



*...hope for children
with special needs.*

MUKISA FOUNDATION



Annual Report

2024

Letter from the CEO

2024 has been a year of many firsts! It was the year we hosted our first international summit, launched our largest awareness campaign outside Kampala, welcomed our biggest volunteer teams, successfully transitioned to a fully digital reporting system for the first time since our inception, also marked the introduction of our first Communications Officer and Monitoring and Evaluation Officer.

These milestones are a testament to a team that is not only committed to growth but also willing to embrace the unknown to serve better. The tenacity and adaptability demonstrated by our team throughout these transitions have been truly inspiring. As their leader, I have witnessed an unwavering dedication to excellence, giving me full confidence in their ability to rise to every challenge. Of course, our greatest inspiration remains the parents and children we serve. Their resilience in the face of numerous challenges and setbacks has been a profound lesson in perseverance for all of us. Their strength and hope continue to fuel our commitment to making a lasting impact.

2025 marks our 19th year, a significant milestone as we transition beyond our formative years. We dedicate this year to refining our model, strengthening our strategies, and tying up loose ends in preparation for the large-scale expansion of our programs. Our goal is to reach children in every region of this country, ensuring that no child, family or community is left behind. Building on the lessons of previous years, we are committed to forging new partnerships, expanding our outreach, and fostering meaningful collaborations in Uganda, Africa and the entire world. Our deepest desire remains to ensure that every child, both in this nation and beyond, has access to at least one intervention that brings them closer to a life of dignity and purpose. This is the hope we hold for every child and family navigating the journey of disability.

We are also deeply grateful to our partners who have believed in us and supported us through these 18 years of hope. Your trust and generosity in sharing your resources and platforms is the reason we are still here today. We can never thank you enough or take it for granted.

As we step into the new year, we do so with greater strength and confidence, knowing that if we could navigate 2006 to 2024 successfully, there is nothing we cannot overcome and achieve together.

On behalf of the entire Mukisa Foundation family, I wish you a 2025 that is better than any other filled with hope and every blessing.

Florence Namaganda,
Founder/ Director, Mukisa Foundation



This Annual Report is dedicated to the 25 children we lost in 2024.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones, who keep their memory alive with love and resilience. Though they are no longer with us, their presence remains in our hearts.

May they Rest in Peace.

Disability in Uganda

Approximately 15% of the global population lives with a disability (WHO, 2011), 93 million of whom are children. In Uganda, 19–24% of the population has some form of disability (UBOS, 2014) with an estimated 3–4.5 million being children.

Compounding the issue is the fact that people affected by disability are the most marginalized in accessing basic services needed to live a quality life. Only 5–15% of people with disabilities have access to basic services including healthcare, education and assistive devices worldwide (WHO 2011). This has significant consequences on the persons affected including high mortality rates, unemployment, sexual abuse, stigmatization, discrimination and endemic poverty. Most children with moderate to severe disabilities do not reach their 10th birthday (UNICEF, 2014). The caregivers of children with disabilities are often isolated and left with the heavy-duty of taking care of their children single-handedly and without any support.

The lack of adequate service provision for people with disabilities is attributed to negative attitudes and beliefs, lack of awareness about the needs of persons with disabilities, limited skills and capacity of service providers and professionals, fragmented and uncoordinated efforts of CSOs and, inadequate resource allocation, poor policy implementation and low commitment by the government. In the last forty years, the government has taken steps to address the service provision gap in the disability space including the creation of legal frameworks and policies such as the Constitution, the Disability Act and the ratification of different international charters and conventions such as the UNCRPD and SDGs.

The private sector and Civil Society Organisations have also grown in terms of the number of entities that are working directly and indirectly with persons with disabilities.

These efforts by the public, private and development sector although commendable is largely inadequate quality, uncoordinated, small and fragmented. This has left out a significant portion of would-be beneficiaries and for those that are reached, the fragmented nature of services rendered fails to have a meaningful impact on their quality of life. There is a need for holistic approaches that not only address the multiple root causes of the problem but also provide all the basic services needed by persons with disabilities under one roof.



About Us

Vision

Children with disabilities thriving in strong, resourceful, and resilient families.

