultural barriers.

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Mission of organization: Our vision is “A responsible and empowered Deaf blind young adult and his family, leading quality life in the community”.

Our mission is to maximize the full potential of the Deaf blind person and the family around him/her through sustainable relevant hands on and practical training that serves their needs and aspirations and bettering their livelihoods.

Disabilities targeted: We work all over Kenya for deaf blind young adults and their families.

Organizational Background: Brian Resource Centre is a young NGO created around one Brian who is Deaf blind. It was established in 2006 as a Community Based Organization to empower Deaf blind persons and their families through hands on training in various practical economic and livelihood skills. It has since transformed itself into a Kenyan NGO. It officially commenced operations in 2007 with seven students. 12 young adults and their families have since passed through the centre.

The Deaf blind forms a minority group within the wider disability sector. We believe that through our initiative, we can make significant contributions to address the unique challenges and issues facing the Deaf blind and the families within which they grow and live. Our trainees are sourced from all corners of our country. The knowledge and skills learned go far and wide. We also train members of our community on what we do. Our Centre is therefore a focal point for community transformation.

Activities implemented by the organization

1. We offer training in the following areas

- Sustainable entrepreneurial skills targeting the trainees and their families
- Modern sustainable crop and animal husbandry skills and practices
- Sustainable environmental management and conservation skills
- Knitting and weaving
- Value addition and marketing skills
- Daily living Skills and life skills
- Rudiments of information and communication technology

2. We place emphasis on utilizing and managing locally available resources and inputs at family and community levels, doing simple and ordinary activities in an extraordinary way.

3. Reaching out to persons who are Deaf blind, their families and the community with information, knowledge and skills on reproductive health, HIV and AIDS, gender equity and nutrition.

4. Building strong spiritual norms in persons who are Deaf blind and their families by exposing them to the routine of worship.

5. Reducing stigma, isolation, discrimination and general negative attitude of the community that Persons with Disabilities are a burden and unproductive in the community.

6. Supporting and linking up with initiatives aimed at advocating and lobbying for the rights of persons who are Deaf blind and their families on issues related to all aspects of their lives.

7. Information gathering, analysis and dissemination and sharing

8. Encouraging and supporting sporting and cultural exchange activities.

We also address the following cross cutting issues:

Poverty: Alleviating poverty not only in Deaf blind persons, but also in their families and the community as a whole. This is from the belief that disability is both a cause and a consequence of poverty.

Participation: Active participation of all the stakeholders at all levels such as at training needs assessment, planning and implementation of the training programme, identification of the project to be undertaken at home, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Gender: Gender balance in the selection of trainees as well as support staff placement and deployment. All the family members are offered an equal opportunity.

Rights Based and Social Model of Disability: We believe that disability cannot be taken away medically, and so address economic and social empowerment as basic human rights and not charity. Service provision must be based on Rights Based Approach as opposed to charity. We strive to change attitudes, remove both attitudinal as well as environmental barriers and eventually eradicate stigma. Deaf blind persons can gain inclusion in society.

Sexual and Reproductive Health as well as HIV and AIDS: We have a component to make sure that our trainees and members of their families have access to both reproductive health and HIV and AIDS services. This is due to their vulnerability to all their negative effects and challenges.

Environment: We address environmental conservation from controlled and reduced storm water, to recycling garbage and adding value to it to become fertilizers, turning charcoal dust and waste paper into useful and totally combustionable products, keeping the environment green by plant cover, especially fodder, food crops and trees.

Health: The foods we raise are in themselves very nutritious. The presence of traditional vegetables is an added plus. We all feed on these with very encouraging results.

Focus on Youth: For a youthful society such as ours, we think we can revolutionize agriculture by interesting the youth to participate in more farming activities.

Vulnerability: We address vulnerability by unmasking it. We are dealing with a disability segment that is already marginalized within the wider disability circles. Poverty is only secondary to it.

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Disabilities targeted: All types of disabilities.

Location of activities: Dadaab Refugee camps

Activities

- Rehabilitation work (Physiotherapy and occupational therapy).
- Fabrication of mobility aids and supply.
- School activities for the disabled.
- Vocational trainings to the disabled people.
- Apprentice trainings to the disabled people.

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Field of work: Rehabilitation of children with cerebral palsy (CP), raising awareness among parents of CP children and counselling services in Nairobi.

Activities

The therapy clinic

CPSK activities consist of rehabilitation through a therapy clinic including physical, occupational and speech therapy at the society's offices. The rehabilitation camps take place three times a week. By 2002, 50 children were beneficiaries of the CPSK programme.

Parents awareness

Monthly seminars are organized with emphasis on training parents on how to take care of their children with cerebral palsy. Educational programmes promote awareness among parents and the general public about cerebral palsy.

Outreach programme

A therapist visits homes of children who are unable to attend the clinics.

Challenges: The first challenge of CPSK is to set up a mobile clinic to reach the rural areas. CPSK's aim is to grow into a fully equipped centre with special facilities.

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Field of work: The mandate of CBM is to bring help to people in need in the developing countries of the world, specifically those who are blind or otherwise handicapped. CBM concentrates on medical eye care services and prevention of blindness as well as education and rehabilitation programmes. Fields of service include medical eye care, treatment and rehabilitation of the physically disabled, education and rehabilitation of the deaf, blind and deafblind, and vocational training. CBM is also extensively involved in training of ophthalmologists and other eye care personnel for African programmes.

Location of activities: Majority of CBM supported projects are located throughout Africa and Asia. Others are located in Latin America, Mexico and the Caribbean. The Regional Office for East Africa is in Nairobi. Activities are geographically distributed throughout the three East African countries.

Status: International NGO and registered non-profit charity based in Germany, founded in 1908 and established in Kenya in 1967.

Activities

Medical Eye Care

CBM is currently supporting 35 eye care partners in the three East African countries in surgical treatment and prevention of blindness activities. These hospitals, located in both urban and rural areas, receive CBM support in the form of medical supplies, equipment, instruments, expertise and other operational costs. In Kenya, these units include PCEA Kikuyu Eye Unit and Low Vision Project, Sabatia Eye Hospital in Western Kenya, Lighthouse for Christ and Kwale District Eye Centre both in the Coast Province and Tenwek Hospital Eye Unit in Bomet among others.

CBM also supports outreach programmes by the eye care partners to outlying areas where eye care services are not accessible or available. These can be either mobile outreach by road and air within the country or cross border safaris from Kenya into Somalia. Outreach into Somalia is conducted via PCEA Kikuyu Eye Unit. Remote and other hardship areas such as North-Eastern Kenya and Tana River District are also covered via CBM support.

Training of Eye Care Personnel

CBM is actively involved in the training of ophthalmologists at the University of Nairobi, Department of Ophthalmology. The organization fully or partially supports costs of the four (4) year Master of Medicine training in Ophthalmology for selected candidates through the CBM Sponsorship Programme.

Additionally, CBM supports reputed partners such as PCEA Kikuyu Eye Unit to provide training for lower cadre ophthalmic personnel such as Ophthalmic Assistants, low vision therapists, ophthalmic theatre nurses.

Education for the deaf, blind and deafblind

CBM is currently supporting education of the deaf, blind and deafblind together with their partners. Within this training, the importance of daily living skills and vocational training is emphasized to enable the recipients to enjoy a higher degree of independence, better integration into their communities and some form of income generating skills.

Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes

CBM supports several Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes in the region. The CBR Programmes function to identify cases of disability for attention at referral centres and provide the necessary post operative follow-up.

Treatment and Rehabilitation of the Physically Disabled

Surgical correction and rehabilitation of physical disabilities is part of the core of CBM's work in East Africa. Orthopaedic units and hospitals such as PCEA Kikuyu Orthopaedic Unit in Kenya and CCBRT Disability Hospital in Dar Es Salaam provide the necessary treatment, while rehabilitation is also provided through these orthopaedic and CBR centres.

Vision 2020

CBM is a key partner in the implementation of the Vision 2020 Initiative, which aims at enabling all parties and stakeholders involved in combating blindness to work in a focused and coordinated way towards achieving the common goal of eliminating avoidable blindness by the year 2020.

Community Eye Services Organization (CESO)

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Disabilities targeted: Visual impairment / Eye Care, Education and Rehabilitation of people with visual Impairment.

Location of activities: National. Current Focus: Nairobi.

Organizational background: The Community Eye Services Organization (CESO) is a local NGO focusing mainly on visual impairment, and that supports and works with marginalized communities in Nairobi. CESO's current focus is in the two divisions of Kibera and Dagoretti in Nairobi. It is based on the concept of Comprehensive Eye Services (CES) where integrated services are provided to the blind and low vision in the three sectors of Eye Care, Education and Rehabilitation.

Originally set up as the Nairobi Comprehensive Eye Services (NCES) project of Sight Savers International (SSI) in 2001, CESO was subsequently registered as an independent NGO in 2008. CESO took over the entire mandate of the former NCES, which then ceased to exist as a project.

Vision: A society free of avoidable blindness where persons with visual impairment have access to equal opportunities and social inclusion

Mission: To facilitate provision of quality, affordable and accessible eye care for all; education and Rehabilitation services for the visually impaired through capacity building, advocacy and networking.

Activities: Eye Care: CESO works with partners in facilitating access to eye care services. In partnership with Mbagathi District Hospital, CESO facilitates access to eye care services through the hospital's Static Eye Clinic, as well as through outreach program to the communities in Kibera and Dagoretti, and other divisions in Nairobi. The main focus of these services is preventive and curative services to eye patients with eye ailments and those in need of overall eye care services. Activities include testing for visual acuity, carrying out examinations and diagnosis; as well as corrective eye surgery where necessary.

Education: CESO works in partnership with the Nairobi City Education Department as well as the Provincial Director of Education. Through these partners, CESO is able to support education services for children with visual impairment within Nairobi under the auspices of the Nairobi Integrated Education Programme (NIEP) for the visually impaired. NIEP is a programme of the Ministry of Education under the Kenya Integrated Education Programme (KIEP) for the visually impaired.

Community Based Rehabilitation: CESO works with partners and also directly with persons with visual impairment within Kibera and Dagoretti divisions of Nairobi. Under this programme, CESO seeks to empower people with visual impairment within the programme areas to attain independence. The support from CESO also seeks to ensure that persons with visual impairment in the programme areas reach social functional levels by facilitating their acquisition of appropriate skills aimed at changing their lives towards full social integration.

Deaf Empowerment Kenya

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Organizational background: Deaf Empowerment Kenya (DEK), formerly known as Dandora Deaf Self Help Group (DDSHG) is a Community Based Organisation with members drawn from the deaf community, DEK is registered by the Ministry of Culture and Social Services in 1997. The organisation was formed to empower the community about the needs of deaf persons and to promote full participation of the deaf community in the society.

The founding members who formed DDSHG were five deaf persons living in Dandora whose initial thinking behind forming this organization was to economically empower deaf persons through initiating a savings and loaning scheme also known as a “merry go round”. Over the years the groups membership steadily increased making the founders recognize the need to formerly register themselves and develop guiding rules and principles.

Mission of organization: DEK works towards including people who are Deaf in services related health, education, Governance and social services, with an aim of improving quality and full enjoyment of their fundamental rights. We build the capacity of Deaf persons and enhance their well being through programs related to training, advocacy and networking – promoting inclusivity to local organizations and institutions.

Program Activities: DEK is involved in a number of projects targeting persons who are deaf. Some of these programs include: The health care and HIV&AIDS project which equips deaf persons with their families with knowledge on reproductive care, HIV&AIDS prevention and care. DEK is also working with various stakeholders like Kenya Society for the Deaf Children on a project aimed at enhancing communication between the parents and their children who are deaf through Kenyan Sign Language training of parents with deaf children in Nairobi. Another project which DEK is implementing is the Peaceful Slum Villages Project (PSV). Through community mobilization and peace education the project uses community interactive puppetry performances. PSV project intends to represent that group of individuals whose primary language is Sign Language (KSL) and its culture is uniquely different from the mainstream in advocating for peaceful coexistence among the slum dwellers through puppetry and folk media.

Mission Statement: DEK exists to empower people who are deaf through programs that build capacity and enhance economic and self reliance.

Vision Statement: We envision a society where people who are deaf are empowered; enjoy their rights and equal participation in the larger society.

Deaf Initiatives Network-Kenya

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Mission of organization: To promote the rights and dignity of deaf youth, men and women to bring into mainstream by them development through social integration and participation and to providing resources and appropriate measures and conditions giving rise to fight illiteracy and poverty.

Disabilities targeted: Hearing.

Areas of operation: All over Kenya

Institutional Background: Deaf Initiatives Network –Kenya (Dinet-Kenya) is a non-profit making non-governmental charitable organization registered under the Societies Act Cap 108 of the Laws of Kenya as a social welfare organization whose main concern is to promote the interests of deaf youth, men and women and to advocate, lobby and create awareness of the rights and privileges of the deaf citizens of Kenya as per the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to enhance the major objectives of the World Federation of the Deaf. The organization was officially registered in November 2003 by the Registrar of Societies.

