



2022

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

2022

60,141

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

2,386

Children with disabilities with improved access to education

2,105

Children with disabilities with improved access to medical care

145,000

People with disabilities benefitted from Kupenda's influence on local policy changes

4¢ perday

Average cost per child to receive Kupenda's services



NO LONGER ALONE: ESTHER'S STORY

“Thank you so much Kupenda. It is through you that my children are loved, accepted, and included in the family and the community at large.”

Esther felt alone because she had to hide away for the safety of her daughters, Doreen and Dorius. Like so many parents of children with disabilities, the community blamed Esther for her children's microcephaly. Neighbors said she must have done something wrong to be punished this way. Some even said her children would die.

One day, however, another mother of a child with a disability invited Esther to attend a family disability workshop hosted by Kupenda. Afterwards, she was referred to a parent support group organized by a Kupenda-trained traditional healer. In this group, parents of children with disabilities supported one another through shared experiences and a small farm. They also advocated for other families affected by disability in the community.

Both the workshop and the support group equipped Esther to enroll her daughters in school and to help other families. Today, Esther no longer feels alone.

Esther summarized, *“Thank you so much Kupenda. It is through you that my children are loved, accepted, and included in the family and the community at large. They are now enjoying their right to education and proper care.”*

THIS YEAR, OUR INTERNATIONAL WORK IMPROVED THE LIVES OF 60,141 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN 18 COUNTRIES!



Benin



Kenya



Sudan



Burkina Faso



Malawi



Tanzania



Burundi



Mozambique



Uganda



DRC



Niger



U.S.A



Ethiopia



Rwanda



Zambia



Ghana



Sierra Leone



Zimbabwe

Global
Expansion
Update

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2022

- ~ **14 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)** from Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Rwanda, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, DRC, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Niger, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Uganda, and the **U.S. used our disability advocacy approaches and materials** to make their programs more inclusive.
- ~ We partnered with University of Virginia and ResultsLab data experts on a program needs assessment and data analysis project to **identify our most effective interventions and quantify and share the impact of these best practices.**
- ~ We developed and disseminated **25 new disability training guides and resources**, including a disability advocate agreement and certification system, child safeguarding policies, and a toolkit of family counseling guides.
- ~ We developed **12 fact sheets** on topics such as disability and public health and disability and poverty to raise awareness about the prevalence and intersectionality of disability in the development sector.
- ~ We facilitated **6 disability trainings for 157** staff from World Vision, Hope Walks, Autism Beyond Borders, and the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Committee.
- ~ We provided disability training, consultation, and material support to Catholic Relief Services, World Hope International, and Cure International that equipped them **to train 391 leaders as disability advocates in 16 countries.**
- ~ We networked with global nonprofits by participating in **3 conferences and 13 technical working groups and networks.**
- ~ We met with **72 international NGO and 128 Kenyan NGO representatives** to help make their programs more inclusive.



FULLY INCLUDED: DANIEL'S JOURNEY

“Like many in the community, Pastor Musinda believed witchcraft was the cause of most disabilities until he attended Kupenda’s disability workshop.”

Due to birth complications that ultimately took his mother’s life, Daniel was born with cerebral palsy. His father left him in the care of his grandmother, who lacked the resources and knowledge to fully support him. Additionally, Daniel’s community believed his seizures and inability to walk were the result of witchcraft. This left the family feeling alienated from others.