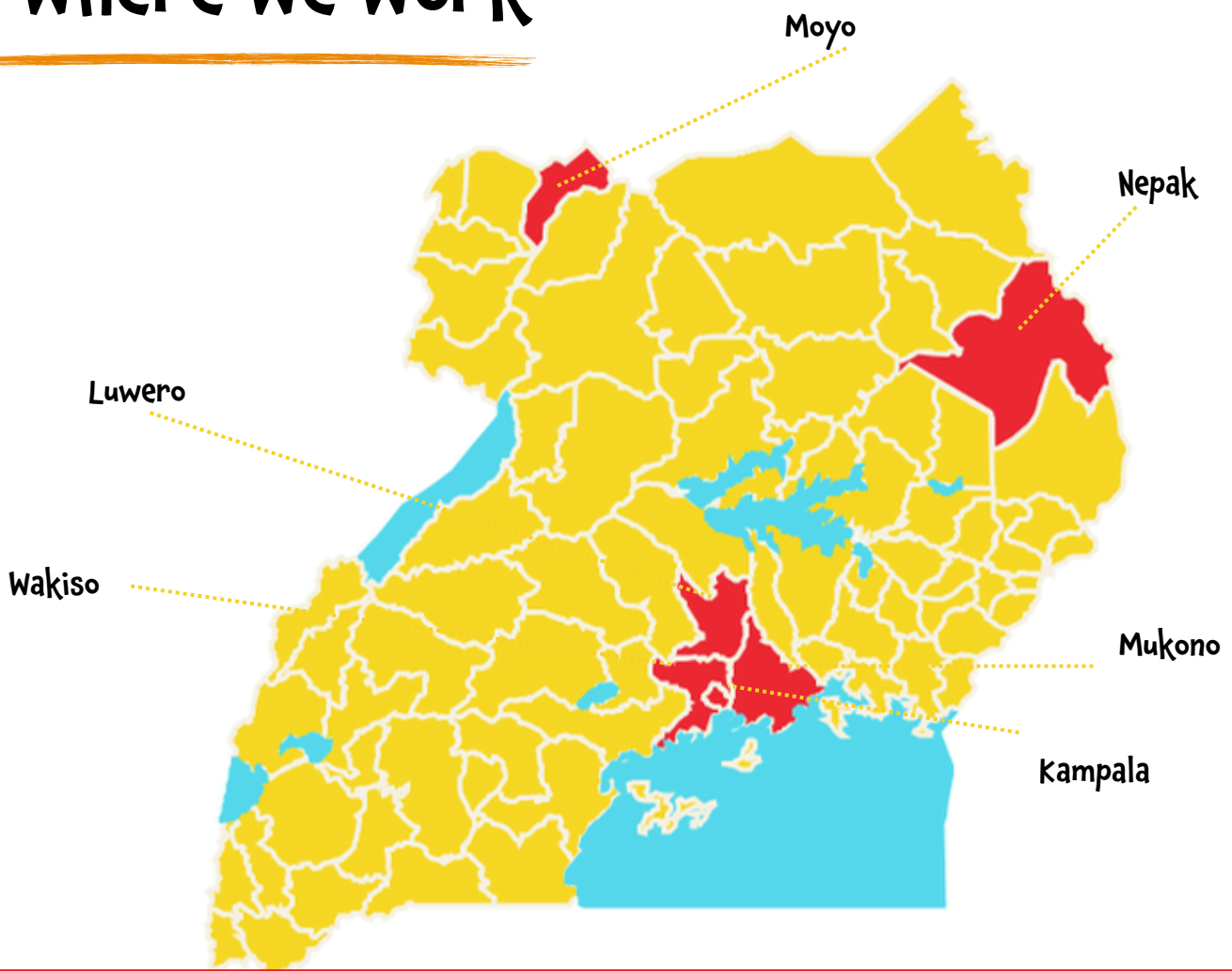
Mission

Empowering families and communities to provide a nurturing and supportive environment for children with Disabilities to live purposeful lives to their full potential.

The Mukisa Foundation is a non-governmental organization [NGO] based in Kampala Uganda, that enables families with children who have disabilities to provide a nurturing and supportive environment so they can lead full and purposeful lives. Mukisa Foundation uses a holistic child-centered 360 model that includes health, education, family empowerment, capacity building, advocacy and Awareness programs.

Mukisa Foundation was founded in 2006 as a small drop-in centre with 8 children but now serves over 5000 children in Kampala, outreach locations and through partnerships with other organisations in rural and hard to reach areas.

Where We Work



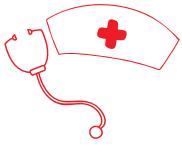
Our 360 Approach

Mukisa works with over 5,000 children and families using a comprehensive and holistic child-centered approach, which is in line with the World Health Organisation (WHO) CBR model.

The 360 model comprises 4 different components/programs, as highlighted below:



2024 Highlights & Impact



3,568

Children received therapy, medical, nutrition services and assistive devices.



>\$9,300

Saved by parents under their Kwagalana Savings Group

3,978

Children reached through Homebased Care

37

Parents businesses supported /boosted.

2,458

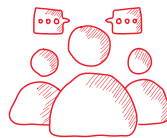
Patients served at Berakah Medical Centre

- Hosted the first ever African Disabilities Summit on Assistive Technology in Uganda
- Hosted the National 9th Annual Awareness Day.
- Conducted over 10 other awareness and advocacy events



25

Learners successfully graduated





Program Highlights

Health

Quality medical care, nutrition, and surgical support are essential components of our health programming, as they are fundamental to a child's ability to thrive. Many of the children we serve have complex health conditions requiring one or more of these interventions at different stages. Our team works diligently to ensure access to these critical services while providing ongoing follow-up to assess the effectiveness of interventions and support families in integrating them into daily routines.