Activities implemented by the institution

- Promotion of the interests and develop the welfare of deaf youth, men and women in all spheres affecting their lives.
- Active advocacy in research and implementation of policies having direct impact on the general welfare and interests of deaf youth men and women.
- Lobbying and advocating for the deaf peoples basic rights social welfare, emotional and political needs and to create awareness for the same among the authorities, employers, NGOs parents of the deaf educationists and the general public
- Promote the development of sign language, deaf culture religion, social welfare and political empowerment of deaf youth men and women
- Establish positive working relationship with governmental agencies, NGOs, companies and institutions in the promotion of education, employment, health and access to essential services

- Build the capacity of members within the provinces through leadership training, HIV/AIDS awareness, entrepreneurship training and organizational management.
- To establish income projects likely to generate employment opportunities and create economic self reliance for deaf youths, men and women through collaborations with willing donors and philanthropists whose aims are to support projects.
- To source out funds locally and internationally for the implementation of the objectives of the association.

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Institutional status: CBO Self Help Group

Mission of organization: To advance the human rights of deaf women and girls through participation, equal opportunities and development

Disabilities targeted: Hearing

Areas of operation: Nationwide

Institutional Background: Deaf Women Initiatives Network (RDWIN) is a non-profit making non-governmental community based organization registered with the Ministry of Gender, Culture and Social Services in 2002 as a self help organization whose main aim is to promote the rights of deaf girls and women. It began as a small group of deaf women (merry-go-round) striving to help each other overcome economic hardships as well as providing solution to reproductive health issues through sharing of experiences. Today RDWIN is involved in education, income generation, and research and advocacy activities.

Activities implemented by RDWIN

1. To promote the interests and develop the welfare of the Deaf girls and women in Kenya in all spheres affecting their welfare.
2. To actively advocate for research and implementation of policies having direct impact on the general welfare and interests of the Deaf girls and women. The UN standard rule and Disability Bill.
3. To advocate for the deaf peoples basic rights social, emotional and political needs and to create awareness of the same among the authorities, employees, NGOs, parents of the deaf, educationalists and the general public.
4. To promote the development of sign language culture, religious, social economical and political empowerment of the deaf girls and women.
5. To establish positive working relationship with governmental agencies, companies, local and international NGOs in the promotion of educational and employment opportunities for deaf girls and women in Kenya
6. To organize leadership training, family life education, HIV/AIDS awareness and entrepreneurship training among the deaf girls and women in Kenya
7. To liaise with local and international disabled peoples organizations (DPO) in rehabilitation of deaf orphans, deaf-blind and multi disabled deaf girls and women.
8. To facilitate greater cooperation between the associations and Self Help groups of the deaf and agencies and institutions.
9. To establish projects likely to generate employment opportunities and create economic self-reliance for deaf girls and women in Kenya by collaborating with NGOs whose aim is to support income projects.

Most of our past and ongoing activities have focused on HIV/AIDS awareness training to deaf women and girls in the rural areas. Our next course of action will involve projects featuring deaf women and girls infected with HIV/AIDS.

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Field of work disabilities targeted: All types

Location of activities: Nairobi

Organizational background: Disability Leadership & Resource Centre (DLRC) is a non-political and non-profit making organization registered in October 2003 by a group of disabled professionals as a Self Help Group. The main aim of DLRC is developing and building capacities of persons with disabilities, their organizations, their families and service providers in order to enhance their quality of life. DLRC aims therefore to be a one stop leadership, training and Resource Centre for and about people with different forms of disabilities.

Activities/objectives

- To harness and develop leadership skills among people with disabilities through training.
- Design programmes to improve living standards of people with disabilities. Create a critical body of knowledge which will promote rehabilitation and counseling of people with disabilities through groups and association.
- Building of a physiokinesitherapeutic rehabilitation centre with facilities of a gymnasium, swimming pool, electro medical instruments for physical therapy, provision of wheel chairs, crutches, calipers and mobility aids.
- To promote scientific and cultural exchange programmes and design research projects with the aim of identifying causes of disability and methods of prevention.

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Field of work: All disabilities

Location of activities: Nairobi Province and surrounding districts

Activities

- Periodic disability assessments
- Counseling to children with disabilities, youth and their families
- Physiotherapy clinic for children with disabilities

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Field of work: Physical disabilities

Location of activities: Pangani, Kariokor and Ziwani in Nairobi

Activities

The DPDO is currently involved in vocational trainings which include;

- Hair dressing and beauty
- Tailoring
- Knitting
- Weaving
- Low cost aid thus appropriate aids for local use made from locally available materials to enable the person with disability do their daily activities.

Challenges: To start a Women Gender Development with an aim of creating awareness on disability issues to reduce the negative attitudes towards disabled women with disabilities and encourage girls with disabilities school enrolment.

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Mission of organization: To raise sponsorship for children with disabilities in Kenya

Disabilities targeted: All

Areas of operation: All over Kenya

Institutional Background: This organization was started and is run by friends of persons with disabilities and parents who have children, youth and adult with disabilities, to enable them access services.

We run the Nick Vujicic campaign and motivational talks in Kenya to encourage the inclusion of persons with disabilities in our society. Families and individuals with disability who are also infected or affected by HIV/AIDS are given priority.

Activities: Sponsorship funds mobilization and raising awareness on the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network

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Introduction: Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network (EDAN) was established in 1998 out of the interest and commitment of disability advisors to the 8th Assembly of the WCC held in Harare. Its establishment and development was endorsed by the WCC Central Committee to be an effective decentralized conduit for advancing the concerns of persons with disabilities. EDAN is managed as a decentralized operation from Nairobi Kenya under the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Kenya.

Mission, Purpose and Goal: Mission: To support the work of individuals, churches and non-church organizations concerned with the issues affecting persons with disabilities globally.

Purpose: To advocate for a just and inclusive community by bringing in the network of people with disabilities as a distinctive ecumenical contribution to new models of being a church.

Goal: To maintain an active network of people with disabilities and to improve their situation by providing the space for their contributions and gifts to the ecumenical movement and the churches.

Objectives: Taking cognizance of the world council of churches vision on Disability work and the objectives of EDAN as stated at its establishment in 1998, the network operates under the following objectives:

- To maintain the fellowship forged between diverse members of the world council of churches Assembly disability advisory group at the Harare 8th Assembly and to extend this fellowship to include other interests not so far represented.
- To engage in theological reflection on the issue of disability which may provide a foundation on which the churches engagement may be secured.
- To work with and advise world council of churches on its work and programs to improve the conditions affecting the disabled in the churches globally.
- To deepen the process of cooperation with and among the churches, national ecumenical bodies and regional ecumenical organizations in respect to inclusion and full participation of people with disabilities in their ministry and mission.
- To broaden the spectrum of inputs into the process of information gathering in support of disability concerns.
- To take initiatives by expressing the willingness and capacities of the people with disabilities to help further the disability agenda in the life of the church globally.

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Disabilities targeted: All

Location of activities: Nairobi – Mbotela, City Carton slums, Marigoini slums

Organizational background: The organization was started in 2001 by the Ministry of Gender, Sports and Social Services with the aim of improving the lives of the minorities in the society. The organization takes active role in ensuring the minorities, voiceless and women are well taken care of.

Activities

- Income generating activities for members.
- Advocacy and awareness on disability and HIV&AIDS.
- Girl child training.
- Supporting the school going disabled members by liaising with the parents/guardians and sharing the costs.
- Social activities for the people with disabilities and non-disabled to reduce stigma.

Challenges

- Inadequate funding that cannot cater for all disabilities
- Lack of space for a busy and full time centre

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Vision: To give women who are deaf wings so that they can fly through awareness, encouragement and empowerment on gender rights issues.

Mission

To be the best Deaf Women service provider in the country through excellence in provision, promotion and coordination of services and activities geared towards the realization of equal opportunity, rights and empowerment of deaf women, deaf blind women and deaf girl child in Kenya.

Activities

- Strengthening capacity of women who are deaf through awareness campaigns.
- Promotion and facilitating the mainstreaming of deaf women/deaf blind women in socioeconomic development by initiating income generating project.
- Mobilizing necessary resources for implementation of activities.
- Research and dissemination.

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Field of work: Fred Hollows Eastern Africa (FHEA) vision is a region that is free from avoidable blindness. FHEA is dedicated to combating blindness in Eastern Africa by working with partner organizations in poor and underserved communities to support new and ongoing activities that prevent blindness, restore sight and provide quality services.

Areas of operations and Activities: FHEA current geographical coverage includes Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania. In Kenya, FHEA has supported renovation and equipping of Nakuru Eye Unit, as well as establishment of low vision and optical shop. At the national level, FHEA has been participating in the Kenya Eradication of Trachoma initiative through training of and equipping the lid surgeons. Other national support in Kenya has been in ophthalmic equipment maintenance, health information and management system, ophthalmic theater nurse training and support for Kenya National Ophthalmic Workshop (KNOW).

In Rwanda, FHEA supports a comprehensive Eye Care (CEC) program in Western zone covering Rubavu, Ngororero and Nyabihu districts. In Tanzania, FHEA supports Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology to run management and research courses and works closely with Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) for the outreach program. Other support includes the journal and the scientific conferences organized by Ophthalmological Society for Eastern Africa.

Nairobi Province

FHEA works mostly through the Ministry of Health and has embarked on consolidating, expanding and/or will support initiation of the CEC programs in all the five Eastern African countries namely Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda. In Kenya for instance, FHEA will support establishment of CEC program at Homa Bay District Hospital from 2010. While some eye care needs are specific to our focus CEC districts, FHEA will strive to support other strategic eye care services at the national and the regional levels during 2010-2014 strategic plan.

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Mission: To bring people who are deaf into mainstream development through their participation.

Disabilities targeted: The deaf and those with hearing impairment.

Areas of operation: Nairobi.

Organizational background: The ability to get things done is shifting from the central government to communities and neighbourhoods countrywide as the smaller units and individual communities take responsibility for their social and economic issues as being witnessed by the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). Likewise, transformation power of development among Nairobi Deaf lies in giving them a chance to shape their own future through central government dependency reversal by community initiated off-sets of stagnation like higher education, acquisition of skills, economic empowerment and assertiveness as being advanced by Furaha Centre for the Deaf.

Activities implemented by the Centre

- Making the society appreciate people who are deaf as normal people with a biological problem.
- Encouraging the recognition and enhancement of medical intervention in preventing hearing impairment.
- Providing interpreters to connect the Deaf to the right services, institutions and service providers.
- Minimizing conflicts (communication related) between the Deaf and the hearing through mediation.

Nairobi Province

- Bringing Deaf people into mainstream development through their participation and contribution through creating alliances with groups outside disability movement.
- Disseminating to the Deaf news and new policies.
- Highlighting the plight of the Deaf as common victims of violence like rape, extortion, bribery etc.
- Encouraging the learning and use of sign language and availability of sign language materials.
- Providing employment and connecting skilled Deaf with potential employers.

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Location of activities: Nairobi

Organizational background: The Centre, which currently has a population of 200, was started in 2003 with six children. It has 4 volunteer teachers. The centre cares for survival and development for the disabled.

Challenges

- Lack of physiotherapy equipment
- Special teachers need to be hired
- Sleeping materials for the afternoons

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Institutional Status: International NGO

Field of activities: HIV&AIDS, lobbying and advocacy, networking and promoting education among children who are deaf.

Location of activities: Nairobi, Kitale and Garissa.

Activities

HIV&AIDS

Comprehensive HIV&AIDS services offered in collaboration with other stakeholders. These include creating awareness, dissemination of information, voluntary counselling and testing, home based care, micro finance support to those infected and affected. Together with local organization of and for persons with disabilities, HI implements HIV and AIDS activities among persons with disabilities focusing on appropriate IEC materials, inclusive policies, stigma reduction and behaviour change.

Lobbying and advocacy

Handicap International has been involved together with other partners in lobbying for disability issues at national level. This has involved addressing the President, key government ministries and other institutions in the private sector.

Promoting education among Deaf children

HI has been working closely with Nairobi Family Support Services in Kibera slums to identify children with hearing problems and referring them accordingly, informal education and training on basic sign language and training for parents of the Deaf on Kenyan Sign language to promote communication and better understanding of their children.

Networking

HI networks with various organizations to avoid duplication of activities and publishes this disability directory enlisting all stakeholders in the field.

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Mission of organization: To facilitate the creation of an environment that prevents further disabilities and provide an adapted environment that empowers persons with disabilities and the vulnerable to manage their own surrounding.

Disabilities targeted: Physical and hearing impairment.

Areas of operation: Nairobi

Organizational background: Hisan is a non-profit making, International NGO registered in California, USA with a sub-office in Korea. In 1994 HISAN registered a regional office in Kenya to serve Kenya and Somalia.

Activities: Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, guidance and counselling, pre-school education, computer literacy, sports, leisure and recreational services. Besides HIV&AIDS awareness lessons are also taught during guidance and counselling sessions.

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Institutional status: NGO

Mission of organization: To be an effective voice for children with learning and profound disabilities in Kenya and beyond

Disabilities targeted: Multiple Disabilities (persons with a combination of cognitive impairments, visual impairments, hearing impairments and speech impairments and physical disabilities)

Areas of operation: Nairobi and rest of Kenya.