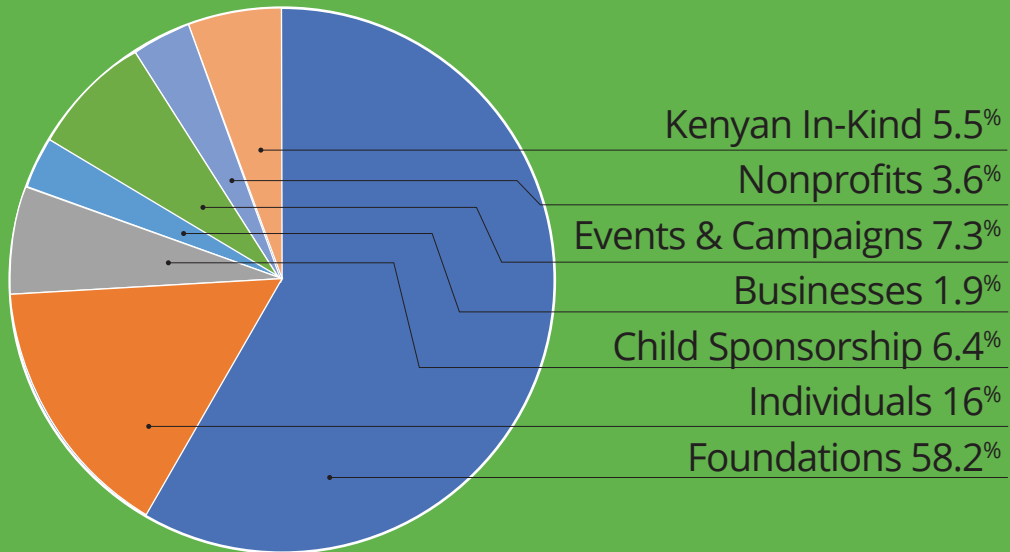
Like many in the community, Pastor Musinda also believed witchcraft was the cause of most disabilities until he attended Kupenda’s one-day disability workshop for Christian leaders. The workshop helped him understand that disabilities have biological causes. He also learned how to counsel and include families affected by disability.

Today, due to Pastor Musinda’s efforts, Daniel is in school, his seizures are under control, and his family is part of the church. He is even walking independently!

Daniel’s grandmother said, *“Pastor Musinda’s counseling sessions became a turning point to my grandson’s quality of life. Through his effort, the church members supported me with transport to enable Daniel to access consistent therapy services and epilepsy medication. The church members welcomed us to church and, since then, we feel part of the church because of the love we are experiencing.”*

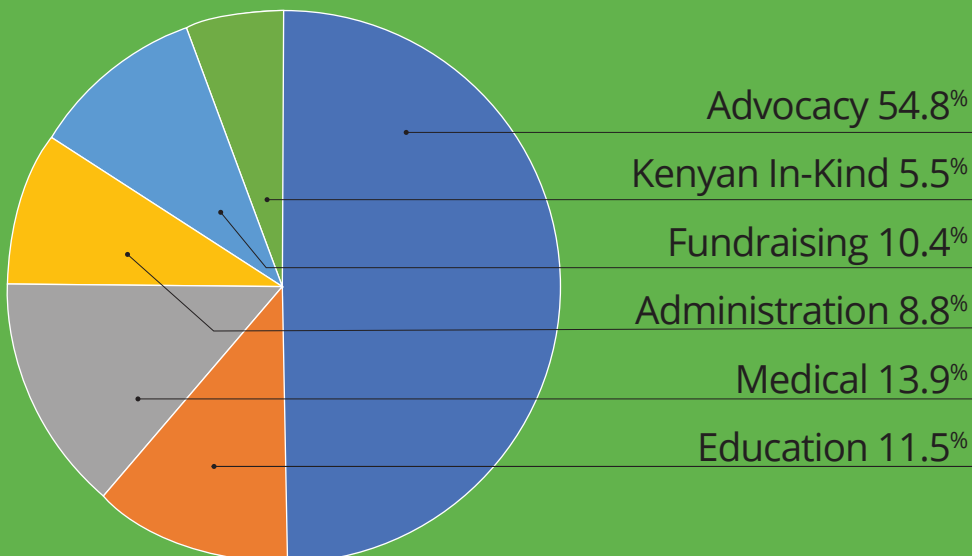
Income

\$916,460



Expenses

\$911,382



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