



Kupenda for the children

2020

ANNUAL REPORT



**IMPROVING CHILDRENS' LIVES
BY TRANSFORMING HARMFUL
BELIEFS SURROUNDING
DISABILITY**

Our Programs

ADVOCACY

Educating families and communities about the rights of children with disabilities and how to support them by advocating for their medical care, education, legal rights, and inclusion in all aspects of society

EDUCATION

Supporting children with disabilities to access appropriate, high-quality education while supporting the staff and infrastructure of their schools

MEDICAL

Connecting children with disabilities to appropriate medical services including surgeries, medications, and therapy

COVID RELIEF

In 2020, Kupenda also provided food, medicine, counseling and services referrals to more than 600 children with disabilities in need during the pandemic



Our Impact

2020

8,791,066

Community members sensitized to the value and rights of children with disabilities

20,372

Local caregivers trained as disability advocates

74,189

Children with disabilities provided with increased inclusion in their communities

8%

Proportion of operating funds raised by the Kenyan team

3¢ per day

Average cost per child to receive Kupenda's services

52,596

Children with disabilities helped through advocacy programming

18,224

Children with disabilities with improved access to education

3,378

Children with disabilities with improved access to medical care



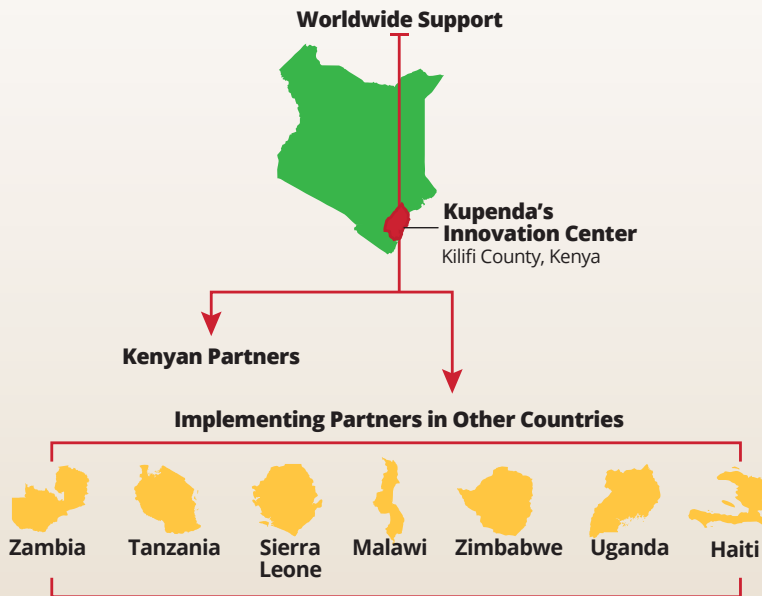
MEET FARIDA

The whole family feels grateful. Farida's father said, "Kupenda came at a time of great need to save lives. Long live Kupenda!"

A few years ago, Farida's family didn't think she could go to school because of her cerebral palsy and frequent seizures. However, Kupenda counseled them, explaining that Farida had a right to education. As a result, they enrolled her in school where she began to thrive.

Unfortunately, in 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic caused Farida's school to shut down and her father's wine-making business to struggle. The family was soon only able to afford one meal per day.

Kupenda learned of their challenges and delivered them food and anti-seizure medication for Farida. Now the family eats three meals per day and is able to work on improving their own business, rather than seeking jobs to survive the pandemic. Farida hasn't had any seizures in more than eight months. She's also been helping her community by sharing Covid-19 prevention tips... like reminding everyone to wash their hands!



Going Global!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2020

- ~ **Developed 19 resources** that document our disability advocacy approaches and shared them with 59 international and Kenyan organizations
- ~ **13 partners downloaded our disability training materials** through our open source online library
- ~ Helped establish "Lilato Initiative," a **new Zambian disability justice organization modeled after Kupenda** that has already sensitized thousands of Zambians about disability justice and improved the lives of hundreds of children
- ~ Supplied technical support to World Relief Malawi to conduct a disability training for **14 World Relief staff from 10 countries**
- ~ In Haiti, provided Covid-19 technical support and resources to **Help for Haiti** and **Pazapa**
- ~ Presented seven times on our program approaches and results at **four global conferences**
- ~ Shared our disability model and resources with 72 international development professionals and **five global technical working groups**
- ~ Partnered with development organizations in 8 countries to **replicate our advocacy trainings**



MEET THOMAS

Thanks to Kupenda's support, this young man is now ambitiously pursuing his dream of becoming a carpenter – even during the pandemic!