Institutional background: Initiative for Learning Disabilities Kenya (ILDK) is a parents' driven organization registered in September 2007 but started work in April 2008 in Kasarani Division, Nairobi. The aim of the organization is to reach to children below 16 years who have not benefited from inclusive education due to the complexity of their challenges; to reach out to affected parents in knowledge enhancement in advocacy, awareness creation and psycho social support and other capacity building activities. ILDK seeks to work with other government departments, FBO and all other like minded partners for the benefit of the children with multiple disabilities. ILDK also does advocacy about HIV/AIDS risks to the mothers most of whom are abandoned as a result of the child with disabilities. This extends to advocacy about the vulnerability of the children with disability to HIV/AIDS through sexual abuse. Our target area houses the second largest slum in Kenya and vulnerability is higher for children with disability in this area.

Activities

1. Tracing of affected children in Kasarani Division
2. Parents support forums to combat stigma and train affected parents
3. Awareness creation in the area

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Disabilities targeted: Visual impairment / Education.

Location of activities: International and Regional (Africa).

Brief organizational background: Founded in 1952 in the Netherlands, the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) is a global association of individuals and organisations that promotes equal access to appropriate education for all visually impaired children and youth so that they may achieve their full potential.

Mission: To promote equal access to appropriate education for all visually impaired children and youth so that they can achieve their full potential.

Goals: To ensure access and full participation in education for all visually impaired children and youth by 2015.

To promote and assist in building of local capacity to develop curricula, to provide training and to identify and provide equipment and materials to children and youth with visual impairments and their parents, teachers and others in their communities.

To collaborate with and make use of networks to ensure that substantially more visually impaired children and youth receive quality and comprehensive education.

To ensure that ICEVI initiatives are based upon current evidence of best practice.

To provide information on ICEVI and its services through all possible and appropriate media to all target groups.

EFA-VI Global Campaign

The Flagship programme of ICEVI is the Education for All Children with Visual Impairment (EFA-VI) Global Campaign. The Global Campaign was formally launched in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in July 2006. It was also formally launched in Africa in Nairobi in May 2007. EFA-VI is a global campaign and program of the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) acting in partnership with the World Blind Union (WBU) to ensure that girls and boys with blindness and low vision enjoy the right to education. This campaign and program primarily focuses on children in the developing world, where currently 90% of children with visual impairment have no access to education. The campaign is about mobilizing resources to support programmes for these children.

The Global Campaign focuses on early intervention for all preschool and school age girls and boys with visual impairment. The term "visual impairment" includes blind and low vision children; children who are deafblind; and multiply disabled visually impaired children. The EFA-VI Global Campaign has the endorsement of UNESCO and UNICEF and addresses the following three Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):

MGD 2: Achieving universal primary education;

MDG 3: Promoting gender equality and empowerment of women,

MDG 8: Developing a global partnership for development

ICEVI Publications

ICEVI's biannual magazine "The Educator" is available in ink-print and Braille in both English and Spanish and is also posted on the ICEVI website: www.icevi.org

A Japanese language version is available in electronic format on the website. ICEVI also publishes a biannual electronic newsletter that is currently distributed to 4000 individuals and organizations in 170 countries.

Individuals and organisations working for persons with visual impairment may advertise in the columns of The Educator.

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Mission: Our goal is to ensure that all people who are blind of all ages, right from primary, tertiary and subsequently through to professional levels have a chance to study and work with their sighted peers. Since ITAC deals with a wide range of products for the visually impaired, we believe that a focused approach at availing information and education will increase the chances of academic pursuit and hence employment.

Disabilities targeted: Visually impaired persons who include blind and low vision persons.

Areas of operation: The office is based in Nairobi but providing supplies to various parts of the country and throughout East Africa as per request of the client.

Institutional Background: ITAC Consulting Ltd. incorporated nine years ago under Cap 470 of the Company's Act is a locally owned company, and is the authorized dealer of Freedom Scientific Blind and Low Vision Group, Index Braille, Code Factory and Perkins School for the Blind in East Africa and distributes assistive products for the blind which are specifically designed to aid the visually impaired members of society work efficiently and just as effectively as their sighted counterparts

Activities ITAC supplies the following:

Products

- JAWS: the screen reading program, an acronym for "Job Access With Speech" is a software specifically designed to provide speech technology that works with windows operating systems; thus blind users can interact with this software in enhancing their career opportunities and application in the school and office environment.

- MAGIC which stands for “Magnification In Colour” is a screen magnification software, magnifies screen objects for those with low vision and also has the advantage of speech out; put to enhance information reception through the use of the additional sense of hearing.

Others include Open book optical recognition software, Sara optical Braille recognition software, Pac mates, which are mini-computers for the blind, Braille displays and Wynn. This latter being software used as a learning tool for the dyslexic.

- Index Braille: These are manufacturers of embossers, based in Sweden and their range of products include Basic-D, Everest, 4x4 and the four waves pro heavy duty embossers.
- Code factory: are based in Spain and are manufacturers of Mobile Speak, and Mobile magnifiers cell phone software that enable visually impaired persons interact and hence offer accessibility in the mobile phone environment.

Training

We offer training in the use of our products, and sometimes conduct sessions at the Public Information Center at the World Bank. Recently Computer Pride, a reputable computer college have extended their labs for training to persons with disabilities.

Software support

We provide continuous software product support to those who need it, and further technical or general training updates subsequent to procurement or training

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Location of activities: Nairobi

Activities

- The Jaipur Foot Project funded by the Nairobi Rotary Club, was set up in 1990 by Rotary Club, Nairobi South. It mainly deals with the manufacturing and the provision of artificial limbs to amputees free of charge.
- The project also makes periodic donations of wheel chairs, crutches, polio shoes.
- It also provides appliances or walking aids that are ordered from APDK workshop and repairing services for amputees who come back to their workshop.

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Mission of organization: To bring epilepsy out of the shadows and to raise public awareness about epilepsy and its consequences, to ease the social, medical and economic burden of the disorder, and to reduce the existing treatment and bridge the opportunity gaps in Kenya.

Disabilities targeted: Epilepsy patients and their caregivers

Organizational background: Joint Epilepsy Foundation (JEF) is a Non-Governmental Organization registered in 2007. It was started by persons with epilepsy, their families, parents and the caregivers as an alternative for a long period of suffering from structural strains that include stigma and discrimination, lack of appropriate medical care and poverty among the members.

They strongly believe that it is only through formation of united force that they are able to actively advocate for their rights and participate in identifying issues related to epilepsy and come up with their solutions.

Joint Epilepsy Foundation (JEF) therefore aims to initiate and facilitate projects that will empower and assist the beneficiaries in identifying the real needs of the people with epilepsy and provide holistic, integrated, participatory projects, thereby bridge the many opportunity gaps that limit the achievement of quality of life for people with epilepsy. We are interested in engaging and implementing HIV/AIDS project but have not succeeded in getting funds for the project.

Activities implemented by the organization

- Education and awareness
- Medical care
- Advocacy
- HIV/AIDS (proposed)
- Establishment of community support groups
- Capacity building/training
- Economic empowerment
- Research

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Disabilities targeted Albinos

Kenya Association of Albinos was registered in 1974.

Activities

- Health education
- Help Albinos and parents of Albinos
- Income generating projects.
- Economic empowerment of adult Albinos
- Awareness creation
- Health Care
- Effects of sunburns on albinos
- Educating parents, and relations of Albinos on the above.
- Provision of sunscreen lotions to Albinos to prevent sunburns and skin cancer.
- Social economic empowerment of adult Albinos.
- Training Albinos in leatherwork.

Income generation

- Leatherwork
- Poultry farming
- Seedling nurseries

Challenges

- Expanding and setting up projects in other areas.
- Ensuring proper education of Albinos
- Acquiring relevant devices for Albinos e.g. magnifying glasses.

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Disabilities targeted: Parents of the Deaf

Location of activities: Nairobi and other provinces

Organizational background: KAPD is an organization formed by parents of the Deaf and registered by the Government of Kenya under Section 10 of the Societies Act in 2003. Our mission is to unite all parents of the Deaf to enable them talk with one voice concerning the plight of the Deaf children.

Activities

- To reach as many parents of Deaf children as possible
- To change general attitude to positive one so as to appreciate children who are deaf.
- Raise the interest of parents to learn how to communicate with their own children after learning Kenyan Sign language.
- Organize seminars and workshops involving the parents, deaf persons and interpreters.

Challenges

- Reaching all parents of the Deaf
- Funds to help the parents learn sign language
- Limitation of information
- Lack of publicity and limited awareness about the association

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Disabilities targeted: Persons with intellectual disabilities

Location of activities: Nairobi, Nyeri, Kiambu, Migori and Mombasa

Organizational background: KAIHI was formed in 1996 by parents, well wishers and friends of the intellectually handicapped. Its mission is to empower parents through information, education, communication and creation of opportunities for them to participate more meaningfully, therefore, raising the conditions and achievements of their children.

Activities

- Weekly home visits and Monthly parents meetings (every second Saturday of the month)
- Awareness creation and Advocacy on intellectual disability
- Referrals – for specialized interventions
- Counselling to the parents
- Rallying parents in various locations into support groups

Challenges

- Creating positive attitude towards persons with intellectual disabilities and their families
- High rate of poverty levels in the families of persons with intellectual disability
- Capacity building for parents
- Enhance resource and administrative capacity

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Disabilities targeted: Educable disabilities from 6-21 years of age. We take mild Downs, autism, ADD/ADHD, visually impaired, hearing impaired, visual or auditory processing difficulties, learning disabilities, some physical disabilities, epilepsy, and more.

Location of activities: The school is based in Nairobi and offers educational services to persons from the Nairobi area. Counselling, networking, training, diagnostics and community service programs are available to persons from throughout East Africa.

Brief institutional background: Kenya community centre for learning was founded in 2001 and enrolls students 6-21 years of age from all socioeconomic, religious and cultural backgrounds. Kenya community centre for learning follows a North American model offering a core comprehensive academic curriculum and a wide variety of electives designed to offer opportunities for broad skill development. Two programs are offered: high school diploma and functional academic/life skills options. Students benefit from a whole child development approach, taught by skilled teachers in a nurturing environment with small classes, excellent resources and creative teaching methodologies.

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Disabilities targeted: Persons who are deaf

Location of activities: Countrywide

Activities

- Improve the advocacy and promote the quality of lives of people who are deaf in all spheres affecting their fundamental rights in all areas pertaining to their general welfare especially in; communication, education, employment, health.
- To enable and empower them gain equalization of opportunities, integration, economically, social well being, full participation in the society and lobbying for acceptance of sign language as an official method of communication for persons who deaf.

Challenges: persons who deaf to be dignified and enjoy fullness of life and be included in national development.

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Vision: To be recognized nationally and internationally as the mainstream, Deaf-led organization, representing and advocating for the rights and aspirations of the Deaf community in Kenya.

Mission: The rights of the Deaf are Human Rights, enshrined and inalienable, as enacted by the United Nations and various international conventions. KNAD competently, diligently represent and advocate for the rights of the Deaf community in Kenya.

Disabilities targeted: Hearing Disabilities (Deaf and hard of hearing)

Areas of operation: National coverage

Institutional background: Kenya National Association of the Deaf (KNAD) was formed in April 1987 and registered on 1st December 1987. KNAD is recognized nationally and internationally as a strong advocate for the rights of Deaf Kenyans. KNAD was formed by Deaf adults who had agreed on a common goal to establish a national organization to advocate for their rights. KNAD was supported by Swedish development partners from 1986 to 2003. KNAD's national outreach programs are supported by eleven (11) grassroots affiliates and three (3) regional coordination offices in Kisumu (for Nyanza, Western, and Rift Valley), Central (Central, Nairobi and Eastern provinces) and Coast (Coast region). KNAD works with local partners to ensure that public and private sector initiatives are relevant to the needs of the Deaf Kenyans.

Since 1991, KNAD has trained more than 11,100 Kenyans who are deaf on HIV/AIDS. KNAD has partnered with number of donors to achieve its mandates. The organization's partners that have helped KNAD achieve its mandates through financial help include: Swedish Deaf Association. USAID through ADRA, SHIA, Norwegian Aid, ABILIS, Danish Deaf Association, Family Health International, Health-link World Wide, the Foundation and several developmental organizations.

KNAD conducted several HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns targeting Deaf women, men and youth throughout Kenya with support from willing donors such as the Barclays Bank, Pathfinder International Global Fund for women, ADRA Kenya, AMREF and Action AIDS Kenya. Collaborated with Liverpool VCT in establishing special VCT for the deaf in Kisumu, Nairobi and Mombasa

Activities: KNAD's main activities are public sensitization on the rights of people who are deaf, awareness, entrepreneurial, quality education of the deaf and leadership capacity development for grassroots membership and affiliates, HIV/AIDS awareness and training, research and promotion of Kenya sign language. KNAD is also active in advocating for the mainstreaming of Kenya Sign Language as the third national language in Kenya, after English and Kiswahili.

