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FOREWORD

I am pleased to release the *Status Report on Disability Inclusion in Kenya 2018-2021* which elaborates the gains and good practices achieved towards improving disability inclusion. Specifically, the Report focuses on the commitments made by Kenya during the Global Disability Summit hosted by Government of Kenya, UK Government, and the International Disability Alliance and held in London, United Kingdom in 2018.

During the Summit, Kenya made eight commitments on inclusive education, economic empowerment, ending stigma and discrimination, collection of accurate data on persons with disabilities, and harnessing of technology and innovation to drive national disability policies and programmes.

Given the significance of disability inclusion in sustainable development of the Country, taking stock of the successes, recognizing challenges, and harnessing opportunities is imperative in identifying areas of further policy action by all relevant stakeholders.

In Kenya, the importance of mainstreaming disability inclusion for sustainable development is anchored in our Constitution, economic blueprint – Vision 2030 and Medium-Term Plan III (2018-2022). It further draws from existing global and regional frameworks and commitments including the Agenda 2030 on the Sustainable Development among others.

The *Status Report on Disability Inclusion in Kenya 2021* outlines key legislations, policy actions, reforms and programmes implemented to address disability inclusion between 2018 to 2021. Indeed, it captures some of the great strides the Country has made, notably; the establishment of a single registry to coordinate data on vulnerable persons benefiting from State welfare, including persons with disabilities, the inclusion of features data on disability in the Kenya Population and Housing Census 2019, and the development of a guideline and manual on the identification and referral of children with disabilities and special needs.

Despite the progress made, gaps continue to persist in certain areas due to a number of challenges that hinder the realisation of full disability inclusion. As the Country prepares to take part in the Global Disability Summit 2022, I call on all stakeholders to sustain the current momentum and recommit to the implementation of the eight commitments while noting the next steps outlined in the Report.

It is therefore my desire that the Report will engage various stakeholders, stimulate social policy debate and prompt action to push disability inclusion to the top of the socio-economic and political agenda of this Country.



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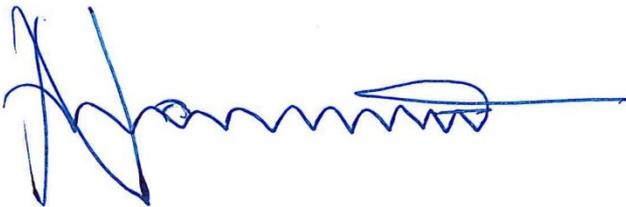
The State Department for Social Protection, Senior Citizens Affairs and Special Programmes acknowledges the technical team that developed this Status Report on Disability Inclusion in Kenya, 2021. The technical committee was chaired by the State Department and involved the participation of the Directorate of Social Development and its partners.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AGPO	Access to Government Procurement Opportunities
APDK	Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya
AT	Assistive Technology
CBR	Community-Based Rehabilitation
CEC	County Executive Committee
COG	Council of Governors
CRPD	(UN) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
DFID	Department for International Development
DPOs	Disabled Persons Organizations
EARCs	Educational Assessment and Resource Centres
ECD	Early Childhood Development
FCDO	Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office
GDS	Global Disability Summit
GEC	Girls Education Challenge Programme
HI	Humanity & Inclusion
IACC	Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee
IDA	International Disability Alliance
KEBS	Kenya Bureau of Standards
KICD	Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development
KNCHR	Kenya National Commission of Human Rights
MDAs	Ministry Departments and Agencies
MoE	Ministry of Education
MoH	Ministry of Health
NCPWD	National Council for Persons with Disabilities
OAG	Office of Auditor General
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
rATA	rapid Assistive Technology Assessment
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SSI	Sight Savers International
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
UDPK	United Disabled Persons of Kenya (UDPK)
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNFP	United Nations Population Fund
USD	United States Dollar

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Global Disability Summit was held in July 2018, co-hosted by the Government of Kenya, the Government of the United Kingdom and International Disability Alliance (IDA). It was a game-changing event with far reaching consequences. World leaders, government officials, civil society, the private sector, the donor community and Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) came together to share experiences, ideas and aspiration for enhancing disability inclusion in development and humanitarian action. People with disabilities were at the center of design and delivery of the Summit, reflecting the fundamental principle of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the disability rights movement- 'nothing about us without us'

Following the Summit, the co-hosts have continued to work together, in partnership with a range of sector representatives, to develop and implement an approach to accountability for the commitments made. This report presents 2021 status update against the commitments that the Government of Kenya made at the Summit.