We collaborate with leading referral hospitals and specialists, including Mulago, Lubaga, Butabika, and CORSU, as well as individual medical experts. However, the high costs of these services and gaps in coordination and communication between specialists and families often hinder the effectiveness of care.

Through our partnership with Berakhah Medical Centre, we aim to establish a Centre of Excellence for Disability Prevention and Management. This facility will consolidate essential services under one roof, improving coordination, enhancing quality standards, and ensuring that children receive timely and holistic care

Therapy and Rehabilitation Programs:

We provide a diverse range of therapeutic services, including Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Therapy. These services are specifically designed to support children dealing with developmental, physical, and communication challenges.

Our skilled therapists work closely with each child and family member to design personalized treatment plans that aim to enhance motor skills, improve functional abilities, and foster speech development. Our goal is to get each child to gain as much independence as possible based on their potential.

Through this initiative, we have successfully delivered therapeutic services to **3,356** children, with 132 receiving assistive devices as part of our rehabilitation efforts. Sadly this number reduced significantly due to limited access to assisted devices in the country. Our integrated approach ensures that every child receives the dedicated care and support vital for their growth and development.

132

Children received
Assistive Devices

3,978

Children were
reached through our
Home Based
Care/Outreach
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3,356

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Health

Berakhah Medical Centre: Advancing Holistic Healthcare and Disability Prevention

Berakhah Medical Centre, located in Wakiso Town Council, provides quality, holistic medical services with a strong focus on disability prevention and management. Over the years, we have observed that many children under our care acquired disabilities due to preventable causes during pregnancy, at birth, or within the first two years of life.

To address this, Berakhah offers comprehensive antenatal care, ensuring that expectant mothers receive the necessary support to deliver in safe and conducive environments. Postnatally, our midwives and village health teams conduct regular follow-ups to monitor the well-being of both mother and child, ensuring that developmental milestones are met.

To further support community health, we run specialized clinics for immunization, epilepsy, dentistry, and nutrition. Additionally, our team conducts mass deworming and health education campaigns in neighboring schools and communities. In the past year, a total of **2,458** patients received medical care at the center, including 19 successful deliveries and **36** referrals for caesarean sections. As we look to the future, we aim to expand our services by constructing a surgical theatre to cater to referred patients within our facility.

2,458

Served through
Berakhah Medical
Centre.



Health

The Mobility hub

Berakhah Medical Centre is also home to the Mobility Hub, a specialized facility for the production and refurbishment of therapy and rehabilitation equipment. Using materials such as, wood, aluminum and foam, the hub produces essential assistive devices, including positioning aids like standers, side positioners, wedges, rolls and mats, as well as mobility devices such as, walkers, crutches, parallel bars and wheelchairs.

This year, despite a nationwide scarcity of new wheelchairs, the hub successfully refurbished and distributed **132** wheelchairs to children in need, thanks to the expertise and resourcefulness of our dedicated team. As demand continues to grow, we are actively seeking new partnerships to secure a steady supply of wheelchairs and assistive devices to support the many children still on our waiting list.

Home Based Care and outreaches

Throughout 2024, our dedicated team, comprised of professionals from the Education, Social Work, Therapy and Medical departments, has been conducting home visits as part of our home-based care program. This initiative enables us to offer comprehensive follow-up care, coordinate hospital visits, assess individual needs, and provide therapeutic support to children within the community.

As a result of these efforts, we have successfully reached **3,978** children, ensuring they receive the essential care and support necessary for their well-being and development.

New Initiatives

This year, we launched monthly mental health workshops at both the Lungujja and Berakhah Medical Centres. In addition, we established an outreach center at St. Lilian's Orphanage in Busiika.



Education

This year we not only had the highest rates of attendance, but retention in both vocational and catch-up classes, thanks to the free shuttle services that provide daily transport for the students. This led to a lot of progress among all our children.

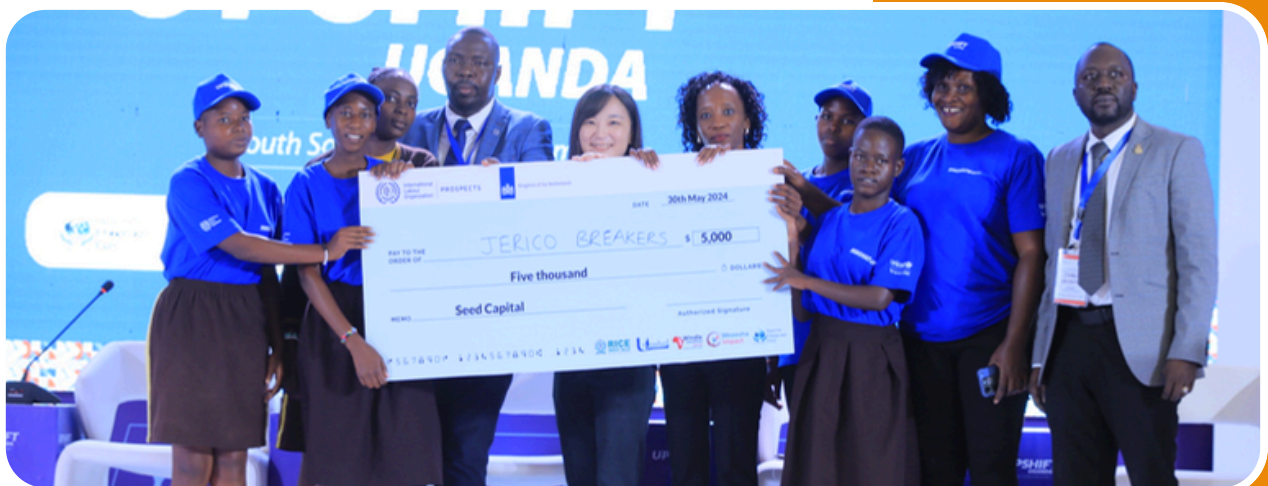
A significant highlight of our year was:

The Mukisa Stars (Jericho Creative Kids)

Mukisa vocational class made us exceptionally proud by winning \$5,000 in a national entrepreneurship competition! This prestigious competition, organized by Wazeshu Impact, aimed to promote entrepreneurship among youth by challenging them to create innovative business ideas. The 1,200 participants were required to form groups and pitch their ideas to a distinguished panel of judges from around the world. After a series of rigorous eliminations, our students, under the group name Jericho Breakers, emerged as one of the top 10 winners. Notably, Jericho Breakers was the only group among the top 10 that was comprised of persons with disabilities. Their award-winning business idea involves producing briquettes from waste materials collected from the Kosovo slum, located close to the Mukisa Centre. This business initiative not only provides a source of income for the students but also promotes environmental sustainability by encouraging recycling and proper waste disposal practices. We are deeply grateful to Wazeshu Impact for fostering inclusion by providing our students with the opportunity to participate in this national event, which would typically be inaccessible to them. We eagerly anticipate the continued success of the Jericho Breakers' business and their commitment to promoting practices that benefit both society and the environment.

\$5000

awarded to the Mukisa Vocational Class for winning in a National Entrepreneurship Competition!



Education

Celebrating the Graduation of Mukisa Inclusive Village's Vocational Training Graduates"

In December, we celebrated the graduation of the third cohort of 20 dedicated students who successfully completed their training through the National Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) in the areas of Farming, catering and tailoring.

This was a very unique cohort and a first for us as an organisation. This comprised of 11 youths with disabilities and 9 teenage mothers without disabilities. Most of the teenage girls had children who were severely malnourished and at risk of getting disabilities. The program provided care and support to the girls and their children ensuring that they received the much needed medical care and a chance to have a better livelihood through skills training.

To support their next steps, each graduate was provided with tailored starter packs to help them kickstart their careers in their chosen fields and a year of mentorship .

20

students successfully completed their training and graduated in different vocational skills



Education

Interns and volunteers

Mukisa Foundation's strong commitment to capacity building is evident in its welcoming and supportive environment for volunteers and interns. By hosting individuals like Emi, the foundation enables professional development and creates opportunities for cross-cultural learning and knowledge exchange.

Interns engage in outreach projects, work directly with children with disabilities, and collaborate with experienced professionals, gaining valuable skills such as independence, cultural sensitivity, and improved communication. This approach not only supports the growth of interns but also aligns with the foundation's mission to empower children with disabilities.

Meet **Emi Stubble**, a 20-year-old from Belgium and a final-year student pursuing a bachelor's degree in Social Educational Care Work.

“ I chose Uganda for my internship mainly because of the cultural differences. I wanted to challenge myself by stepping outside of my comfort zone and experiencing the world from a new perspective. ”

During the three months Emi spent at Mukisa, she was immersed in numerous learning opportunities, participated in outreach projects, and worked closely with children with various disabilities. She also had the chance to learn from experts with diverse perspectives and gained valuable experience working independently with the children.

While saying goodbye, Emi praised Mukisa for its professional growth opportunities, highlighting that what makes Mukisa special is its warm, welcoming atmosphere. She expressed gratitude for colleagues who were eager to teach and share their knowledge, making her feel included and part of the team. Emi described her time at Mukisa as an incredibly rewarding experience, both personally and professionally.

“ Beyond the professional and academic growth, traveling alone to a completely different continent has taught me so much about independence, cultural sensitivity and improved my English communication skills. Most importantly, I have gained valuable insights into the lives of children with disabilities. ”



[click here to see our Instagram post](#)

Social-Economic Empowerment

Kwagalana Savings Group

Kwagalana Savings Group: This group helps parents save for their children's needs and developmental goals. By the end of 2024, 63 parents had collectively saved Ugx.34,470,500

Self Help Groups

Our Programs integrates psycho-social support, entrepreneurship training, personalised mentorship, and cash based interventions to meet both immediate financial needs and long term economic empowerment for families of children with disabilities. These families often face significant poverty due to limited access to stable employment, inadequate educational opportunities, stigma, and the added financial burden of caregiving. The program operates through self-help groups where parents participate in activities such as savings and credit, vocational skills development, and financial management training. Groups like

Kwagalana Liquid Soap and Events, Hope Savings and Loans and Kwagalana Skillset .