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Field of work: Education of Deaf children, health care, human rights awareness and advocacy

Location of activities: Country wide

Activities

Education

KSDC main education activity is the building of primary and secondary schools in the whole country. Currently, 6500 Deaf children are under KSDC programmes.

KSDC also provides training of schools directors with UNSDP support. Awareness creation programmes and training of teachers, parents and workers have been set up with Cord Aid (Danish) support to the sign language programme

The follow-up of the education project activities is made in collaboration with KNAD for post-school.

Health care

KSDC provides hearing aids in partnership with VSO, distributes drugs and carries out the identification process. The prevention of deafness (infection) is undertaken with the ICCO prevention of deafness programme (Holland) through visits into villages.

Advocacy

KSDC lobbies for the institutionalization of sign language. A Review Commission encourages children's network between Child Welfare Society, UDPK and KNAD.

KSDC was also involved in the campaign for the Disability Act.

Challenges: HIV&AIDS awareness

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Status: National NGO created in 1956

Field of work: Blindness and Low Vision. The mandate of Kenya Society of the Blind is to promote the welfare, education, training and employment of the blind, assist in the prevention and alleviation of blindness and any other purposes connected to blindness.

Location of activities: Nairobi, Kericho/ Bomet/ Bureti and 19 programmes (82 districts) mainly in rural areas.

Activities

Education of blind children

KSB in partnership with Sight Savers International and collaboration with the Ministry of Education is supporting the education of over 1,600 blind children in 19 programmes through the Kenya Integrated Education Programme (KIEP). KIEP supports the inclusion of blind children into the main stream education system. The support includes building the capacity of teachers through training to handle visually impaired children, provision of special learning equipment and materials such as Braille machines, white canes, low vision devices, and creating awareness within the communities on the rights of visually impaired children to access quality education.

Eye Care

KSB's eye care programme includes producing and distributing basic affordable eye drops, supporting primary eye care, procuring and distributing ophthalmic equipment and consumables and supporting the development of eye care workers. Annually, KSB produces over 100,000 bottles of low cost quality eye drops to supply government and mission hospitals and is in the process of modernizing the current production unit due to increased demand. In conjunction with its partners, KSB coordinates free medical camps offering eye screening and treatment for eye diseases in rural areas throughout the year. On site, an eye clinic and optical shop offering affordable eye screening and prescription reading glasses is available to the general public.

Rehabilitation

KSB has provided rehabilitation services for the blind through institutions such as Kinunga Agricultural Training Centre for the Blind, Machakos Training Institute for the Blind, Siakago Bakery and the Centre for Adaptive Technology (CAT) in Nairobi where visually impaired persons are given computer training. This department is also involved in advocating for the rights of persons with visual impairment through lobbying and collaborating with other visually impaired organisations.

Community Based Rehabilitation/ Comprehensive Eye Services

The Community based rehabilitation/ Comprehensive Eye Services (CES) projects in Kericho, Bomet, Bureti consists of local rehabilitation projects linked with the community and integrating all sectors of comprehensive eye services: health care, rehabilitation and education. CES is supported by public awareness through advocacy on preventive measures of blindness. This project is a partnership between Kenya Society of the Blind, Sight Savers International, African Braille Centre and the Ministry of Education. KSB is involved in "vision 2020", see Christoffel Blinden Mission on page 23.

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Field of work: Education of blind children, economic empowerment of adults, advocacy

Location of activities: 40 branches in 4 regions, Thika, Nyanza, Rift Valley, Eastern and Mombasa.

Activities

Education

Six special primary schools and one secondary school with adapted education for the blind has been created by Kenya Union of the Blind. An average of 2000 children are being reached.

Economic empowerment

Micro enterprises at the grassroots
Capacity building in Kericho, Mombasa, Nairobi in good governance, women's rights.

Advocacy

Kenya Union of the Blind provides civic education in the districts of Nairobi, Machakos, Kitui and the Rift Valley to enable blind persons to participate in the constitutional review campaigns among other civic rights.

Challenges: Initiating a project on HIV&AIDS awareness for persons who are blind. Two, initiating income generating projects in Nairobi and Mombasa.

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Institutional Status: NGO

Disabilities targeted: Paraplegics

Location of activities: Nairobi

Organizational background: Kenyan Paraplegic Organization was registered with the National Council of NGOs on March 18, 2004. It was formed to undertake initiatives as pertains paraplegics and matters affecting them in Kenya. KPO is a non-partisan and non-profit making organization.

Activities

Rehabilitation Counselling

The main purpose of KPO is to provide continuous support, information, community links and follow-up to assist the paraplegics to become independent and participate fully in the community.

Sensitization of the community: KPO sensitizes the public and creates awareness on paraplegic friendly practices hence reduce stereotyping, bias and prejudice directed in any form, which often leads to inequality especially in productive public and private engagements.

Research and Outreach

KPO updates data and information on paraplegics as well as go out nationally to find out unaccounted for paraplegics and their needs through direct interviews and secondary data collection.

Challenges: Setting up a fully equipped rehabilitation centre which will reach out and cater for all paraplegics in Kenya.

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Disabilities targeted: All

Organizational background: Founded by Father Angelo D'agostino in 1992 to provide a home for HIV positive abandoned orphans. It has Nyumbani community and outreach program known as Lea Toto. It has reached a target of 1000 HIV positive children and the program seeks to reach out to 3000 HIV positive children and families.

Location of activities: Nairobi and Kitui

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Institutional status: NGO

Field of work: All disabilities

Location of activities: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan & Ethiopia

Organizational background: Leonard Cheshire International is the international arm of the UK based organisation, Leonard Cheshire Foundation, that is one of the oldest and largest disability service providers. LCD operates in over 54 countries globally. The East and North African regional office based in Nairobi works in partnership with disabled people, families and communities by supporting a network of services. Each of the Cheshire services operates as an autonomous organisation through a local management structure.

The services provided with disabled people include community based activities, short-term medical rehabilitation in residential situations, inclusive education and vocational training, HIV/AIDS awareness, economic empowerment and advocacy programmes.

Challenges: How to effectively change service strategy from residential care to community oriented services. High dependency on the free services historically offered by LCD.

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Disabilities targeted: All

Areas of operation: Nairobi

Institutional Background: The organization was formed with an aim of empowering the children and persons with disabilities through provision of adequate services i.e. education, medication, occupational therapy and to promote self-reliance.

Activities implemented by the institution: Creating awareness, Day care services, occupational therapy, support groups for parents, HIV awareness, education and medical intervention. We also train parents living with HIV/AIDS on income generating activities and life skills.

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Mission: To train children and youth on life skills to enable them make informed decisions to enable them deal effectively with their every day challenges and consequently reduce their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and other society ills, in Kenya.

Disabilities targeted: All

Areas of operation: All over Kenya.

Institutional background: This organization was started 10 years ago to develop behaviour change communication messages and impart them to children and youth, in public school in Kenya, and to train their influencers (parents, teachers, church and community) on the same.

The strategy used is peer education, and parents of children with disabilities are also encouraged to form parents support groups. In conjunction with the Ministry of Education and KIE they have developed the national life skills curriculum and life skills training materials.

Activities implemented by the organization

1. Training on life skills that has mainstreamed HIV/AIDS and disability
2. Development of training curricula for children, youth, teachers, parents, churches and community
3. Raising awareness on Disability
4. Development of appropriate training materials
5. Training on life skills and support for parents of children with disabilities support groups.
6. Advocacy

The life skills training is geared towards reducing the vulnerability of children and youth to HIV/AIDS.

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Disabilities targeted: Persons with disabilities

Location of activities In Nairobi, Kisumu, Mombasa and other locations where the deaf community are normally reached through well-connected Mobile VCT clinics.

Institutional Background: Liverpool Deaf VCT programme is one of LVCT's vulnerable group programs that is committed to meeting the HIV prevention and care needs of the Deaf community in Kenya. Our mission is to provide high quality VCT, Care and Treatment services to the Deaf community and use our research orientation and technical resources to inform HIV/AIDS policy formulation in Kenya and beyond. The overall objective of the Deaf Programme is to make quality voluntary counselling testing, care and treatment accessible to the deaf community. By doing so we aim to reduce the rate of HIV transmission. It was established in October 2003.

Activities

- We offer high quality voluntary counselling, testing, care and treatment services to the deaf population at stand- alone Deaf VCT sites and through Mobile VCT activity. Our Deaf clients living within Nairobi are normally referred for care and treatment services at Liverpool VCT, Care and Treatment clinic centre.
- We also work closely with Health care workers who provide health care services to our clients living out of Nairobi. Plans are underway to establish comprehensive care centres in all Government hospitals as well as integrate the Deaf VCT within to improve health services to the Deaf community.
- We have established post-test clubs to support our clients who have already undertaken VCT services to discuss and exchange HIV/AIDS information.

Challenges

- Majority (90%) of deaf face major challenges to provision of VCT services due to the nature of Deaf population distribution, distance and poverty.
- Most of deaf clients in rural areas have very low knowledge on HIV/AIDS. Much time is hence spent on explaining issues and giving facts.
- Disruptive deaf politics has been a big challenge. However we believe, through the national forum, positive engagement can be harnessed for the benefit of the clients and site. Their optimism has informed us to see the opportunities in those challenges as such they can contribute to better the situation despite it sometimes interrupting our services delivery to the Deaf community.
- Limitation of resources to implement activities.

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Field of work: Community Based Rehabilitation Project, Physical Rehabilitation, Basic Education Awareness

Location of activities: 3 slum areas in Nairobi - Kibera, Dagoretti and Kangemi

Activities

Home visits

NFSS reaches children who cannot be brought to the centre by visiting them at home. Basic therapy and appliances are provided. A doctor who makes assessment reports on the needs of the children deals with the follow up.

Play Group

One afternoon a week, the children with disabilities are all brought together. Some of them follow a small educational learning process; others are cared for within a physiotherapy clinic. The play groups happen on Wednesday in Kibera, Tuesday in Dagoretti and Friday in Kangemi.

Awareness Workshops

Orthopaedic technicians run a seminar annually to inform the parents and the community on types, causes and possible prevention measures of disabilities. This seminar is also a way to identify families of children with disability and the community leaders.

Child to Child activities

This club trains teachers and head teachers of schools with special units in order to remove the negative attitude of the other children (Kilimani Primary School). The teachers in turn train their pupils on various aspects of disability through role-plays, poems and drama.

Low cost aids

Appropriate appliances for children with physical disability can be made locally from local materials in addition to special toys.

Challenges

- Acquisition of enough material to have its own workshop in order to provide more appliances to improve mobility.
- The second challenge is to provide more special toys for the children with disability.

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Disabilities targeted: The Deafblind

Areas of operation: All over Kenya.

Background: This organization was started and is run by parents who have deafblind children, youth and adults, who needed to access quality education and development of the deafblind. The group emphasised on regular support group meetings and resource mobilisation. They successfully initiated and ran a quality education program for the deafblind, now located as a unit

at the Kilimani Primary School. Initially this program was housed by the St Christopher's Preparatory School. The parents group still lays emphasis on seeking resources and mobilizing the community to support the deafblind individual and on a larger scale on the successful inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Activities: Raise awareness on deafblindness, build capacity of parents, promote and run quality services for the deafblind, develop a resource centre, networking and collaboration

During parents support group meetings, the capacity building will address reduction of the vulnerability of parents to abuse and denial of their basic rights. Thus consequently raising awareness on services available to parents to mitigate on issues raised on abuse on the home front.

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Mission of organization: To strive and harness society resources for the empowerment of people with disability in order to effect attitude change and social integration.

Disabilities targeted: All types of disabilities

Areas of operation: Kibera, Dagoretti, Mukuru

Background: Nairobi Family Support Services (NFSS) has been working in slums of Nairobi mainly Kibera, Kangemi, Dagoretti and Mukuru currently providing Community Based Rehabilitation Services to children with disabilities for over 20 years. It was started by Parents of children with disabilities (CWDs) as a local CBO in 1982 with support from Action Aid Kenya. NFSS has since been registered as a local NGO in 1996, with the mandates of carrying out Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) activities which include Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, home care trainings for parents and guardians and assists children with disabilities with appliances to improve on their mobility in its catchment areas. A Board elected by members for a period of three years, runs the NGO and it includes parents of children with disabilities.

Activities implemented by NFSS:

- NFSS offers rehabilitation services (Occupational therapy, Physio therapy) to children with disabilities in Kibera and Waithaka
- The organization has an HIV/AIDS program targeting persons with disabilities and their parents in Dagoretti Division. The program aims at reducing the impact of stigma and discrimination to PWDs that may be affected or infected by HIV and AIDS.
- It also has a Deafblind rehabilitation and family support program
- Provides a free Epilepsy Clinic in liaison with Nairobi Neurological centre doctors in Kibera and Dagoretti
- Child educational sponsorship for school going children with disabilities from its catchments areas.
- NFSS has a village pharmacy selling medicine at subsidized prices in Kawangware
- Training to parents of deaf children in sign language in Nairobi.
- NFSS has a HIV and AIDS education programme to PWDs, guardians and parents of people with disabilities.
- NFSS' HIV and AIDS programme activities are implemented in Dagoretti division at the moment. The project goal is to reduce triple stigma and discrimination against persons with disabilities and their families to promote equal access to HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support services.

