



Community Disability Advocacy Program Implementation Guidelines

Step 1: Community Needs Assessment

- Interview children and adults with disabilities (in 1:1 interviews and focus groups) to assess the prevalence, realities and needs of children living with disabilities in their community
- Interview families impacted by disability (in 1:1 interviews and focus groups) to assess the prevalence, realities and needs of children living with disabilities in their community
- Interview community leaders (in 1:1 interviews and focus groups) to assess the prevalence, realities and needs of children living with disabilities in their community

Step 2: Leader Workshops

- Identify and gather groups of 25 disabled persons organizations, pastors, traditional healers and government leaders from the community for a 1-day disability advocacy workshop
- Tailor disability advocacy workshop content, based on the needs assessment results
- Run three 1-day workshops: 1) for Pastors 2) for Traditional Healers and 3) For Government Leaders

Step 3: Parent and Caregiver Workshops

- Support trained leaders to identify families impacted by disability in their communities
- Support trained leaders to co-facilitate disability workshops for these families alongside disability professionals

Step 4: Parent Support Groups

- Support trained leaders and parents to form parent support groups
- Parent support groups meet regularly to provide one another support and to identify families impacted by disability and advocate for disability justice in their communities

Step 5: Community Disability Committees

- Support trained leaders and parents to establish community or regional Disability Committees
- Disability Committees meet regularly to identify families impacted by disability and advocate for disability justice in their communities including policy creation and implementation

Step 6: Expansion and Sustainability

- Trained leaders and parents continue identifying and advocating for families impacted by disability in their communities
- Trained leaders and parents who complete 3 months of disability advocate impact reports become certified as Kuhenza Disability Advocates
- Certified leaders and parents attend Kuhenza's Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop where they learn how to facilitate disability workshops
- The TOT master trainers facilitate disability workshops in their communities

For resources and technical support, contact kupenda@kupenda.org.