

# 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 groups** of 25 disabled persons organization (DPO) members, pastors, traditional healers, and government leaders from the community and invite them to attend a one-day disability advocacy workshop.
- **Tailor disability advocacy workshop content**, based on the needs assessment results.
- **Run four one-day workshops:** 1) for DPO members 2) for pastors, 3) for traditional healers, and 4) 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 advocacy trainings for these families** alongside disability professionals.

## Step 4: Parent Support Groups

- Support trained leaders and parents to form **parent support groups**.
- Ensure parent support groups begin meeting regularly to provide one another support, to identify families impacted by disability, and to **advocate for disability justice** in their communities.

## Step 5: Community Disability Committees

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

## Step 6: Community Needs Assessment

- Support trained leaders and parents in **continuing to identify and advocate** for families impacted by disability in their communities.
- Certify trained leaders and parents who complete 3 months of disability advocate impact reports as official **Kuhenza Disability Advocates**.
- Invite certified leaders and parents to attend Kuhenza's **Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop** where they learn how to facilitate disability workshops.
- Support the TOT master trainers in **facilitating disability workshops** in their communities.

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