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DISABILITY ENTERPRISE SUPPORT CENTRE (DESC) ON BREAKING THE BARRIERS OF DISABILITY.



Madam Margaret Githanga officially opening Day 1 DESC training forum at Lagat Hall, KISE.

Zizi Afrique Foundation (ZAF) in the spirit of partnership with Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) has collaborated with Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutions (TVETs) across the country to enhance entrepreneurship skills among TVET trainees with disability and link them to Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO). To achieve this, KISE an inclusive institution, played host by facilitating a forum for a two-day workshop for Disability Enterprise Support Centre (DESC) training.

As part of the sessions, KISE was mandate to train them on Entrepreneurship for Persons living with disabilities (PWDs), challenges they face and how to convert them to opportunities.

The coordinator for the training, madam Beria Wawira says that the training's objective is to raise awareness of the AGPO opportunities singled out for PWDs.

'We need to deepen their understanding of values and soft skills and also support them in their career choices. KISE as the pioneer of DESC program is very passionate about the PWDs community, and has contributed immensely. Significant growth has been noted as it began with 15 PWDs in Cohort 1 and now has 63 PWDs for cohort 2," she added.



Mr. Christopher Lenguris addressing DESC trainees at Lagat Hall.



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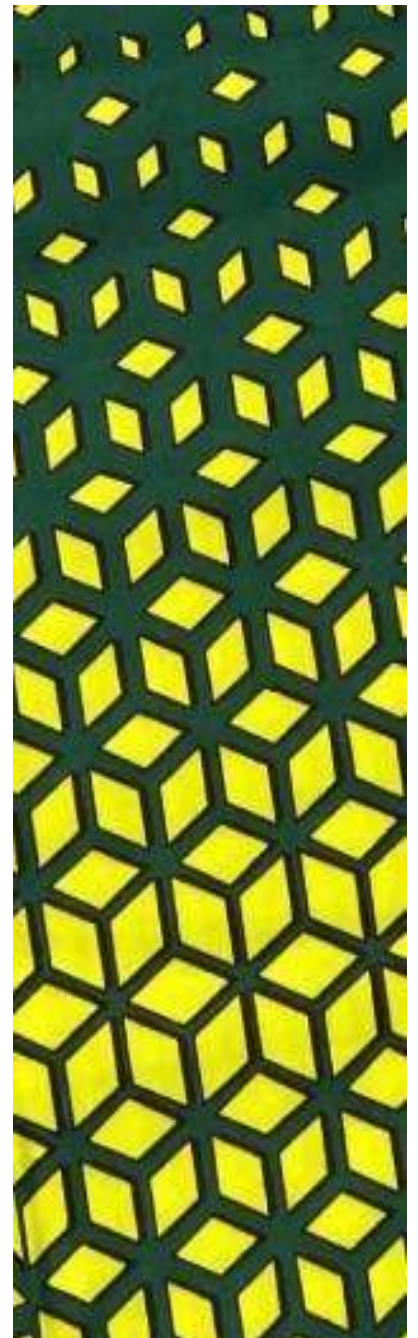
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SIGNING OF MOU BETWEEN KENYA INSTITUTE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS KENYA

Effective learning for the most vulnerable and marginalized communities especially for special needs children as

our area of focus require commitment and dedication, investments and strong partnerships. As a way of championing this move, children with limited or no access to learning within the country are set to benefit from a strategic partnership between Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) and Special Olympics Kenya (SOK). Through a memorandum of understanding signed by KISE Director Dr. Norman Kiogora (KISE) and Special

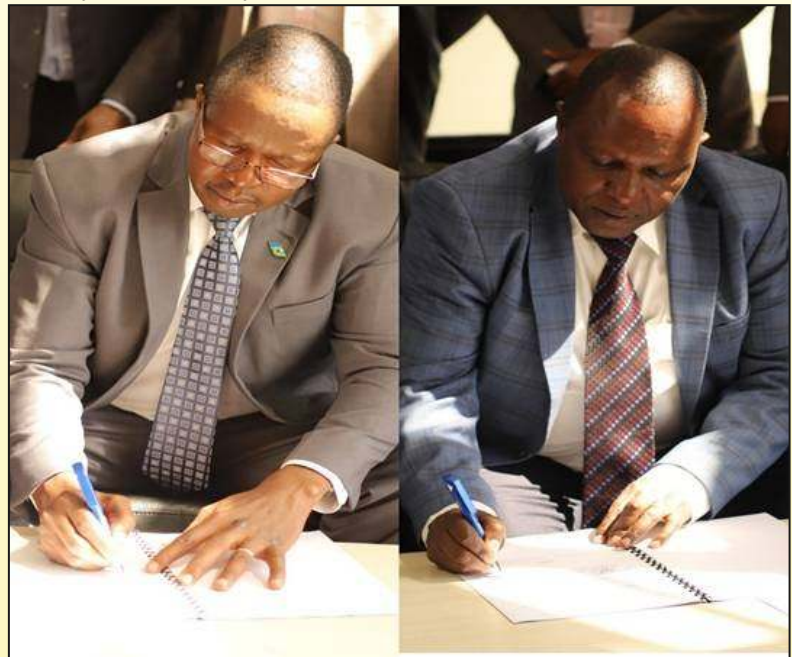
Olympics Chairman, Mr. Thuo Cege on February 23rd 2023. 'The Out of School Children Project' is specifically designed to propel inclusive education and convey positive attitudinal and behavioural change towards people with intellectual disabilities in communities. This will be facilitated through training of Educational Assessment and Resource Centres officers (EARCs) and Diploma in Special Needs Education (DSNE) Officers on inclusive education and Universal Designs for learning, assessment of the out of school children per county, develop a framework for identification and recommendation of schools in counties for adaptation/development/improvement to be a model inclusive education.