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Institutional status: Government institution

Disabilities targeted: All types of disabilities

Location of activities: All over Kenya

Nairobi Province

Institutional background: NCPWD was set up in December 2004 through enactment of the Disability Act 2003. It is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA).

It has a board of directors whose membership consists of nominees of organizations of and for persons with disabilities, key government ministries, office of the Attorney General, Federation of Kenya Employers and Central Organization of Trade Unions. The board is headed by a non-executive chairperson, the daily activities are run by the secretariat.

Activities: As per the Disability Act 2003

National Spinal Injury Hospital

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Status: Hospital

Field of work: Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, psychological counselling for spinal injured people.

Location of activities: Nairobi

Activities: The National Spinal Injury Hospital is the only institution in East Africa dealing with victims of trauma and spinal injuries. Trauma Hospital created in 1944 for the victims of the Second World War. The hospital has 30 beds and provides mainly rehabilitation services such as physiotherapy and psychological support.

Challenges: The main challenge is to expand the physical facilities in order to cater for more clients and reduce the waiting time between the trauma and the rehabilitation and consequently to reduce the duration of the treatment.

Nairobi Province

Network of Parents of Persons with Disabilities

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Mission of organization: To encourage the networking of parents support groups to share information for purposes of reaching out to other parents to successfully include the PWDs and their families in Kenya.

Disabilities targeted: All

Areas of operation: All over Kenya.

Institutional background: This organization was started two years ago to encourage the networking of parents support groups in Kenya for purposes of collecting data and disseminating the same, to enable effective advocacy by parents in Kenya.

Activities: Networking and advocacy

Raising awareness on Disability issues and services, collecting and disseminating data, resource mobilization, capacity building.

All capacity building initiatives will include training on disability, children rights in relation to all forms of abuse, so as to reduce the vulnerability of the children with disabilities.

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Institutional status: NGO

Disabilities targeted: Deaf blindness

Location of activities: Areas of coverage in East Africa

Organizational background: Sense International (East Africa) is an NGO which works in partnership with others in the region to strengthen their capacity to provide services for deafblind people.

A deafblind person is both deaf and blind, and often has additional disabilities. Because 95% of what we learn about the world comes through sight and hearing, deafblind people face unique challenges in communication, mobility, and accessing information, making deafblindness one of the most isolating of disabilities.

Founded in 2003, SI (EA) has established partnerships with deafblind people, their families, care givers and professionals. Together, we aim to ensure that everyone facing challenges because of deafblindness has access to advice, opportunities, and support.

Activities

- To increase the number of deafblind people with access to services.
- To sensitize governments to recognize, within their policies, deafblindness as a unique disability.
- To support the development of infrastructure that will ensure access to services by deafblind people, within their reach.
- To strengthen the capability of deafblind people and their families to actively participate in determining services they need, and claim their rights with regard to their state.
- Home based Rehabilitation of Deafblind People
- We support partners to provide rehabilitation services to the deafblind persons.
- Strengthening education services.
- We support the education of deafblind children and young adults in special schools.
- Building the Capacity of Representative Organizations.
- We support organizations of deafblind people and their families to claim their rights.
- Ultimately, we would like to see a world where all deafblind children and adults can be full and active members of society.

Challenges: Inadequate awareness about deafblindness has meant lack of recognition of this disability in the different policies that support services to people with disability. People who are deafblind are few and distributed far apart. This makes it difficult for them to form representative organizations that can advance their cause. Sense International (EA) is working closely with these people and their families to realize their rights.

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Disabilities targeted: Women with disabilities

Location of activities: Kirinyaga – Mwerua Location

Activities: Awareness creation, Advocacy and Sponsorship

Challenges: Inadequate resources

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Field of work: Support to local partners projects concerning:

- Prevention and cure of avoidable blindness.
- Education and rehabilitation of the blind and visually impaired persons.
- Advocacy

Status: International NGO founded in 1949 in UK.

We are an international organization working with partners in developing countries to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equality of opportunity for persons with disability.

- We strengthen health systems to provide affordable and quality eye care services.
- We strengthen education systems to provide education to children with visual impairment in their local context.
- We support Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) to empower advocate effectively for the rights of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs).
- We work towards ensuring that eye health and social inclusion programmes are rooted in community development.

Location of activities: Nairobi, Kibera, Dagoretti, Kwale and 19 original districts that have further been subdivided to in 34 districts (Nakuru, Baringo, Embu, Narok, Turkana, Samburu, Nairobi, Trans-Nzoia, Kericho/ Bomet / Buret, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Bungoma, Nyeri, Keiyo/ Marakwet, Isiolo, Wajir, Mandera, Kajiado and Kitui)

Activities: SSI works with local partners including national government ministries and NGOs, the national bodies responsible for the welfare of visually impaired persons and the prevention of blindness.

- **Eye Care**

SSI supports eye care services within the country through the Kenya Ophthalmic Programme through provision of equipment and consumables to eye units at the district hospitals and human resource development.

- **Education**

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, SSI supports integrated education programme (KIEP) in the former 34 districts including Nairobi Integrated Education Programme. The project supports education activities for visually impaired learners in mainstream schools.

- **Comprehensive Eye Services**

Sight Savers Kenya supports two Comprehensive Eye Services (CES) project in (Bomet and Kericho) in partnership with KSB and Kwale CES in partnership with Kwale District Eye Centre. Community based rehabilitation (CBR) work is supported through the CES projects.

Others activities: SSI is involved in the "Vision 2030" Programme, see cbm page.

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Special Education Professionals (SEP)

SEP is a multi disciplinary team of special education professionals working within the framework of education and health care. The group recruits its members from qualified special education teachers and therapists who work with persons of all ages.

Activities

A. Early Intervention Consultations

SEP provides consultations every third Saturday of the month except for December for parents of children with special needs. The multidisciplinary team is involved in:

- Assessment/Screening
- Giving professional advice on how to stimulate development, handling and management of specific conditions
- Giving information on adaptive equipment and toys
- Referrals to schools, doctors, therapists and other appropriate services
- Reviewing and evaluating progress

B. Support for Parents

SEP believes that there is no one more important than parents in promoting the development of their child. Therefore SEP organizes:

1) Workshops to

- inform parents about related condition and problems of their children.
- empower parents to help their children by sensitizing parents about programmes and methods to carry out at home.

2) Support Groups

- Parents sharing their experiences, exchanging current information about their children's conditions and supporting each other.

C. Support for Teachers

SEP believes that teachers play a vital role in children's development. Therefore SEP organizes:

1) Teacher Training which cover

- Introductory and Advanced courses
- Material making
- Evaluation and Follow Up

2) School Visits

Our members allocate time to visit local schools catering for children with special needs where they can assess class situations, evaluate teachers' progress and assist in problem areas. The main aim of the school visits is to maximize the children's ability to learn within the school environment.

3) Workshops and lectures

D. Creating Awareness

SEP creates awareness about special needs to the general public by:

- distribution of brochures on various conditions;
- giving talks on both radio and television (electronic mass media);

- articles in the newspaper (print mass media)
- exhibitions at public events

E. Dissemination of Information

- SEP as an umbrella body offers information to parents, educational and health professionals.
- It also develops lists of special schools/units/programmes
- Provides details of societies and centres that can provide information on specific conditions.
- Provides contact details for qualified professionals in the field of special education and therapy.
- Through its video library, a selection of videos can be borrowed at a fee on specific conditions.

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Kenya

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Disabilities targeted: Our target group is all persons living with Spina bifida and or Hydrocephalus be they children, youth, adults and their parents.

Location of activities: Nairobi Baptist Centre next to Burma market off Jogoo Road next to Shauri Moyo Police Station along Ambira/Bahati Road.

The Kenya Media Network on Disability - KEMNOD

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Status: National network of journalists and DPOs

Disabilities targeted: All

Location of activities: Countrywide

Background: The Kenya Media Network on Disability – KEMNOD was formed in December 2009 to keep the disability agenda in the media both nationally and internationally.

KEMNOD's leadership has already had a meeting to develop their mandate and action to operationalize their activities as well as have a shared meaning of networking.

In order to implement the action plan, KEMNOD have developed a three year media strategy in close consultation with Disabled Persons Organisations from the 8 provinces of Kenya.

Activities: Reporting disability issues effectively

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Institutional status: Umbrella Organization for organizations of Persons with Disabilities

Disabilities targeted: Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs)

Location of activities: Nationwide

Organizational background: United Disabled Persons of Kenya (UDPK) is an umbrella organization, which brings together organizations of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). UDPK was registered in 1989 with the main aim of giving a collective voice on matters touching the lives of Kenyans with disabilities.

Vision: To realize a barrier-free society where persons with disabilities enjoy equal access to opportunities in all spheres of life.

Mission: United Disabled Persons of Kenya is a cross disability organization that seeks to unite groups, associations and organizations of persons with disabilities for the purpose of empowering and enhancing their advocacy role at national and local levels. UDPK also aims to undertake Programmes on education, awareness raising, advocacy and capacity building.

Activities

1. Micro and Small Enterprise Development (MSED) Programme

This programme is divided into two main activities:

(i) Savings/Credit business clubs

- A micro credit activity characterized by a club system of self-saving.
- UDPK provides a group of 80 persons with disability with the means and the training necessary for the implementation of their project, which they manage through a club system of self-saving.

The training consists of six modules of Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Record keeping, Business organization, Planning and Credit management.

(ii) Promotion of income generating activities for the victims/survivors of the 1998 US Embassy bomb blast tragedy and access to bigger amounts of loan.

2. Advocacy and Action Programme

- UDPK successfully lobbied for the enactment of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003.
- UDPK has actively participated in the Constitutional Review process of which the outcome is an enriched Article 42 of the Constitution "Zero Draft" Bill, devoted to disability issues.
- The organization also collects and analyses data and information on persons with disabilities and their rights, opportunities and quality of life and their organizations.
- UDPK continually agitates for recognition and involvement of persons with disabilities in social, political and economic activities nationally.
- Public awareness continuously undertaken through civic education and awareness raising programme.

Challenges

- Meaningful engagement of/with other actors and interested sectors in policy planning and programming as it affects persons with disabilities.
- Expansion of project activities to reach people with combined disabilities.
- Enhancing administrative management and coordination.

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Institutional status: NGO

Field of work: To empower children with disabilities to realize their full potential and to support increased access to appropriate education for children with disabilities.

Location of activities: 10 districts in Kenya (Butere/Mumias, Kisumu, Kajiado, Samburu, Mwingi, Vihiga, Machakos, Kitui, Mombasa and Laikipia)

Women Challenged to Challenge

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Disabilities targeted: Women with disability

Location of activities: Nairobi and environs

Brief organizational background: Its organization was formed in 2001 purposely to advocate and champion the rights of women with disabilities.

Activities: Income generating activities; advocacy and awareness creation programmes and assisting elderly women with disabilities.

Challenges: Enhancing resource and administrative capacity.

Nairobi Province

Youth on the Move

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Institutional status: NGO

Mission of organization: Empower talents with epilepsy

Disabilities targeted: Youth with epilepsy

Areas of operation: Training & Cyber Centre in Nairobi West

Institutional background: Youth on the Move is an organization for and from youth with epilepsy which empowers them through awareness creation and innovative actions. The youth come up with their wishes, ideas and plans on how to combat the misunderstanding and discrimination on epilepsy and take action to make it come true.

Our programme: Monday & Tuesday: Youth Coordination Training where 12 youth are selected yearly to be trained as professional youth coordinators.

Wednesday & Thursday: Free Epilepsy Trainings (every month 16 people can get free Epilepsy Training at Training Centre. It takes 4 mornings, this includes and exam. Graduates get certificate. Applications should be sent to: karijn@youth-on-the-move.com

Saturday: Sikika Meeting from 11 am - 2 pm

Last Saturday of the month: Picnic in Arboretum

Challenges

- The number of people with epilepsy is rising by the day, and therefore the demands for guidance on how to live a life like anyone else.
- Resistance from people to break through the traditional myths about epilepsy.

Central Province

Nyeri Disability Network

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Disabilities targeted: All

Location of activities: Central Province

Background of the organization: Nyeri Disability Network is a community based organisation started in 2006 with working as 17 self help group in the larger Nyeri districts with an aim to focus on developing capacities of groups working with Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). They partnered with a program called Central Kenya Dry area programme 2006 in capacity building on management establishing small Income Generating Activities (IGAs) which were making multipurpose detergents bar soaps, milking jelly and poultry keeping. The wheels of the World provided mobility and assistive devices through the Nyeri Hospice. The network also partnered with APHIA II who worked directly with the groups. The network also worked with the Njaa Marufuku program in establishing poultry farming for the members of the groups. However the project was unsuccessful due to the challenge of feedback mechanism.

The network has been active in participation in marking UN Day for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) which has seen the inception of a provincial committee which comprises of MOH, MOE, Ministry of Gender, NACC, APHIA II, Children Department, Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), Hope World Wide whose mandate is to champion issues of disability and HIV/AIDS but with time it has evolved to other sectors.

