



Kupenda for the
children

2021
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.

Our Impact

2021

4,352

Leaders and caregivers trained as advocates for children with disabilities in their homes and communities

1,751,949*

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

73,186*

Children with disabilities experiencing increased love and inclusion by their community members

3¢ per day

Average cost per child to receive Kupenda's Medical, Education or Advocacy services

46,950*

Children with disabilities supported through advocacy activities

22,742

Children with disabilities with improved access to education

3,494

Children with disabilities with improved access to medical care

**Program reach calculations are based on Kupenda's participant data and activity reports, as well as Kenya's population estimates.*



MEET PASTOR ZAKI AND LOICE

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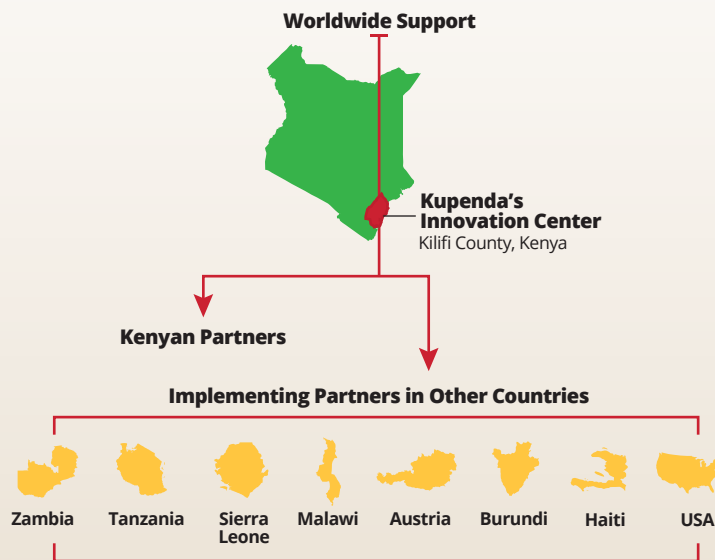
I used to have this girl in my church. Her name is Loice, and she has a hearing impairment. At first I felt bad and at a loss because I could not attend to her needs fully because there was a communication barrier.

[However], immediately after I underwent [Kupenda’s] pastors’ training, I advocated for her rights by paying a visit to her home to advise her grandparents to take her for assessment for school. She was placed at Kibarani School for the Deaf.

Her life has changed since she joined school. She is more friendly and communicates using sign language. And where she thinks she has not been understood, she uses a pen and paper to write.

At the church, she is more jovial and is accepted by all the members, at school, her boarding fees are paid [by a Kupenda child sponsor]and during the COVID-19 pandemic she received food support.”

THIS YEAR, OUR INTERNATIONAL WORK IMPROVED THE LIVES OF 73,186 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN 9 COUNTRIES!



Global Expansion Update

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2021

- ~ **9 NGOs** from Burundi, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Austria, Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania, Haiti, and the U.S. **downloaded our disability training and assessment materials** to help make their programs more inclusive.
- ~ We developed and **disseminated 20 new disability training guides and resources**, including our Disability Handbook, Counseling Skills Training Guide, 17 Child Counseling and Care Tools, and 10 related training videos.
- ~ We finalized or drafted **8 technical papers on disability** and sexual and reproductive health, mental health, COVID-19, employment, poverty, violence, education, and stigma.
- ~ We **participated in 42 disability advocacy events** by attending two Crip Camp, 15 IDDC and 20 Core Group meetings, and by facilitating six disability trainings and community sensitization events.
- ~ We facilitated a disability training for 35 **World Relief** staff in Malawi and Burundi.
- ~ We met and networked with other global nonprofits through **18 conferences and technical working groups**.
- ~ We met with **54 international NGO and 80 Kenyan NGO representatives** to help make their programs more inclusive.
- ~ We facilitated an NGO disability training for 18 NGO staff and a **disability training webinar that was attended by 3,035 people**.

Stephen



STEPHEN HELPS A CHILD ESCAPE ABUSE

The mother is grateful to have had support from Stephen, Kupenda, the therapist, and the CPC. She also feels better equipped to keep her child safe.