The collaboration will focus on raising awareness on the rights of people living with disabilities by empowering parents, tutors and care givers through trains. By so doing, opportunities for children to grow in a sustainable culture of care and support will be achieved.

Special Olympics Kenya is a movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability.



Mr Thuo Chege, Chairman, Special Olympics Kenya (left) with Dr. Norman Kiogora, Director, KISE (right) presenting the signed MOU at KISE.



From left: Mr. Raphael Nyabala (National Director - SOK), and Dr. Norman Kiogora (Director -KISE) signing off the MoU in the presence of officials from both KISE and Special Olympics Kenya (SOK).

MoU SIGNING BETWEEN KENYA INSTITUTE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND THE NAIROBI HOSPITAL

Communication is a pillar of success to almost every company and business. It helps drive better results for growth and development. In support of these, a strategic memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) and The Nairobi Hospital on February 23rd, 2023. The two parties expressed their mutual satisfaction by cooperating with an aim of training health professionals in Kenyan Sign Language and arising awareness on how to care and support children with autism. This symbiotic relationship will provide a broader spectrum to the misconceptions and assumptions of effective communication for persons with special needs and disabilities.



Dr. Norman Kiogora, Director KISE (left) and Mr. James Nyamongo, MBS; CEO, The Nairobi Hospital signing the MoU for training health professionals in Kenyan Sign Language at Certificate Level and sensitization of parents and caregivers on care and support to children with autism.

According to World Health Organization (WHO), autism constitutes a diverse group of conditions related to development of the brain. They are characterized by some degree of difficulty with social interaction and communication. Other characteristics are atypical patterns of activities and behaviours, such as difficulty with transition from one activity to another, a focus on details and unusual reactions to sensations. About one in 100 children are diagnosed with this condition.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/autism-spectrum-disorders>

KISE stands out as a forefront of inclusive community and a bridge between medical practitioners and the society. In leveraging our respective strengths and expertise, we achieve shared goal and create a greater impact in the society.



Dr. Norman Kiogora, Director, KISE shaking hands with James Nyamongo, MBS; CEO, The Nairobi Hospital after signing an MOU on Kenya Sign Language course.



Group photo between KISE officials and The Nairobi Hospital Officials during the MoU signing at The Nairobi Hospital Hall.

STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS AT KISE!

It was such a big day for the Department of Mentally Handicapped (MH) at the Kenya Institute of Special Education. A brand new Wheelchair was officially handed over to Nichodemus Nyamweya, one of the MH Students at KISE. This was part of a charitable



Deputy Dean of Students Madam Kisilu, head of MH department, Madam Njambi, lectures Jane Nzuve, Irene and Lydia Kairanya with the MH class of 2023.

initiative of the students in the department to assist a fellow disabled colleague. This was in the presence of the Deputy Dean of Students Madam Kisilu, head of MH department Madam Njambi, lectures Jane Nzuve, Irene and Lydia Kairanya. Long live MH Class of 2023



Nichodemus Nyamwaya being gifted a wheelchair by fellow students at KISE grounds.

RECRUITMENT FOR DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE COURSES IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION 2023

PROGRAMME	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	DURATION	DELIVERY MODE	TRAINING START DATES
Diploma in Special Needs Education	P1 Certificate by training	2 Years	School based	August 2023
			Fulltime	September 2023
Certificate in Kenya Sign Language	KCSE D	3 Sessions	School based	August 2023
		3 Months	Fulltime	May 2023
Certificate in Functional Assessment	Diploma in SNE	4 Sessions	School based	August 2023
Certificate in Braille Proficiency	KCSE D+	4 Sessions	School based	August 2023
Certificate in Inclusive Education	Trained Teacher	6 Sessions	School based	August 2023

Applicants are advised to apply online through our online application portal; <https://www.applications.kise.ac.ke>



RECRUITMENT FOR CERTIFICATE IN KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE 2023 (EVENING PROGRAM)

Applications are invited from qualified applicants for **Certificate in Kenyan Sign Language** which will be offered on Evening/part time in, Nairobi (KEMU Towers).

The minimum course requirement is **KCSE D**. The training commences on **March 6, 2023**. The classes will run from **5.30pm to 7.30pm** from **Monday to Friday**.

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