Empowering Spiritual Leaders to Support and Advocate for Improved Care, Education, and Inclusion of Children with Disabilities

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The Problem
15% OF GLOBAL POPULATION

EST. 1 BILLION PEOPLE

live with a disability

(World Report on Disability, 2011)
430 million children and youth (≤ 25 year old) are living with disabilities

80% of people with disabilities live in developing nations
Disability Believed to be Caused By...
The Solution
Kupenda’s Disability Workshops

Pastors

Traditional Healers

Muslim Leaders
Kupenda’s Disability Workshops

Knowledge

Attitudes

Behavior
Stage of Idea: Early Implementation

**Pastors**
- 30 workshops
- Facilitators Guide
- Assessment Tools

**Traditional Healers**
- 6 workshops
- *Draft* Facilitators Guide
- *Draft* Assessment Tools

**Muslim Leaders**
- In Research & Development stage

*Funding:* private donors, 6 foundations + 1 government grant
The Impact
Evidence Based
Participants’ baseline knowledge and attitudes about disability

**Causes**

- Cursed
- Devil
- Pills

**Cures**

- Sunset
- Wheelchair
- Cross
## Changes in Advocacy Workshop Participants’ Attitudes about Disability (June 2015 – April 2017)

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Impact

1. Identifying children
2. Referrals
3. Establishing support groups
4. Opening special schools
5. Advocacy talks
6. Volunteer days
7. Nutrition support
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Management & Financing

U.S. and Kenyan Funders:

Private foundations
Churches
Corporations
U.K. Department for international Development
The Ask

1. Feedback

2. Funding leads

3. Introductions to potential partners

4. Kenyan Islamic advisors, facilitators, disability advocates

5. Monitoring and evaluation support (*especially related to impact tracking advocacy*)
Thank you!

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