Kenya has made remarkable achievements under each of the commitments made, including:

Stigma and discrimination: the highlights include the development of the Disability Awareness Creation Booklet, the Disability Mainstreaming Strategy, Establishment of 243 Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) sub committees at county and sub-county levels and the Ratification of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa that was approved by the National Assembly.

Inclusive education: a lot of initiatives are ongoing in many of Government institutions, with targeted improvement of infrastructure to accommodate trainees and proper placement for trainees with disabilities seeking industrial attachment. The government has invested approximately **Ksh. 103.75 million (USD 962,936)** on vocational training.

Economic empowerment: related to this commitment, the Government has established an Economic Empowerment programme that has provided grants to self-help groups and individual members for economic empowerment and offered entrepreneurship skills training. The Government through the Tools of Trade empowerment program for Persons with Disabilities has provide start-up tool kits to enable employment and wealth creation opportunities in selected sectors.

Harnessing technology and innovation: Among the highlights of achievement is that the Government and the Innovation to Inclusion (i2i) Project's consortium partners partnered to create and implement the NCPWD Career Portal that creates an interface that allows jobseekers /employees with disabilities and employers to overcome barriers to employment for persons with disabilities. Further, in order to

improve mobility and independent living of Persons with Disabilities, the Government of Kenya provided assistive devices, aids and services that included hearing aids, crutches, wheelchairs, tricycles, white canes and walking appliances.

Data collection and disaggregation: a key achievement under this theme was that the Government used the Washington Group of Short Questions in the National Population and Housing Census 2019 to capture information on the Persons with Disabilities. It also has developed and launched the Disability Inclusive Data Charter Action Plan that aims to engage Ministries, Counties, Departments and Agencies (MCDAs) and non-State actors to be coordinated in collection, analysis and utilization of comprehensive disaggregated disability data.

To sustain the momentum, the Government of Kenya and partners have identified the following priorities as the next steps:

- Develop the national policy to guide technology and innovation for assistive devices and ensure participation of DPOs and all relevant stakeholders in all stages.
- Finalize and adopt the National Disability Policy for Persons with Disabilities.
- Enact Persons with Disabilities Bill 2021.
- Institutionalize National Disability Inclusive budgeting across all government departments both at national and county levels.
- Implement all disability laws and policies that will safeguard inclusion of Persons with Disabilities to ensure that the gaps in development are addressed.
- Undertake a National Disability Survey to ascertain the accuracy of data of Persons with Disabilities.
- Develop disability inclusive programmes on disaster and humanitarian operations especially during pandemics such as the COVID-19.
- Development of National ICT Accessibility Standards - the first in Africa
- Implementation of the Rehabilitative Services and Assistive Technology Strategy 2021-2026.

INTRODUCTION

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Background

According to the 2019 census, 2.2% (0.9 million people) of Kenyans live with some form of disability. The census results indicate that 1.9% of men have a disability compared with 2.5% of women. There are more Persons with Disabilities living in rural than urban areas with prevalence rates by residence showing that 2.6% (0.7 million) of people lived in rural areas and 1.4% (0.2 million) of people in urban areas have a disability. The Government of Kenya also recognizes disability inclusion as a prerequisite to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and its central pledge to *leave no one behind*. To this end, the government continuously strives to ensure, that Persons with Disabilities are accounted for and can participate equally in every aspect of life. This is instrumental in enhancing equal opportunity, inclusion, justice and economic growth for our country.

In this regard, on 24th July 2018, the Government of Kenya, the Government of the United Kingdom and the International Disability Alliance co-hosted the Global Disability Summit (GDS 2018). The Summit aim was to transform the lives of people with disabilities by raising global attention and focus on a hugely neglected area, mobilizing new global and national commitments to meet and implement the ambition set out in the global goals and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and showcasing best practice and evidence from across the world. The summit was based on the following four thematic areas:

1. Tackling stigma and discrimination
2. Inclusion in education
3. Routes to economic empowerment
4. Harnessing technology and innovation
5. Data collection and Disaggregation

In addition, there were two cross-cutting themes:

- a. Conflict and humanitarian settings and
- b. Tackling gender issues faced by women and girls with disabilities.