The group's mission is "to unite disability movement in promotion of independence, inclusion, participation and personal choice in the community through provision of responsive services and support. The Network's vision is to have a solid and vibrant disability fraternity that is responsive to issues that promote mainstreaming of persons with disabilities into the integral society and shape their destiny.

Central Province

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Disabilities targeted: All

Location of activities: Central Province

Background: Nanyuki Municipality Disabled Self Help Group was started in 1996 when there was no disability movement in Nanyuki. The group consisted of parents and children and when EARC was started in 2000 they referred the children for assessment there and started a youth group.

Mission: To fight for the rights of persons with disabilities and economically empower persons with disabilities through IGA.

Vision: To ensure accessibility – barrier free society and self reliance of persons with disabilities.

Coast Province

APDK Income Generating Programme (FAIDA)

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Institutional status: NGO

Field of work: Prevention, early intervention and treatment of disability
Surgical intervention
Advocacy and mainstreaming disability
Economic empowerment of persons with disabilities and their guardians

Disabilities targeted: Physical Disabilities

Location of activities: Nairobi, Eldoret, Coast, Kisumu, Kisii, Nakuru, Machakos, Busia and Embu

Activities: APDK works closely with the Ministry of Medical Services in the rehabilitation and habilitation of persons with disabilities. In order to meet its objective, APDK operates the following programmes;
Orthopaedic Clinics (Institutionalized Therapy)
Rehabilitation Hospital – Port Reitz:
Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation
Orthopaedic Workshop
Orthopaedic Outreach Clinics (mobile clinics)
Economic Empowerment programmes
Surgical Interventions

1. Orthopaedic Clinics (Institutionalized Therapy)

The Orthopaedic Clinics constitutes of two units; physiotherapy and occupational therapy. The services provided include;

Therapy; Physio- and Occupational therapy
Management of Club Foot
Assessment and management of neurological cases:
Assessment and management of orthopaedic cases:
Parents support groups
Counseling and Nutrition Clinics

2. APDK Rehabilitation Hospital – formerly Polio Port Reitz

The hospital is located in the Coast Province and serves persons with disabilities through institutional rehabilitation and community outreach interventions. It has a 60-bed capacity, offering the following services;

- Surgery
- Physio and Occupational Therapy
- Orthopaedic and Prosthesis Fabrication
- Educational Support
- Community Outreach Program
- Capacity Building to other service providers

3. Orthopaedic Technology

APDK now works with the Ministry of Medical Services in providing orthopaedic technology services in all its Branches and has since diversified its products to form all orthopedic appliances. Two wheelchair workshops that are well-equipped have been set-up in Nairobi and Mombasa. The wheelchairs are manufactured as per the UN Convention wheelchair guidelines.

Services offered include;

- Identifying of clients in need of assistive devices
- Liaise with government’s Orthopedic Technologists on production and operations of the Orthopaedic Workshops.
- Taking appropriate measurements of the clients
- Follow-up clients after application of supportive devices
- Resource and social mobilization and collaborations with other stakeholders on provision of aids.
- Orthopaedic Products fabricated include
- Callipers
- Surgical boots
- Crutches
- Tricycles
- Walking sticks
- Wheelchair
- Walking frame
- All Orthopaedic Aids

4. Orthopaedic Outreach Clinics

The aim of the Outreach clinics is to reach persons with disabilities living in the rural areas who have no access to our facilities or the district hospital in their areas. Following are services offered;

- Assessment of persons with disabilities (PWDs) and other ailments, which might bring about disability.
- Treatment of the identified cases
- Training of parent/guardians of persons with disabilities at home
- Health Education and awareness creation
- Social mobilization and clinical camps

5. Comprehensive Community Based Programme

APDK established Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CCBR) in order to give communities a chance to participate in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities within their areas and also to complement orthopaedic mobile clinic services:

- Community awareness and social mobilization
- Provision of supportive devices to the clients
- Assessment of persons with disabilities
- Development of income generation activities to persons with disabilities or their guardians through micro credit programme
- Formation of self help groups
- Collaboration with other stakeholders in management of disabilities
- Referral and placement of persons with disabilities to the community and institutions
- Resource mobilization
- Promotion of inclusion and mainstreaming in all sectors
- Research on disabilities.

6. Surgical Interventions

APDK works closely with BethanyKids, Cure International, Kikuyu Rehab Hospital, Nyabondo and Machakos Hospital in providing surgical interventions to clients in need of surgery.

These clinics are held on quarterly bases and with each Branch having its specific dates set when surgeons from the above hospital assess clients before booking them for surgery. APDK rehabilitation team does the follow-ups after the clients have undergone surgery.

Economic Empowerment: APDK aims at uplifting the economics status of communities where it offers services through the following programmes.
Poverty alleviation programmes through the revolving fund project.
Job Placement through an employment bureau
Formal employment through Sheltered Workshops
Fair Trade Shop: acts an outlet of products made by persons with disabilities.

Challenges: Financial constraints to sustain our programmes
Other activities: The Masaku School for the Physically Handicapped is sponsored by APDK Machakos.
The Likoni Furniture workshop at the Coast makes up an income generating programme for physically disabled persons.
Bombolulu Workshops where handicrafts are made by persons with disabilities.

Association of the Physically Disabled of Kenya (Mombasa)

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Disabilities targeted: Physical disabilities
Location of activities: Coast province

Organization background: The APDK Rehabilitation Clinic is a project of the Association of the Physically Disabled of Kenya, Coast branch. APDK took over the clinic from Mombasa Round Table No. 3 in 1971. The clinic initially undertook corrective surgeries on disabilities occasioned by poliomyelitis in children. Whereas the fight against polio has been very successful, disabilities still occur due to congenital defects, childhood illnesses, accidents etc. APDK rehabilitation clinic thus facilitates the rehabilitation of children with disability through surgical and therapeutic interventions.

Activities

- Orthopaedic surgery through volunteer surgeons.
- Mobile clinics - outreach services to the rural areas of the Coast Province in order to identify persons with disabilities, carry out assessments, dispense anti-epileptic drugs, educational assessments and placements among others.
- Community based rehabilitation in urban slum areas.
- Orthopedic appliances - an orthopaedic workshop exists to provide supportive and corrective devices.
- Amputee rehabilitation - APDK manages the Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bahari.
- Education support to children with disability to access formal education.

Tunaweza Disabled Women Group

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Disabilities targeted: All
Location of activities: Coast Province

Background of the Organization: Tunaweza Disabled Women Group was started in 2000 as a self help group with 8 members with an aim of economically empowering women with disability in Bombolulu, Mombasa. The group started by selling food and non food items like rice, beans, paraffin etc from their homes since they did not have enough capital to rent space. They would then meet on weekly basis to do reconciliation of the sales. The group registration fee is two hundred shillings monthly contribution of which one hundred shillings is deposited in a savings account.

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The group has peer educators trained by NOPE and VSO on HIV and AIDS. The peers' educators conduct education on HIV & AIDS and visit people with disabilities living positively and orphans and the family in general. They also do referrals to Liverpool VCT at Mombasa for counseling and testing. The group has had an activity to reach out to people with disabilities begging at the streets of Mombasa city. One of the challenge faced by the peer educators in the community is monetary and food expectation from the beneficiaries and also low levels of knowledge on HIV & AIDS. The group networks with among others; Kisauni Women Development who conduct education on women's rights in the society, good parenting, HIV & AIDS etc. They also partner with Hope Communitre an NGO who supports them in capacity building especially through mentorship. The group's mission is to improve the living standards of women with disability in the society by engaging in socio-economic activities thus enjoying their human rights like any other women in the society. Additionally the group aims to expand as a national facilitator of its noble cause to reach out to many women with disability in the country.

Vision Group of the Blind

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Disabilities targeted: Visually Impaired (VI)

Location of activities: Coast Province

Background information: VGB was started in August 2006 and registered as a CBO in February 2007. The force behind the start of the organization was the challenges faced by Visually Impaired persons in the society especially poverty and unemployment. They received support from KUB and resource persons from the group in preparing the constitution and action plans. The mission of the organization is to better the wellbeing of the blind with its vision being Blind to participate in all spheres of life.

The organization conducted public sensitization on challenges, potentials and needs of blind and people with disabilities. They also participated in 2008 Mombasa Show where the VIs show case talent and entertained the public

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with their band and comedy. The organization plans to start an IGA from the savings on members' contributions. The organizations main partners are; Kenya Union of the Blind who supported the Mombasa Show, Dreams Achievers on HIV/AIDS, Liliane Fonds, International Centre for Reproductive Health.

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Disabilities targeted: All types of disabilities

Organizational background: It was started in 2002 when the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) team from UDFK vvisited Wajir to educate people with disabilities on poverty reduction. There are four staff who are currently volunteers ie two men and two women. So far, the organization has registered 930 people with disabilities.

Advocacy Against Discrimination of Disabled Kenya

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Targeted: All PWDs

Location of Activities: Nyanza Province.

BDPG in an initiative and active grass-root oriented CBO, started in 1999 and registered in 2004 with the Department of Social Services (Republic of Kenya). It was formed by PWDs to address issues which affect them in rural areas through participatory techniques.

Activities

1. Sensitizing the community on disabilities issues through participatory techniques.
2. Identification and referrals of children and people with disabilities in need of appropriate educational assessment, rehabilitation services in collaboration with other stakeholders.
3. Health and Civic Education for people with disabilities.
4. Child- to -Child inter school drama activities.
5. Capacity building of people with disabilities on sustainable development through training on resources mobilization.

Challenges

1. Lack of office equipment
2. Lack of funding.
3. High rate of illiteracy and poverty among families of people with disabilities.
4. Lack of disabilities friendly information and services on HIV/AIDS.

Kisumu Kids Empowerment Organization

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Nyamonye Small Home for the Physically Handicapped

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Institutional status: CBO

Field of work disabilities targeted: Physically disabled children, Cerebral Palsy children and multi handicapped children

Location of activities: Kisumu, Siaya and Bondo.

Activities Rehabilitation of children with disabilities.

Western Province

St Kizito Unit for the Deaf

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Disabilities targeted: Physical and hearing disabilities

Location of activities: The project covers Western and Nyanza provinces, but it is also open to all children in Kenya and beyond.

Organizational background: The project was started in 1996 by the brothers of St. Charles Lwanga to empower people with disabilities with skills which could enable them make a living and be useful people in the society.

Activities: Rehabilitation of street children, training technical skills and normal education.

Challenges: There is over attachment of parents to their children with disabilities. Due to African beliefs, people with disabilities are hidden away from the rest of the community.

Kakamega Deaf Self Help Group

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Rift Valley Province Province

Disability Group of Trans-Nzoia

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Institutional status: CBO

Mission of organization: To empower persons with disabilities in the larger Trans Nzoia District through programs which promote disability rights while enhancing their livelihoods and self-reliance.

Disabilities targeted: All

Areas of operation: The larger Trans-Nzoia (Trans-East, Trans-Nzoia West and Kwana)

Organizational Background: Disability Group of Trans-Nzoia (DIGROT) is a community Based Organization established in 1990 and registered with the Department of Social Services to mobilize persons with disability and their families to ensure that they are empowered socially, economically, psychologically and health wise through appropriate means i.e trainings, distribution of commodities, involving them in organized activities like sports, seminars and Income Generating Activities to identify and develop their talents.

Currently we are supported technically, materially and financially by Handicap International to empower persons with disabilities with HIV&AIDS information.

Activities:

- Lobbying and Advocating for rights of Persons with disability in the larger Trans-Nzoia.
- Networking with Anglican Church of Kenya and Ministry of Health for Community Based Rehabilitation.
- Income Generating Activities.
- Sports enhancement for persons with disability.

Promotion of HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, reproductive health information and access to health care services among persons with disabilities and their family members in Trans-Nzoia Districts.

Maasai Mara Disabled Self Help Group

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Narok Disabled Integrated Program

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**Government Ministries
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Ebusiratsi Special School

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Status: Ministry of Education programme

Field of work: Education and rehabilitation of children with special educational needs.

School motto: *"Pity me not, but show me what to do"*

Location of activities: Emuhaya Division, Vihiga District

Activities

- Educational - Offers a balanced curriculum for pupils with special educational needs made up of communication skills, numeracy, sense training, self expression and social training.
- Vocational rehabilitation - Offers vocational skills in agriculture, weaving, tailoring, paper manufacturing and paper mache to pupils who are intellectually challenged for them to be integrated in the community.
- Information dissemination - Offers information to parents and to educational and health personnel on disabilities, school and units placements for children with special educational needs.
- Training - On request, the school provides training for teachers and other organizations that want further information about specific topics related to special educational needs.

Challenges

- Establishment of boarding facilities to cater for diversified needs of learners.
- Construction of a workshop, classrooms and administration block.

Jacaranda Special School

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Organizational background: The school was started in 1946 under the name of St Nicolas. It caters for persons with intellectual disabilities. It is a day co-educational school with a sheltered workshop that offers employment to young adult persons with intellectual disability.