Thomas was born deaf to an impoverished family. When he was young, he and his eight siblings often went hungry.

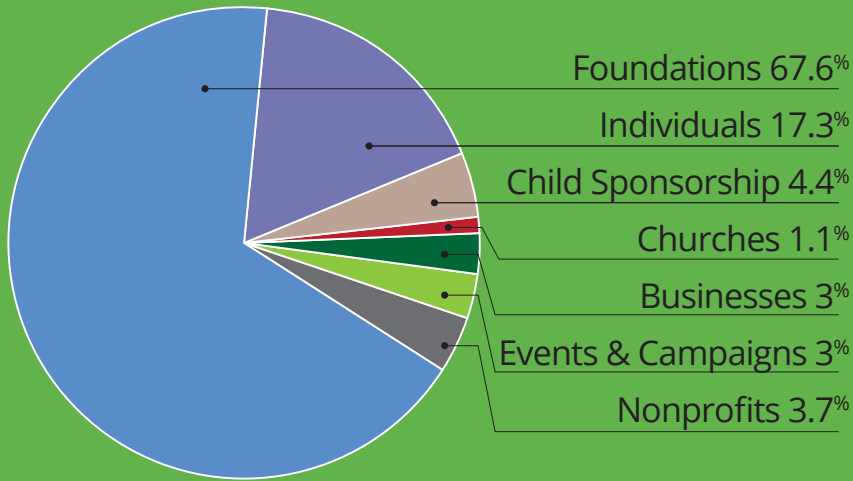
Fortunately, at 12 years old, a Kupenda child sponsor helped Thomas enroll in school where he received three meals each day, learned sign language, and made many friends. By high school, he'd also become a star athlete and competed in Kenya's national games. Thomas' success inspired him to dream of one day becoming a carpenter.

Kupenda also counseled Thomas' parents about his rights and they soon began attending his school events, including him in family activities, and advocating for his rights.

In March of 2020, Thomas's school closed due to Covid-19 and he returned home. However, he has not been idle during the pandemic. Instead, he's started to pursue his dream of becoming a carpenter by using his quarantine time to build his own house!

Income

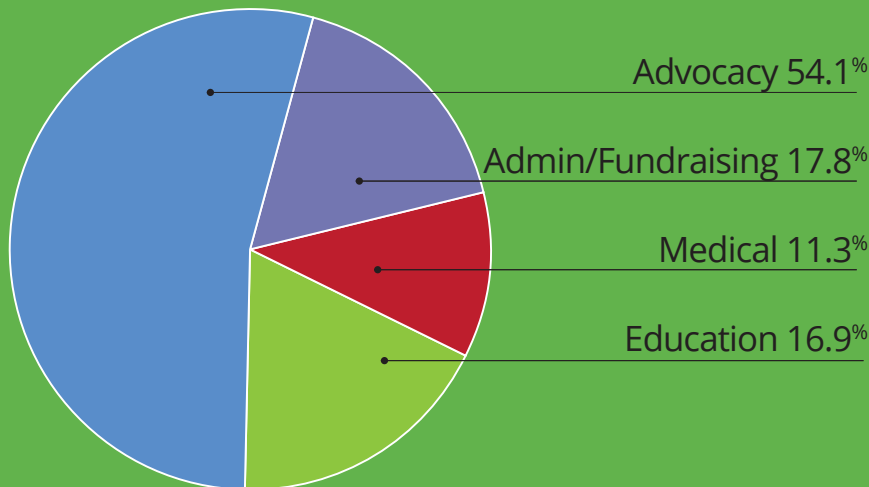
\$1,103,571



- 75% increase in US income from FY19
- 14% increase in total income from FY19
- 8% of income from Kenyan sources
- Decrease in event fundraising income due to Covid-19 cancellations

Expenses

\$770,702



- 8% increase in US-funded expenses from FY19
- 11% of expenses funded from Kenyan sources
- Due to pandemic response and school closures, increased medical and food relief expenses, decreased education expenses

NOTE: Difference in FY20 income and expenditures reflects grants for FY21 activities given at the end of FY20.

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