Fathers' Breakfast

The annual breakfast meeting that took place on June 24, 2024, was a valuable initiative for fathers of children with disabilities. It offered them a chance to better understand their crucial role in their children's lives. The event brought together 38 fathers, providing a platform for them to connect, learn, and grow in their caregiving abilities. Dr. Abiira from Berakhah Medical Centre addressed the fathers' general health, emphasizing the importance of their well-being in supporting their children. Head Therapist Ahimbisibwe Polly shared insights on disability management and therapy, equipping fathers with practical tools to enhance their children's lives.

Mothers' Pampering Day

This annual event is designed to celebrate mothers for their incredible work in caring and providing for their children with disabilities. On June 1, 2024, we hosted a beach event for mothers, offering relaxation activities to honor their dedication. Many mothers have put their own needs aside, and for some, it had been a long time since they last had time off for themselves. The event recognized their strength and resilience while encouraging them to embrace moments of self-care and joy.

\$9300

saved through
the Kwagalana
Saving Group

14

mothers completed their
hairdressing training with
a certificate from
Directorate of industrial
training

Social-Economic Empowerment

Annual General Meeting & Graduation

On December 18th and 19th, Mukisa hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Centre and Inclusive Village on Bussi Island. This important event allowed beneficiaries to provide feedback and share reports about the past year. Parents offered testimonies, discussed lessons learned, and made requests to the foundation while reflecting on both the progress made and the challenges faced throughout the year.

The AGM was followed by a lively school concert, which showcased the students' talents. Following the concert, 25 students proudly graduated after successfully completing their respective courses. The celebrations concluded with a Christmas party for parents, marking a festive end to the year.

As part of the holiday festivities, 181 of the neediest families received Christmas food and care hampers, to ensure that the children maintain the nutritional milestones achieved and the family gets a chance to having a dignified holiday season.

Siblings' Days

Siblings' Day is a dedicated program for brothers, sisters and other children aged 4–17 who play a vital role in caring for children with disabilities. Held three times a year during school holidays, the program aims to help siblings better understand and navigate the unique challenges and family dynamics associated with disability, while ensuring a nurturing and supportive environment. Other topics such as social skills, agency, children's rights and wellbeing are emphasised in a fun way. our goal is to give the siblings a platform and a space for self expression and development .

“ I enjoyed making something special that I can take home. It was nice to be around other kids who understand what it's like to care for a sibling like mine. ”



Advocacy & Awareness

African Disabilities Summit on Assistive Technology

The Mukisa Foundation, in collaboration with the African Disability Collaboration (ADC), successfully hosted the African Disability Summit on July 5, 2024, at the UMA Multipurpose Hall in Kampala. This pivotal event uniting voices from Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Lesotho, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and our own Uganda aimed to enhance assistive technologies for children with disabilities across Africa and gathered over 275 participants, including members of Parliament, disability organization representatives, parents, educators, and healthcare professionals.

The summit with the theme “Inclusive innovations, unlocking potential through assistive technologies” focused on addressing key challenges faced by individuals with disabilities while fostering collaboration among various stakeholders. Key discussions revolved around increasing access to resources, improving the quality of assistive technologies, fostering local production, equitable taxation, and enhancing collaboration. The ADC Summit 2024 was a landmark achievement in Uganda, promoting dialogue and sharing best practices to develop actionable commitments that aim to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities across the continent.

275

people at the African Disabilities Summit on Assistive Technology



Advocacy & Awareness

9th Annual Awareness Day

The 9th Annual Awareness and Fun Day was a resounding success! Despite a bit of rain, we took to the streets of Luwero to advocate for the needs and rights of children with disabilities. Parents and children gathered on Saturday, July 6, to join our efforts, along with members of the disability community, like-minded organizations, the Buganda Disability Council, schools, government officials, churches, and medical centres. This event was organized collaboratively by the Special Children's Trust in partnership with Dawn Children's Centre, Mukisa Foundation, Berakhah Medical Centre, and African Disability Collaboration.

Together, we can create a world where children with disabilities can reach their full potential. The event attracted over 800 participants, demonstrating the strong community support for this important cause.

Follow links for more details about the events

[African Disability Summit](#)

[Media at the Summit](#)

[ADC SUMMIT PRESS](#)

[9th Annual Awareness Day](#)



809

attended our 9th annual awareness day in Luwero.

Media Engagements

Media advocacy and awareness remain central to our mission. Throughout the year, we engaged with various local television and radio stations. Notably, we also received international media coverage, including features in Inside Philanthropy magazine, as well as podcasts hosted by Just Peoples and Capital Solutions.

Please click the links below to read or listen in.