Activities

- Literacy and numeric skill training
- Physical/occupational therapy
- Vocational skills training
- Nursery classes for persons with mental Handicapped
- Guidance and counseling
- Transport to and fro town
- Feeding programme for the students
- Graduate students to the sheltered workshop for employment in the costume jewellery
- Fully equipped woodwork workshop for carpentry skills training
- Textile technology

Challenges

- Lack of funding for the projects
- Lack of speech therapists
- Poor marketing strategies for the products locally and internationally
- Lack of community awareness due to area of location

Lily of the Valley School

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Status Governmental Institution

Field of work/disabilities targeted Special education

Location of activities All over the country

Activities

Educational Assessment and Resources Centres (EARCs)

In 1989, a project of EARCs was set up in partnership with the Danish cooperation (DANIDA). 41 centres were created to offer assessment, treatment, education and aids for handicapped children up to the age of 16 years. These centres also provide advice and guidance.

Kenya Integrated Educational Programme

Integrated units for visually impaired children were created in partnership with Sight Savers International. This Programme covers 19 districts and provides materials, transport and training of the teachers.

Support to Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) project

With VSO, the Ministry of Education works in 10 districts for the improvement of the EARCs and the education of children with all kinds of disability.

Teachers are trained; families are helped with the payment of school fees; and accessibility to schools for children with disabilities.

Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development

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Status Governmental Institution

Field of work: Vocational Training

Location of activities All over the country

Activities

Operate Vocational Centres all over the country where courses offered include; Tailoring, Knitting, Metal Work, Agriculture

In Nairobi, the Kabete Workshop is hallowed to vocational training activities.

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Status: Governmental Institution

Field of work: Health care and rehabilitation of PWDs

Location of activities: All over the country

Activities

- 1. Prevention:** Disability prevention: immunization
- 2. Promotion of good health:** Community sensitization and mobilization on disability
- 3. Curative care:** Medical interventions and other health care services to people with disabilities, Provision of appropriate appliances and assisting devices
- 4. Rehabilitation:** Social integration of people with disabilities, Counselling services and Strengthening of the referral and other service delivery systems
- 5. Capacity Building:** Building the capacity of resource persons at all levels and Networking and collaboration
- 6. Resource Centre:** Conducting research and data collection and Supervision and monitoring

Ministry of Health, Department of Occupational Therapy

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Organizational background: This is a branch of rehabilitation involved in the rehabilitation of people with disabilities of all age groups. The aim of Occupational Therapy is to restore function in the Occupational role of the individual to enable the person to be independent in life.

Clients who benefit from the services of Occupational Therapy include

- Children born with disabilities
- Children with acquired disabilities ie post infections and other diseases
- Adults with physical disabilities that hinder them from carrying out their daily activities and functional role performance
- People with psychological/mental problems affecting their performance of daily activities
- People in reform institutions who want to go back to their occupations or who want to learn new skills.

Activities

- Assessment of people with disabilities in hospitals
- Rehabilitation and habilitation work in all the hospitals in Kenya under the MoH.
- Seconding therapists to mission hospitals, NGOs and CBOs dealing with rehabilitation of people with disabilities
- Activities of daily living training in hospitals and rehabilitation centres
- Assistance with making of assistive aids using locally available materials for home use.

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

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Status: Government Ministry

Field of Work: Empowerment of Youth with Disability

Location of activities: All over the country

Background: The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was established in 2005 to promote youth development by designing policies and programmes that build young people's capacity to resist risk factors and enhance protective factors; develop a National Youth Policy to ensure Kenyan youth participation in the development of the country; facilitate the establishment of the National Youth Council to popularize the youth agenda; coordinate youth organizations in the country to ensure youth development through structured organizations, collaborations and networking; develop youth resource centres; rehabilitate and expand youth polytechnics and the National Youth Service; and facilitate training and preparation of the youth for nation building.

Activities: All the departments of the Ministry namely, Youth Development; Youth Training; National Youth Service; Sports; Youth Enterprise Development Fund and Administration are making collective effort to ensure that issues of disability are mainstreamed. the Kenya National Youth Policy identifies and gives provision of youth with disabilities and those living under difficult conditions as priority groups that require special attention and support while the Kenya National Youth Council Bill gives provision for representation of youth with disability from the sub-locational to the national level. Therefore, beyond ensuring that there is at least 10% participation of youth with disabilities in the regular programmes, disability-specific programmes are being run like;

Capacity building of youth with disabilities e.g. employment preparation and development programme for youth with disabilities
Capacity building of MOYAS Officers on disability issues,
Improving accessibility of youth with disabilities to MOYAS programmes information and services to be disability friendly like the youth polytechnics, brailled materials

Support for community based rehabilitation processes e.g. trainings on life skills, lobbying for provision of assistive devices

Future plans: A National Plan of Action on Youth with Special Needs that will articulate all disability issues and programmes is being developed.

Ministry of Health, Department of Orthopedic Technology

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Brief introduction: This is a branch of Orthopedics that deals with assessment and measurement, cast making, fabrication and delivery of technical rehabilitation aids to the physically handicapped people with the aim of re-integrating them back to the society and a new working life.

Field of work: Physically disabled

Location of activities: All over Kenya at all national, provincial and district hospitals

Activities

- Screening for disabilities and deformities
- Assessment of people with disabilities
- Prevention of deformities and disabilities
- Measurement taking, casting and modification
- Fabrication of orthopedic appliances
- Fitting of orthopedic appliances
- Maintenance of orthoses and prostheses

Challenges

- Inadequate number of orthopedic technologists
- Inadequate tools, machines, and materials
- Low awareness on disability
- Weak coordination between NGOs dealing with disabilities and the Ministry of Health

Kangundo DEB primary and visually impaired school

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Institutional status Government institution

Disabilities targeted Visual impairment

Areas of operation Pupils from all over Kenya since the institution has boarding facilities.

Organization background: Kangundo DEB primary and visually impaired school integrates visually impaired pupils with their sighted peers. The visually impaired unit was started in 2002 and so far there are 33 visually impaired pupils.

Activities: Braille literacy to learners, Rehabilitation; mainly on orientation and mobility and Integration.

Kisii Special School for the Mentally Handicapped

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Institutional status: Government Institution

Disabilities targeted: Mentally challenged

Location of activities: Currently it serves Nyanza and Rift Valley provinces though the door is open to all Kenyans.

Organizational background: This special school started in 1982. It is sponsored by the District Education Board with management being in the hands of a board of governors appointed by the Minister for Education. Government and NGOs support the school.

Activities: Curricula and co-curricula activities

Challenges: Lack of staff quarters, workshop, inadequate water resources, lack of job opportunities for our graduates. Less than positive attitude towards the mentally challenged by the society.

Kenya Institute of Special Education

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Field of work: Special education training

Location of activities: Nairobi

Activities

Education

KISE's main activity concerns training of teachers and other personnel to work in the field of education of persons with disability (physical, mental, visual and auditive). The Institute offers two years diploma course while the students are exposed to all aspects of special education, whilst also having the opportunity to specialize in one particular aspect of this work. In-service courses, 3-month long are also offered in the same areas of education.

Research

Researches are conducted with an emphasis on special education. Seminars and workshops are held at KISE with different stakeholders of the special education.

Production of equipment

A materials laboratory deals with the design and the construction of teaching aids and the repair and maintenance all such equipment. Information on teaching aids for persons with disabilities from other countries is also collected.

EARC: Educational Assessment Centre

KISE also serves as one of the country's educational assessment centres for children with disabilities and trains teachers in these skills.

Information and Documentation Centre

KISE collects a variety of information focusing on disability both for the needs of the Institute and to disseminate information to the public for general use. The KISE Information and Document Centre provides a library service with a computer section, video, tape recording facilities, seminar room among others. This Centre also provides a forum for the exchange of knowledge on special education between the Institute, parents, teachers and those involved in this area.

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Status: National college

Field of work: Training in Physiotherapy, Orthopaedic, Occupational Therapy and Dental Technology

Location of activities: Nairobi

Activities: Four main departments offering diploma courses:

- Physiotherapy
- Orthopedic Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dental Technology

KMTC also provides diploma and certificate courses in Community Health Nursing, Public Health, Radiography, Health Records and Information.

Future Plans

The implementation of a permanent Community Based Rehabilitation Programme in partnership with the Ministry of Health in order to send students to the communities for practical and employment/career development. This continuous programme would be offered alongside special training in Community Based Rehabilitation.

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Status: Non-profit making service parastatal or quasi-governmental established under an Act of Parliament in 1996.

Field of work: Library and information service to the visually impaired persons.

Location of activities: Nairobi, Western, Southern, Central and Coast Provinces (20 branches)

Activities

• Book stock, other reading materials and equipment

- KNLS owns 6,000 books in Braille; 565 audio books in English, French, Spanish and German languages; 1,255 books in large print and 110 books on primary health care and preventive medicine.
- A multi-media computer equipped with specific software for the blind (Duxbury brailled translator for Windows, Job Access with Speech screen reader for windows) is available.
- Braille embossers and Perkins Braille Machines in addition to radio-cassette players and recorders, earphones and reading lamps can be borrowed.

• Services offered

- As a library, KNLS lends books out to individuals which can also be used on the spot.
- Story books and newspapers are read to the persons who are blind.
- Transcription to Braille of popular local materials. Two curriculums have already been transcribed: "Living with AIDS in the Community" and "About AIDS".
- KNLS is carrying out a pilot project of recording newspaper stories on compact cassettes.

Future Plans

The board intends to carry out a national survey to establish the actual need for information of the visually impaired persons in Kenya, and to acquire additional talking audio, multi-media computers and more reading materials in Braille.

Mwikhomo Unit for the Hearing Impaired

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Status: Ministry of Education programme

Disabilities targeted: Hearing impaired

Location of activities: Kakamega district

Organizational background: Mwikhomo unit offers primary education for the hearing impaired children in Kakamega district and its neighbouring districts.

The hearing impaired children have their own class in a school of normal hearing children. This plan works faster in the integration of the disabled children so as not to feel inferior or isolated. These children have boarding facilities within the school because they cannot make it as day scholars.

Activities

- The children with hearing impairment are taught using the 8-4-4 syllabus. Late starters and those with multiple disabilities are helped according to their needs i.e. self help skills, and vocational skills.
- Like other primary school children, they participate in co-curricular activities such as sports, games, drama and dance.

Challenges

- Getting specially trained teachers to handle pre-school children.
- To supplement food contributed by parents so as to maintain the children in school.
- Securing funds to pay the subordinate staff on the boarding side.

Nairobi Integrated Education Programme

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Field of work: Integrated education programme for visually impaired children.

Location of activities: Nairobi

Organizational background: The programme was set up by the Ministry of Education and Sight Savers International to create integrated units for visually impaired children into regular schools all over the country. In Nairobi, the Nairobi Integrated Education Programme created a special unit within Kilimani School.

Activities:

Identification and integration of children with visual impairment in regular institutions in Nairobi.

The coordinating office within Kilimani Primary School is in charge of identifying the children with visual impairment within schools (primary, secondary, college) and community (home based programme) so as to incorporate them into the special unit.

The Nairobi Integrated Education Programme consists of a network of schools which collaborates to identify children with visual impairment. 14 itinerant special teachers help kindergarten to identify the children with visual impairment. So far 190 visually impaired children have been integrated into regular schools. A contact teacher is posted in every school who works closely with our coordinating office.

• Community mobilization

The programme also deals with the mobilization of the community for educating the visually impaired children through Community Based organisations.

Additional information: Kilimani primary School also houses the Deaf blind unit run by the Ministry of Education to give quality programmes to the youth/ children who are Deaf blind

Challenges

- The expansion of the home based programme for identification.
- The development of awareness seminars for parents and opinion leaders.
- The reinforcement of the after-screening follow-up.
- The implementation of a computer literate programme (software for visually impaired).

Renguti Primary School

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Tania Integrated Rehabilitation Centre

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Institutional Status: CBO.

Disability targeted: All types of disabilities

Brief organizational background: Tania Integrated Rehabilitation Centre is a school and boarding residence for disabled, deaf, physically handicapped, and mentally challenged children. It is located in the heart of Maasai land. The centre was established to meet the special education needs of these physically impaired children in this district and its environs. A disproportionate number of Maasai children are born with physical impairment. As yet, the reason is unknown.

The Maasai are traditionally herdsman and as such are transitory, migrating over great distances according to the grazing needs of their cattle. They have no permanent homes and their children migrate too. They are 'neither' farmers, tradesmen nor businessmen. This situation, coupled with low literacy levels, called for the establishment of Tania to take care of orphans, and vulnerable children in this community.