The Government of Kenya's role as a co-host of the GDS 2018 was in itself a testament of commitment towards transforming the lives of Persons with Disabilities. The preparation and participation in the Summit embodied an inclusive and consultative approach that brought on board a wide spectrum of stakeholders. The Kenyan delegation at the Summit was composed of 52 delegates drawn from the National Assembly, the Senate and the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, representatives of Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs), private sector and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) as well as Government Ministries and Agencies. In preparation for the Summit, the Government put in place a Multi-

Sectoral Technical Working Committee, which offered an opportunity for the stakeholders to engage in self-assessment regarding Kenya's commitment to disability inclusion, share stories of success, identify gaps and come up with measures to address these gaps. A pre-summit forum held at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development on 24th May 2018 identified and agreed on a set of commitments that were later presented and affirmed at the Summit.

Commitments by the Government of Kenya

The commitments made by Kenya at the GDS 2018 are:

1. **Stigma and Discrimination:** To raise public awareness on disability rights and to support the involvement of Persons with Disability (PWDs) and/or their representative organizations to demystify disability in the process.
2. **Inclusive Education:** To develop and implement costed inclusive education sector plans that focus on equipment, infrastructure and teacher training.
3. **Economic Empowerment:** To improve the lives of Persons with Disabilities and to enhance opportunities for the development of their economic potential.
4. **Harnessing Technology and Innovation:** To finalize and implement the National Disability Policy on assistive devices and support services.
5. **Data collection and Disaggregation:** To promote the collection of accurate data on Persons with Disabilities, disaggregated by gender, age, disability and geographic location for use in planning.

To ensure that these commitments were realized, Kenya also pledged to:

- Institutionalize National Disability Inclusive budgeting across all government departments both at national and county levels.
- Enforce existing laws and policies promoting the rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Strengthen the role of institutions and enhance their capacity to effectively deliver on its supervisory and enforcement mandate, to ensure that service implementation organs at county and national government levels adhere to the government commitments.

In a strong show of support to the disability inclusion agenda, the UK Government made commitments to support disability programmes in Kenya and other developing countries. Three years on, it is gratifying to report that indeed Kenya has received and continues to receive remarkable support from the UK Government. The specific details of the commitment made by the UK Government are outlined in Annex 3.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

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This section presents Kenya’s achievements towards the commitments made at the GDS2018. The status update is based on review conducted by the Disability Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee (Annex 2). This committee was established as a major milestone towards institutionalizing collaborative approach towards implementing and tracking Kenya’s commitments. This report adopts a simple colour coding to highlight the current status of implementation of the commitment, i.e.:

Achieved	>80%
In progress	>60%
Off track/ delayed	<59%

Theme  Eliminate stigma and discrimination

Commitment 1: The Government of Kenya, working with partners, will raise public awareness on disability rights and support the involvement of Persons with Disability and/or their representative organizations to demystify disability in the process.	Status
	In progress

The Ministry held consultations with Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) and Civil Society, who were already supporting interventions to address stigma and discrimination, in coming up with this commitment. In order to achieve this commitment, the then Ministry of Labour and Social Protection would work with the same stakeholders and with support of development partners and the private sector. The target was to have a vibrant Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme established by 2022, with increased participation by Persons with Disability in demand for their rights and in leadership. To achieve this commitment, the following actions were to be implemented:

- Raise awareness on and enforce existing laws and policies promoting the rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Revitalize CBR programmes as a way of raising awareness, with special focus on socio-economic activities such as livelihood, education and health
- Build capacities of communities, first responders and service delivery professionals on the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in crisis risk reduction, preparedness and response.
- Implement awareness raising programmes that address violence against women and girls with disability and promote disability-inclusive reproductive health.

- Ratify the African Union Protocol Charter on Human and People’s Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa.
- Actualize accessibility provisions in respect to build in physical environment, transport to information as provided for in the existing legislations to enhance social and economic involvement of persons with disabilities

As of 2021, Kenya has registered the following **specific achievements** in relation to this commitment:

- Developed and launched the **Disability Awareness Creation Booklet**¹, to guide partners and other actors in raising awareness on disability, to foster respect for the inherent dignity for Persons with Disabilities and ensure that they live independently and are included in the community.
- Developed the **Disability Mainstreaming Strategy** and launched it in 2018. The strategy was to guide Ministry Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and social protection practitioners in mainstreaming disability in all their policies, legislation and programs.
- Approval of the **Ratification of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa** by the Cabinet on 25th February 2021. The protocol aims to promote, protect and ensure full and equal enjoyment of all human and people’s rights by all persons with disabilities and ensure respect for their inherent dignity. The National Assembly passed the charter for the ratification and the Ministry of Foreign affairs is to issue the instruments of ratification to the African Union.
- Established 243 **Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR)** sub committees at sub-county level, with membership from Persons with Disabilities drawn from the community. The sub-committees were established to create awareness on disability issues and to promote inherent respect, human rights and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in society.
- Supported **sensitization of over 70 private sector companies**, to become more disability inclusive. This was done through the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya (APDK) and other consortium partners both in private and public sectors.
- APDK also supported **Kenya sign language training** for over 200 employees from the private sector, mainly in banking and financial services, manufacturing as well as service industry and conducted accessibility assessments for over 30 companies during the reporting period.
- Organized a national-level webinar bringing together 100 persons with disabilities, their representative OPDs, development partners, government

¹ <https://www.socialprotection.go.ke/wpcontent/uploads/2021/07/MoLSP-Disability-Awareness-Creation-Booklet-2021.pdf>

ministries and other stakeholders, to reflect on a decade of implementation of the Constitution, with panelists making presentations on various themes as related to persons with disabilities, in education, health, social protection, livelihoods, political participation, rights of women and girls with disabilities, equality and non-discrimination among others. This contributed towards **raising awareness on and enforcing existing laws and policies** promoting the rights of Persons with Disabilities.

- Implemented programmes targeting **women and girls with disabilities** and their families, through a peer support approach in six counties (Homa Bay, Kakamega, Laikipia, Meru, Mombasa and Taita Taveta) to raise knowledge on their rights, improve skills on how to participate effectively in public participation forums organized by county governments and how to access crucial government programs, including education bursaries and enterprise funds.
- Strengthened the **institutional capacities of organizations led by women with disabilities** in six counties (Homa Bay, Kakamega, Laikipia, Meru, Mombasa and Taita Taveta), by imparting skills on advocacy, social accountability and how to track and monitor their advocacy plans and engagement with county structures.
- Supported 150 **advocacy and social accountability initiatives** by organizations led by women with disabilities and created linkages with 60 organizations working with women in various counties.
- Trained 150 staff of women rights organizations on **meaningful inclusion of women with disabilities** in their programs

In addition, the Government of Kenya, in partnership with stakeholders, is assisting to the most vulnerable people in refugee camps. Kenya hosts some of the largest refugee camps in Africa. Dadaab Refugee Camp in north-eastern Kenya has a population of approximately 240,000 registered refugees and asylum seekers while Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlements in the northwest host more than 180,000 refugees.

Through partnership with Humanity and Inclusion (HI), the Government has taken action to combat sexual violence against children with disabilities, improve mother and child health services and to increase employment opportunities and political participation of Persons with Disabilities. It has supported the implementation of Community Based Rehabilitation in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps, with a total of 9448 direct beneficiaries and 76964 indirect beneficiaries. Working with the support from key stakeholders in the refugee camps, the Government of Kenya has initiated various education programmes, such as the ECHO Inclusive Education programme being implemented in Kakuma and Dadaab, to improve equity in learning for refugee children with disabilities. This project has reached a total of 2,589 direct beneficiaries and 19,451 indirect beneficiaries.

Theme 2: Inclusive education

Commitment 2: The Government of Kenya, working with partners, will develop and implement costed inclusive education sector plans that focus on equipment, infrastructure and teacher training.	Status
	In progress

This commitment was developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and civil society partners. Beginning 2018/2019 financial year to 2022, the target was to equip 12 rehabilitation centres and enhance the capacity of 10 Education Assessment and Resource Centres (EARCs) across the counties, to enable persons with disabilities access early education, training and rehabilitation services. The specific actions planned towards these targets were:

- Allocate and ring-fence funds for equipment, infrastructure and teacher training in inclusive education.
- Enhance the capacity of the EARCs to identify, assess and place children with disabilities in appropriate learning institutions.
- Modernize vocational rehabilitation centres to enable them offer quality rehabilitation and training targeting persons with disabilities.