[Podcast with Just People](#)

[Masana Inside Philanthropy](#)

[TV talkshows](#)

Advocacy & Awareness

Mukisa Foundation's Training of community leaders and stakeholders Initiative

Throughout the year, Mukisa Foundation has been actively engaged in various training activities aimed at empowering educators, community leaders, health workers, parents, guardians, and our staff. Our scaling strategy includes building the capacity of other organisations to include children with disabilities in their programming. We work alongside these organisations by creating a tailor-made program that suits their vision. Organisations are free to either take on our 360 model or choose parts of it that are aligned with their plans. These activities include:

- Teachers and community leaders' trainings in Kanungu district, organized in collaboration with Nyaka Aids Orphans Organization.
- Teacher training sessions conducted at Mother Care, Nalumunye. we have also helped recruit and will continue to mentor the staff to run their newly created SNE department.
- Training sessions for village health workers and community leaders in Kampala and Wakiso districts.
- Disability training sessions designed for parents and guardians to enhance their understanding and ability to support children with disabilities.



Organisation Update

Team Updates - the growth of our team

To better serve our expanding beneficiary base and broaden our service offerings, we added two new team members: a Communications Officer and a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Officer. This growth will strengthen our ability to effectively communicate our initiatives and assess our impact, ensuring we continually meet the needs of those we serve.



Naiga Ritah
Communications & Fundraising Officer



Mirembe Irene
Monitoring & Evaluation Officer

Peer Learning visits

As an organization, we are committed to continuous learning and sharing our expertise with like-minded organizations and individuals. As part of the ADC Summit/Awareness Day events, we had the privilege of hosting representatives from Lesotho, Malawi, Kenya, and Tanzania at our centers. During their visit, they gained firsthand insight into our model and programs.

Additionally, some of our team members had the opportunity to visit the Kyaininga Child Development Center and participate in a Disability Training of Trainers Conference, facilitated by Kuhenza for Children. The Kuhenza model focuses on raising awareness among faith-based leaders, including both traditional and religious leaders, to promote inclusion.

We also visited The Action Foundation in Kenya to benchmark their collaboration with the government in advancing inclusive education within public schools.



Mukisa Without Borders: A Year of Inclusion, Connection, and Impact

This year, our volunteer, visitor, and international internship program grew significantly. Most notably, we hosted two large teams of up to 14 people in a group from Germany and Belgium in June and September. Many of these visitors, long-standing partners and sponsors, were experiencing Uganda and Africa for the first time.

During their stay, they actively participated in daily activities at our centres, conducted home visits, and engaged closely with our children, their families, and our dedicated staff. Despite their busy schedules, our team ensured they felt welcomed and well cared for.

Beyond work, these trips were filled with adventure and cultural immersion. Our visitors explored Kampala's vibrant markets and bustling streets, navigated muddy village roads, took boat trips through the swamp channels of Lake Victoria, and even spotted the rare Shoebill bird. They embraced local transport such as riding tuk-tuks, boda bodas, (motorcycle taxis), and bicycles while exploring Bussi Island, home to the Mukisa Inclusive Village. Some ventured further to Uganda's breathtaking national parks, including Kidepo and Murchison Falls, and experienced the iconic Equator. Many described their journey as truly unforgettable.

As part of our vision for a fully inclusive village where guests and young adults with disabilities live and work together, we have already established simple yet comfortable accommodations for visitors and volunteers. Our long-term plan includes expanding to include additional guest houses, camping sites, and a range of affordable yet luxurious accommodations to cater to diverse needs.

These inaugural trips were a resounding success, deepening visitors' understanding of the Mukisa mission while leaving them feeling valued and appreciated for their contributions. The experience also provided invaluable hands-on training for our catering and housekeeping students, who honed their hospitality skills while preparing meals for international guests. Looking ahead, we plan to welcome even more visitors, particularly as we approach our 20th anniversary in 2026. We also remain open to hosting individuals traveling for work, leisure, or internships, ensuring that Mukisa continues to be a place of connection, learning, and impact.



Donor/Partner Engagements

This year, we had numerous opportunities to connect with some of our key funders, allowing them to witness our work firsthand and engage with the families whose lives have been transformed by their generosity and support.

Notable visits included a delegation from **Masana wa Africa** and the **Highlife Foundation/Delta Philanthropies**, led by representatives from both South Africa and Uganda, along with **Ms. Tsitsi Masiyiwa**, Chairperson of Delta Philanthropies.

We also had the privilege of hosting a team from **Partners for Equity**, based in Kenya and Australia, who have played a pivotal role in strengthening our health programs and other critical initiatives. Additionally, we welcomed a delegation from **EBU Germany**, accompanied by individual and institutional supporters who have been longstanding advocates of our work. EBU was our first institutional donor and has remained a dedicated partner since 2006. To conclude the year, we participated in a partner engagement event organized by the **Segal Family Foundation**, which brought together over 40 organizations from their Ugandan portfolio. This gathering provided a valuable opportunity for networking, collaboration, and strengthening local partnerships.



