



KidsCare Team....

Would like to thank you all for your contribution in brightening the future of children within Lunga-lunga region.

Feel much welcome to visit our Centre, email or check out our website for more information.

The first quarter is already gone and with all what is going on at the moment all over the world with the Corona virus pandemic, KidsCare has slowed down activities. However, in collaboration with the national and the county government we are swiftly taking measures to ensure the communities in the remote areas are helped by creating awareness and providing necessary needs to fight and keep the virus away, giving a priority to children living with disabilities. To add on that, KidsCare is currently working on a farming project to benefit all the beneficiaries in our programs. If you'd like to contribute you can reach us through info@kidscare.or.ke or call our office through +254700616296 for more details.

For the past decade KidsCare has been on the front line promoting homecare programs. The idea that every child deserves a family is at the core of our beliefs. We are proud and much motivated to see **every child needs a family** is now a global theme as most organizations are embracing the same. It is through this approach that KidsCare has been able to assist and transform the lives of many targeted beneficiaries in the Children Living With Special Abilities and the Community Based HomeCare and Bee Keeping programs. The below selected stories give us strength to go on.

Director KidsCare Kenya- Ali S Mwaziro.

A community with light

"We count ourselves lucky because KidsCare has brought light into our village. Coming from one of the farmers group in the bee keeping project i have seen myself and my group members transforming from a disadvantaged to a self-sufficient state as we have actively been engaged in the bee keeping activity for income. With facilitation of empowering training and availability of bee keeping equipment, we have been able to harvest honey for sale and also been able to use the product for home remedies. KidsCare encouraged us to involve ourselves in merry-go-rounds, which have helped us to start poultry and livestock farming to add to our source of income. These different income generating activities are supporting our children through schools, we now afford meals at least 3 times a day and we have been able to construct stable shelters.

Now that KidsCare has ensured the availability of special units in our schools, as a village leader i stand with KidsCare to create awareness and ensure that children living with disabilities in our village are no longer alienated and denied education. With KidsCare we have all the reasons to prosper and create a better future for ourselves and our children."

Paul Mtungi - Chairman farmer's group, Vanga Location

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A Living dream

"Every dream has a dreamer and for the accomplishment of any dream the dreamer must take action. This is where KidsCare comes into the picture. KidsCare has seen to the development of 6 special school units in Lunga Lunga Sub-county targeting children with disabilities. As a result, special needs education has been brought to attention in the region, which is clearly seen from the testimonies of all the beneficiaries on the positive impact the projects have been having in the communities.

It all began in 2016 when KidsCare held awareness meetings involving local leaders, parents and teachers. As time went by special needs children were brought forward and now there are a good number of children enrolled in the program. KidsCare has worked hard to ensure six well furnished new buildings are in place in six selected schools, with availability of teachers, play grounds and learning materials. We have children who are potential day care pupils also receiving therapy from KidsCare occupational therapists. The project is a big improvement in promotion of inclusive learning as we witness improvement of self-esteem in children who usually have very low self-esteem. They also end up getting support from and forming friendships with children in the non-special classes. They are able to take part in and appreciate physical activities like singing and dancing, which will enable them to develop talents and help them in future. The children can do basic drawings and paintings and even participate in poetry. They have made advancements in numeracy through the use of special techniques and teaching aids. We have seen improved cases of discipline where hyperactive learners have developed patience with other learners. They have also developed a sense of responsibility because we can see learners sweeping their classrooms and planting flowers and other kinds of crops in the school yards. This is molding them for an independent life ahead.

We still fight against stigmatization as some parents still lock their children in houses. I am happy to see that KidsCare and the various school management teams still continue to hold awareness meetings in the communities to improve the situation and see more children are enrolled in the program."

Mr. Oruko - Head teacher Mwangulu primary school.



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