Location of Activities Admits children from all over the country

Activities

- Feeding programme for 108 children.
- Offering formal education
- Conduct sign language seminars for the community.
- Collect data on HIV&AIDS prevalence among the children with disabilities.
- HIV&AIDS education through guidance and counseling.
- Organizing with health volunteers to treat children.
- Establish ear-mould making and hearing aids repair lab.
- Holding sensitization workshops for the parents of the children with disabilities

Challenges

- Inadequate infrastructure to accommodate more children at Tania Integrated Rehabilitation Centre
- Lack of financial resources to establish income generating activities.
- Lack of sustainability programs due to lack of funds.
- Need to employ a trained community nurse and a physio-therapist.
- Lack of equipment for recreation and therapy for the children at the centre. (television, swimming pool, balls etc)

Tom Mboya Unit for the Cerebral Palsied

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Institutional status: Government Ministry Programme

Disabilities targeted: Cerebral Palsy

Location of activities: Mombasa

Institutional background

Started in 1994 by the Ministry of Education (Inspectorate), assessment teachers and parents of cerebral palsied.

Activities

- Primary learning activities
- Physio and Occupational therapy
- Activities of daily living
- Extra curricular activities

Challenges

- Financial problems because most of the parents are unable to cater for the needs of these children.

Educational Assessment and Resource Centres (Earcs) in Kenya



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| 42. Narok EARC | P.O. Box 188, Narok |
| 43. West Pokot EARC | P.O. Box 163, Kapenguria |
| 44. Mwingi EARC | P.O. Box 52, Mwingi |
| 45. Meru North EARC | P.O. Box 407, Maua |
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| 50. Malindi EARC | P.O. Box 49, Gede |
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| 64. Trans Mara EARC | P.O. Box 19, Kilgoris |
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| 67. Gucha EARC | P.O. Box 121, Ogembo |
| 68. Nyando EARC | P.O. Ladhri Awasi |
| 69. Rachunyo EARC | P.O. Box 70, Kosele |
| 70. Kuria EARC | P.O. Box 60, Kehancha |
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| 73. Nandi South EARC | P.O. Box 36, Kapsabet |

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1 St. Francis Kapenguria,

Box 163, KAPENGURIA

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2 St. Lucys School for the Blind,

P.O. Box 122, EGOJI
064-22521/22538

3 Likoni School for the Blind,

P.O. Box 96089, MOMBASA
Tel: 0721-905462 (020-2136607)

4 St. Oda Sch, for the Blind,

P.O. Box 26, MASENO
Tel: 020-350018

5 Thika High School for the Blind,

P.O. Box 704, THIKA
Tel: 067-22092

6 Thika Primary School for the Blind,

P.O. Box 80, THIKA
Tel: 067-21691

7 Kibos School for the Blind,

P.O. Box 477, KISUMU

8 Ober Boys Boarding School for the Blind

Schools for the Deaf



LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF

1 St. Angelas Sec/Voc. School for the Deaf Girls,

P. O. Box 112, MUMIAS
P.o Box 235, MUMIAS
Tel: 056-641008

2 Kapsabet Sch. For the Deaf,

P. O. Box 377, Kapsabet

3 St. Lukes Special School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 1688, EMBU

4 Tumu Tumu School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 401, KARATINA
Tel: 061-22250

5 Kaaga School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 920, MERU
Tel: 064-31022
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6 Ngala School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 10002, NAKURU

7 St. Antony School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 1266, WEBUYE

8 Murang'a School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 1369, MURANG'A

9 Jaribu Primary School for the Deaf

10 Kambui School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 257, RUIRU
Tel: 0735-234960
020-2091354

11 St. Mary's Nyangoma Primary School for the Deaf,

P.O. Box 255, BONDO

12 Mumias primary School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 225, MUMIAS
Tel: 056-641007

13 Kuja Secondary School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 221, RONGO
Tel: 059-42057

14 Lisa Hola School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 78, HOLA

15 Kabarnet School for Deaf/blind,

P. O. Box 128, KABARNET

16 Machakos School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 943, MACHAKOS
Tel: 044-21538

17 Kwale School for the Deaf,

P. O. Box 89, KWALE

18 **Kitui School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 263, KITUI
Tel: 044-23053

19 **Nyandarua School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 232, Nyandarua

20 **Lambwe Christian School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 74, OGONGO

21 **Ziwani School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 86319, MOMBASA

22 **St. Kizito's Litein School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 79, LITEIN
Tel: 052-54281

23 **Isiolo School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 562, ISIOLO

24 **Komotobo School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 164, KEHANCHA

25 **St. Paul's Ntimaru School for the Deaf,**

P.O. NTIMARU

26 **Wajir School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 40, WAJIR

27 **Eldoret School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 6556, ELDORET

28 **Ebukuya School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 33, LUANDA
Tel: 0722279683

29 **Kakamega School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 1236, KAKAMEGA

30 **Rev. Charles Muhoro School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 278, MUKURWE-INI

31 **Nyangweso School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 46, NYANGWESO

32 **Maseno School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 11, Maseno

33 **Kerugoya School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 123, KERUGOYA
0721-567881 - Grace Murimi (HT)

34 **Kibarani School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 265, KILIFI

35 **Chekombero School for the Deaf,**

P.O. Box 84, CHAMAKANGA

36 **Kuja Primary School for the Deaf**

37 **Gianchere School for the Deaf**

38 Friends School Givavei, ●●

P.O. Box 76 - 50319, JEBROK VIHIGA

39 Iten School for the Deaf ●●

40 Kedowa Special School for the Deaf ●●

Tel: 0721566584

41 Gede Special School for the Deaf ●●

42 Njia Special School for the Deaf, ●●

P.O. Box 436, MAUA

43 Sipili Special School for the Deaf ●●

44 Moyale School for the Deaf ●●

P.O. Box 274, MOYALE Shinu (HT)
Tel: 0724681442

Schools for the Physically Handicapped



LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

1 Joytown Secondary School for the P.H,

P. O. Box 1370, THIKA
067-30588 / 0720655056

2 Mombasa Secondary School for P. H.

P. O. Box 86231, MOMBASA
020-3501045/ 0722303196/
0733170984

3 Joyland Secondary School for P. H,

P. O. Box 19491, KISUMU

4 Joyland Primary School for P.H,

P. O. Box 1790, KISUMU

5 Joytown Primary School for P.H,

Box 326, THIKA
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0721569220/067/21291

6 Masaku Primary for P.H,

P. O. Box 656, MACHAKOS
044-21723/
0721-229896

7 Joyvalley Kamatuni School for P.H,

P. O. Box 1293, BUNGOMA

8 Port Reitz Special School for P.H,

P. O. Box 98242, MOMBASA
041-3433426

9 Nyaburi Special School,

P.O. Box 49, KENDU BAY
0723866191

10 Daisy Children Centre,

P.O. Box 442, KAKAMEGA

11 Olkalau Special School,

P.O. Box 242, OL KALAU

12 Nalondo CBM Sch for P.H,

P.O. Box 1969, BUNGOMA

13 Nyamuga Special School for PH - Suba

P.O. Box 191, MBITA

Schools for the Cerebral Palsy



LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR THE CEREBRAL PALSY

1 Tom Mboya School for Cerebral Palsy, MOMBASA

2 St. Martin Deporres School for Cerebral Palsy, NYANDO

Schools For the Mentally Handicapped



LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

- 1 **Kisii Special School for the MH,**
P. O. Box 1087, KISII
058-30054
- 2 **Meru Special School for M.H.,**
P. O. Box 1217, MERU
- 3 **Waithaka Special School for M.H.,**
P. O. Box 59270, NAIROBI
Tel: 0727-305800
0736112100
0728630572
- 4 **Kaimosi Special School for MH,**
P. O. Box 54, TIRIKI
- 5 **Wandumbi Special School,**
P. O. Box 1337, NYERI
- 6 **Treeside Special School,**
P. O. Box 56306, NAIROBI
8560025
- 7 **Pwani Special School,**
P. O. Box 90067, MOMBASA
- 8 **Eldoret Special School for MH,**
P. O. Box 3130, ELDORET

9 **Wamunyu Special school for MH,**

P. O. Box 241, WAMUNYU
0735-710358

10 **Nuu Special School for M.H.**

P. O. Box 427, MWINGI

11 **Allamano Special School for MH,**

P. O. Box 14, NYERI
0722470689
0722260672

12 **Kiriko Special School,**

P. O. Box 91, GITUAMBA

13 **Ebusiratsi Special School for MH,**

P. O. Box 14, EMUHAYA
0720-270560

14 **Nyairichia Special School for MH,**

P. O. Box 291, NYAMIRA

15 **Venessa Grant School for MH,**

P. O. Box 6, RONGAI

16 **Lamu School for MH,**

P. O. Box 98, LAMU

17 **Obalwanda School for MH,**

P. O. Box 52, MBITA

18 **Garissa Special School,**

P. O. Box 1236, GARISSA

19 **St. Catherine's Butula School for MH,**

P. O. Box 17, BUTULA

20 **Nakuru Hills School for MH,**

P. O. Box 3424, NAKURU
Tel: 051-2210264
0722840125

21 **Kwale School for MH,**

P. O. Box 111, KWALE

22 **Kitui School for MH,**

P. O. Box 871, KITUI

23 **Lutheran School for MH,**

P. O. Box 1203, KISUMU

24 **Njoro Special School for MH,**

P. O. Box 359, NJORO

25 **Maria Magdalena Special School for MH,**

P. O. Box 3396, MADARAKA

26 **Jacaranda School for MH,**

P. O. Box 48615, NAIROBI

27 **Maranda School for MH,**

P. O. Box 287, BONDO

28 Nangina School for MH,

P. O. Box 371, FUNYULA

29 St. Georges Sinendet School for MH,

P. O. Box 4828, ELDORET

30 Karatina School for MH,

P. O. Box 403, KARATINA
Tel: 061-72570

31 Embu Special School for MH,

P. O. Box 788, EMBU
Tel: 068-30199
068-30926

32 Equator Round Table Special School for MH,

P. O. Box 74, RANGALA
Tel: 057-34152
0723473789
0728397209

33 Don Orione Special School for MH

34 Hope Special School for MH,

P. O. Box 33, MBITA

35 Khasoko Special School for MH,

P. O. Box 1940, BUNGOMA

36 Mathare Special Voc/Training Centre for MH

P. O. Box 77220, NAIROBI
Tel: 6766423

37 Ogande Special School for MH,

38 St. Teresa's Special School for MH,

P. O. Box 1109, WEBUYE

39 St. Ursulas Chamakanga Special School for MH,

P. O. Box 413, CHAMAKANGA

40 St. Martins Kisoko School for M. H.

41 Kipkelion Special School for MH,

P. O. Box 61, CHISENENDE

42 Nile Road Special School for MH

P. O. Box 20432, NAIROBI
791096

43 Dagoretti Special School,

P.O. Box 24756-00502, KAREN, NAIROBI
Tel: 569641
0722-299127

44 Mindililwo Special School for MH

45 Kirunguru Special School

46 Sir Ali Special School

47 **Kakoeni Special School**

48 **Hola School for the Mentally Handicapped**

49 **Ikuu Special School for MH**

P. O. Box 35, IKUU
0726305567
0733404843

50 **Poroko Special School**

P. O. Box 22, KILGORIS- 40700

51 **Ogango Special School for MH**

52 **Liiki Special School for MH**

P. O. Box 74, LAIKIPIA
Julia Wairimu - HT
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53 **Kipngosos Special School for the MH**

P. O. Box 27, SOTIK

54 **Rongo Nyagowa Primary School**

P.O. Box 188 KENDU BAY

Post Secondary Institutions



POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

1. **Machakos Technical Institute for the Blind**

P.O. Box 044-21295

2. **Karen Technical Training Institute for the Blind**

P.O. Box 24785, NAIROBI

Tel: 882872

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3. **St. Joseph's Nyangoma Technical Institute for the Deaf**

P.O. Box 33 BONDO

Tel: 0733683450

4. **Sikri Voc. Training Institute for the Blind and DeafBlind**

P.O. Box 194, OYUGIS

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**SCHOOLS WITH INTEGRATED UNITS
FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN**

Aga Khan
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Dagoretti Primary School
P.O. Box 24 756
Tel - 569641

Racecourse Unit
P.O. Box 48073
Tel - 764881

Joseph Kang'ethe Primary School
P.O. Box 20173
Tel - 0721-486876

**SCHOOLS WITH INTEGRATED UNITS
FOR INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN**

Acorn Special Tutorials
P.O. Box 21436,
Nairobi.
Tel -4348532

Githurai Primary School
Tel - 811118

Kilimani Primary School
Argwings Kodhek Road
Tel - 574897

Mbagathi Road Primary School
Mbagathi Road
Tel - 724221

Nile Road Unit
P.O. Box 20432
Tel - 791096

**Our Lady of Mercy
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Tel - 559325

Pumwani Primary School
P.O. Box 30075, Nairobi
Tel - 761310

Ronald Ngala Primary School
John Osogo Road
Tel - 789307

Saint Christopher's Preparatory School
Kindaruma Road
Tel - 561261/ 561272

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Lower Kabete Road
Tel - 582871

Salama School
P.O. Box 22636
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**SCHOOLS WITH INTEGRATED UNITS
FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN.**

Kilimani Primary School
Argwings Kodhek Road
Tel - 564869

Millenium Secondary School
Eldama Ravine Road
Tel - 745162/ 7439

Moi Girls' Secondary School
Joseph Kangethe Road
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