Challenges

- **Increased Hospitalization Needs:** There has been a significant rise in the number of children requiring hospitalization and complex medical care. This increase has placed a substantial strain on our available resources and services, affecting our ability to manage care effectively and efficiently.
- **Children's Transportation Challenges:** We have encountered severe mechanical issues with our school shuttle, which have made it difficult to transport children as needed.
- **Rising Food Prices:** Weather changes have led to a spike in the prices of common food items. This has impacted our budget and the affordability of nutritious food for the children and their families.

Urgent Needs

- Kitchen and toilet blocks at the Berakhah Medical Centre in Wakiso and at the Mukisa Drop-in Centre in Lunguja
- Operation theatre at the Berakhah Medical Centre
- Pediatric wheelchairs for children with moderate to severe seating challenges
- Newer vans and a truck to meet our transport needs



Hope for the Future

Throughout the year, we have witnessed incredible progress in the lives of many children thanks to the dedicated health services provided. These services have played a pivotal role in transforming lives, helping children overcome significant health challenges and achieve developmental milestones that once seemed out of reach. From Speech, Occupational and Physiotherapy to Mental Health Support, each child's journey has been a testament to the power of early intervention, compassion, and expert care.

As we reflect on this year's successes, we are proud to share some of the most inspiring stories of remarkable progress and transformation. These children have shown extraordinary resilience, and their journeys highlight the profound impact that access to quality healthcare and therapy services can have. Their families' testimonies are a powerful reminder of the life-changing difference we make in the lives of those we serve.

Here are just a few of the amazing stories of progress and hope from children who have benefited from our therapy services over the past year.

Their experiences not only showcase their individual achievements but also illustrate the collective success of our dedicated team, comprehensive and holistic child-centered approach to healthcare.

Hear for yourself! Watch our beneficiaries in the linked videos

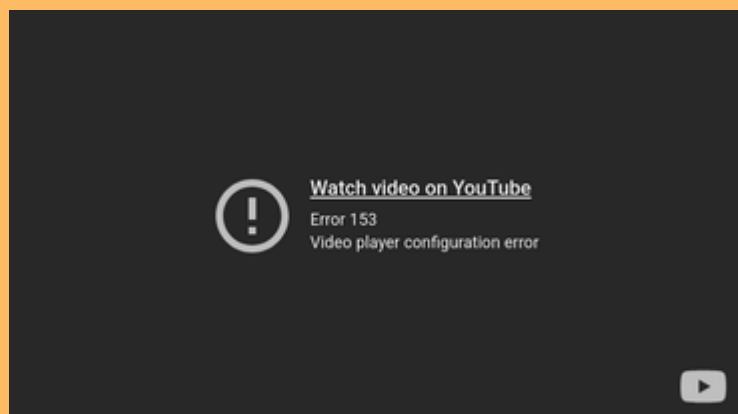
Meet Catherine!

A Journey of Resilience: Nakintu Catherine's Path to Independence Through Therapy and Support

Nakintu Catherine developed jaundice a week after birth, which led to cerebral palsy. This caused problems with balance, weak neck and trunk muscles, and low muscle tone in her limbs, all of which slowed her development.

After several therapy sessions and a home exercise routine provided by her mother, Catherine made good progress. Her neck and trunk muscles strengthened, allowing her to sit up straight and keep her head aligned. Eventually, she learned to stand independently and take steps with a walker. After more progress, she was able to walk on her own.

Today, Catherine is fully independent. She can play with other children and feed herself without help.



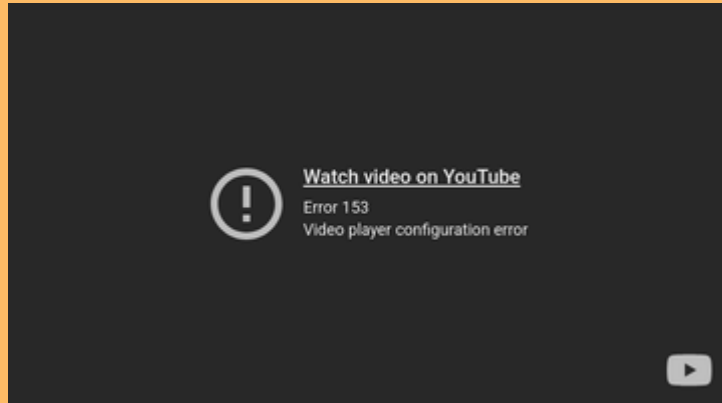
[Watch Catherine Nakintu's story](#)



The Transition stories

Meet Muhsin!

Muhsin Mohammad is a 9-year-old boy diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). He joined the Mukisa Foundation in 2021 and began his educational journey in the Catch-Up Class, which provided him with tailored support to address his unique learning needs. Over the years, Muhsin has made remarkable progress, achieving significant milestones in communication, social interaction, and academic skills. His growth is a testament to his hard work and the dedicated support from the Mukisa Foundation team. We are thrilled to announce that Muhsin is now ready to transition into mainstream schooling, marking an exciting new chapter in his educational journey. His success story serves as an inspiration, showcasing the positive impact of individualised support and inclusive education.