Last year, one of our volunteers, Stephen, (who has a disability and benefitted from Kupenda's support) was completing a COVID-19 survey with a caregiver, when he learned that her son was being sexually abused by his father.

After Stephen reported this in our Child Case Management mobile app, the app notified our Kenyan staff about the situation as an "emergency." Then they were able to intervene the same day, ensuring the child was safe from the father.

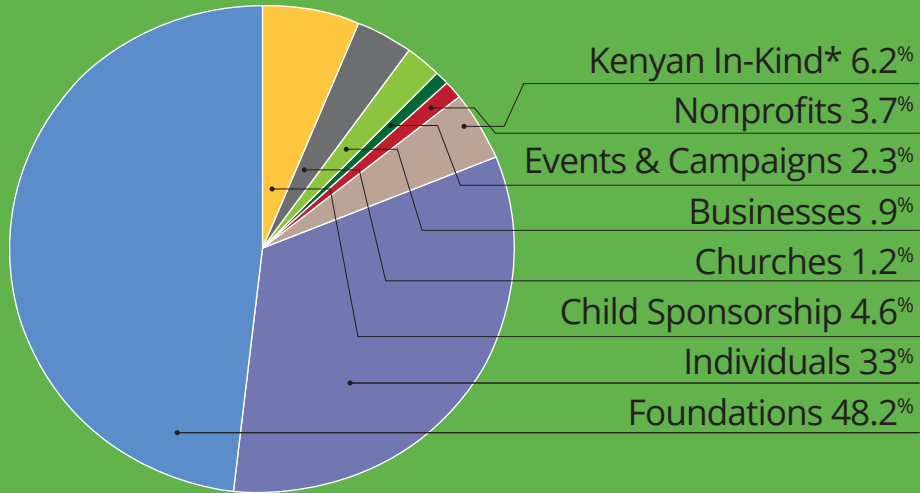
Our staff then worked with the local Child Protection Center (CPC) and a therapist who specializes in this kind of trauma. Together, they visited the family and counseled the child.

After three visits from the Kuhenza staff and the therapist, the traumatized child finally shared about the abuse. The therapist then advised the family about how to access appropriate medical care and legal support. She also helped them develop a safety plan to prevent future abuse.

The local court is now prosecuting the father. The mother is grateful to have had support from Stephen, Kupenda, the therapist, and the CPC. She also feels better equipped to keep her child safe. We are now following up with her regularly to ensure she is accessing the care she needs and following the safety plan to protect her son.

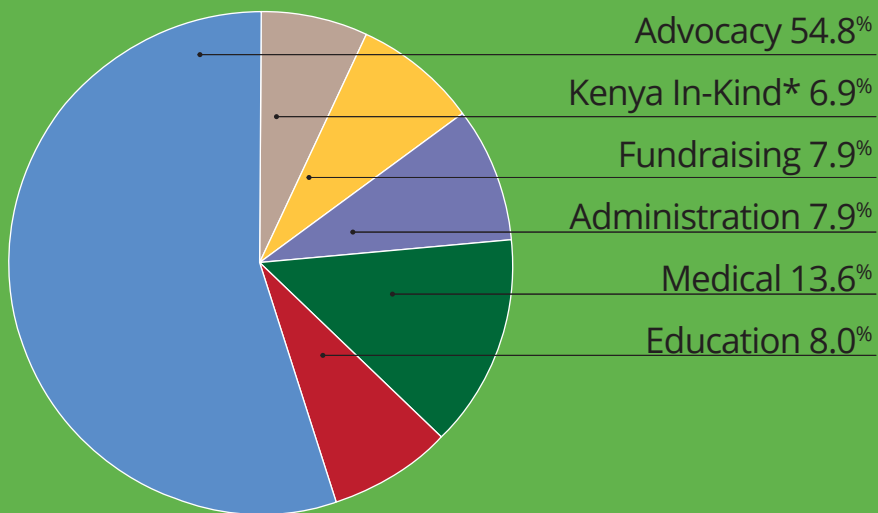
Income

\$1,004,690



Expenses

\$893,105



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