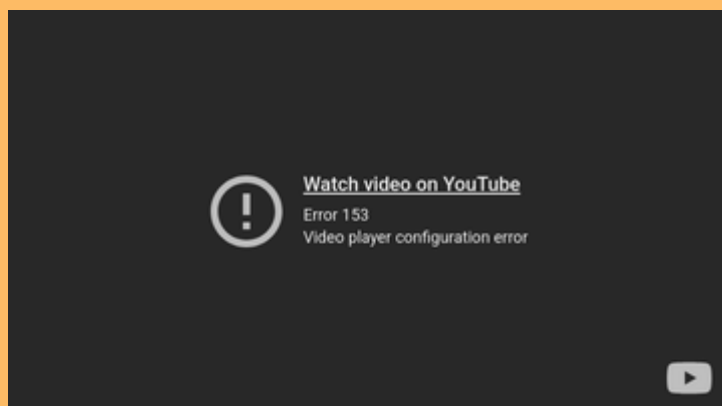


[Muhsin Muhammad's Story](#)



Meet Kezia!

We are excited to share that Kezia is now ready for mainstream schooling. A 10 year old from Uganda, Kezia joined the Mukisa Foundation in 2022 with challenges related to Autism Spectrum Disorder and dyslexia. Since then, her progress has been remarkable. Her concentration has greatly improved, allowing her to lead devotions, sing, and offer prayers. She has also become more focused, able to follow instructions, and engage in group activities with her peers. We are proud of Kezia's journey and confident she will continue to thrive in mainstream education.



[WATCH KEZIA'S STORY HERE:](#)



The Teenage Mothers' Program

This initiative was developed to support teenage mothers on Bussi Island who experienced interruptions in their education due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our mission is to equip them with vocational skills, empowering them to pursue their dreams and live fulfilling, purposeful lives.

Additionally, we are working to raise awareness among students who are still in school about the importance of supporting their peers during these challenging times. Through this effort, we aim to foster a compassionate and inclusive community that uplifts and encourages one another.

Meet Sharua

Nakalyango Sharua is a remarkable young woman whose resilience and determination inspire everyone around her.

At just 20 years old, Sharua is the first-born and only girl among her 12 stepbrothers. Her life took a difficult turn when her father passed away. During the COVID-19 pandemic, at the age of 16, she became pregnant. The father of her child denied responsibility, leaving Sharua to face these challenges on her own.

We first met Sharua while selecting candidates for our skilling program at Mukisa Inclusive Village. At first, she was shy and hesitant, needing counselling and a supportive environment. Through our sessions, Sharua found encouragement and eventually joined our bakery class.

After giving birth to a son, Sharua received essential baby supplies from us, which helped her care for both herself and her child. Despite her hardships, she dedicated herself to her studies over two years, demonstrating incredible growth and perseverance.

Throughout her time at Mukisa, Sharua found joy in the companionship of her peers.

We are thrilled to share that Sharua passed her national exams (DIT) and graduated with a certificate, along with a starter pack for her bakery business. Her dream is to become a professional baker and open her own bakery.

Her story inspires others to pursue their dreams and make the most of every opportunity.



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"Thank you for what you do for me. I can't believe where I am today. My life has changed in ways I never expected."

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Self Help Groups

HOPE SAVINGS AND LOANS SELF HELP GROUP: A Collective Journey Towards Financial Stability and Growth.

At the start of the year, a visionary self-help group of five mothers came together with a great idea: to create a savings and loan pool to transform their financial futures. Seeking guidance from the Social Work office, they established a framework of rules and regulations, as well as a leadership structure, to enhance their finances and promote collective growth.

Their primary goal is to acquire a piece of land worth \$3,000, which they plan to subdivide into plots for each member for further development. With a targeted saving of \$600 from each member, the group aims to achieve this by May 2025.

In the short term, this initiative also addresses urgent needs through accessible loans, which carry a modest interest rate of 10%, allowing them to build their savings steadily.

The impact of this pooled resource has been profound. Many of the mothers have utilized loans to cover essential needs such as school fees and medication for their children, while others have chosen to invest in expanding their businesses. This self-help group has boosted their confidence in making strategic financial decisions.

Additionally, the group established a joint account with a Unit Trust Fund with an initial deposit of \$300. With consistency and interest paid by the trust fund, their collective savings have grown to an impressive \$1,000 to date.

This initiative is not only about pooling resources; it is about building a sustainable future where each mother can thrive, empower her children, and create lasting economic change for their families.



2024 Events & Highlights



5 JULY

AFRICAN DISABILITY COLLABORATION SUMMIT



6 JULY

ANNUAL AWARENESS DAY



18 & 19
DECEMBER

AGM, GRADUATION, END OF YEAR PARTY



2024 Event & Highlights

HEALTH



EDUCATION



SOCIAL ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



Thank you!

Thank you to all of our wonderful partners for your generous support towards this vision of children with disabilities thriving in strong, resourceful, and resilient families.

We are forever grateful !!!



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