As of 2021, Kenya has registered the following **specific achievements** in relation to this commitment:

- Developed a costed National Education Sector Strategic Plan (NESSP, 2018-2022), which addresses inclusive education among other issues.
- Disbursed capitation grants to SNE learners in special and integrated primary and secondary schools. At secondary level, the government disburses to special and integrated secondary schools an amount of **Ksh. 57,974** per SNE learner per year. For primary education, the government allocates **Ksh. 3,720** for Free Primary Education for all learners with disabilities.
- Procured assistive devices worth **Ksh. 100 million** for learners with disabilities in the Secondary Education Quality Improvement project (SEQIP).
- Continued development of an inclusive digital textbook through ongoing collaborative effort between the Kenya government, organizations of Persons with Disabilities and the UNICEF Kenya Country Office. The textbook presents content to learners in audio, visual, large print, Sign Language and easy to read format to accommodate a wide range of learners with and without disabilities.
- The Minimum Quality Standards document was approved by senior management at the Ministry of Education. This paved way for the establishment of measurable standards and a standardized means of evaluation of an EARC. This was done in partnership with stakeholders.

- Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) provided teacher training programmes with a specialization in Inclusive Education (IE) and developed a functional assessment course.
- Inclusive training is ongoing in many of the Government institutions and targeted improvement of the infrastructure to accommodate trainees and support their proper placement in industrial attachment, especially during the pandemic. The Government of Kenya has invested approximately **Ksh. 103.75 million (USD 962,936)** on vocational training. Grants worth **Ksh. 17.5 million (USD 162,412)** given to 21 educational institutions, including special schools, special units and social care institutions for development of various infrastructure.
- Education scholarship grants worth **Ksh. 92.7 million (USD 860,324)** awarded as bursaries to 4,032 learners with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic period.
- The Government of Kenya provided grants worth **Ksh. 17.5 million** to 21 learning institutions for infrastructure and equipment support, to improve enrolment capacity and retention of learners with disabilities within their own community and the quality of learning.

In addition, various partners have made strides in furthering the achievement of this commitment. For instance, between 2018 and 2021, APDK in close collaboration with EARCs, assessed a total 3,203 children with disabilities and referred 2,892 to mainstream and special education schools across its 10 branches.

Theme Routes to economic empowerment

Commitment 3: The Government of Kenya, working with partners, will improve the lives of Persons with Disabilities and enhance opportunities for the development of their economic potential.	Status
	In progress

The action plan on this commitment incorporates county governments, Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs), financial institutions and collaboration with community level initiatives to implement the following:

- Institutionalize National Disability-Inclusive Budgeting across all government departments at national and county levels.
- Enforce the thirty percent (30%) quota allocation in Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) to Persons with Disabilities by national and county governments as well as in the private sector.
- Review the targeting criteria for social assistance programme for Persons with Disabilities, to include more vulnerability in the category.

As of 2021, Kenya has registered the following **specific achievements** in relation to this commitment:

- Establishment of an **Economic Empowerment programme** by the Government of Kenya and disbursement of grants worth **Ksh. 28.5 million (USD 264,366)** in the last two years to self-help groups for economic empowerment and entrepreneurship skills training. The programme employs a two-pronged approach: funding for the self-help groups to jointly undertake a common project for the benefit of their membership; or supporting a revolving fund for on-lending to group members to engage in businesses at an individual level.
- Tool kits worth **Ksh. 15.41 million (USD 142,850)** were delivered by the government to beneficiaries through the **Tools of Trade empowerment programme** for persons with disabilities. The programme provides start-up tool kits to enable employment and wealth creation opportunities in selected sectors such as catering, automotive engineering, agriculture and beauty.
- **Assistive devices**, aids and services worth **Ksh. 51.6 million (USD 478,641)** were provided to persons with disabilities from across the country by the Government of Kenya, to improve mobility and independent living. These included hearing aids, crutches, wheelchairs, tricycles, white canes and walking appliances.

- The **NCPWD Career Portal** established with funding from the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), to ensure the realization of SDG No. 8 and the fulfilment of the Global Disability Commitments. The portal was created in collaboration with the Government of Kenya and the Innovation to Inclusion (i2i) Project's consortium partners and hosted by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities. It creates an interface that allows jobseekers /employees with disabilities and employers to overcome barriers to employment for persons with disabilities.
- Partner projects such as In Business project, Ready Willing and Able project and Innovation to Inclusion Project have boosted the government efforts to empower entrepreneurs with disabilities through business development services support, skills development training and capacity building of OPDs to carry out awareness creation and advocacy on inclusive livelihoods and employment.

Theme 4: Harnessing technology and innovation

Commitment 4: The Government of Kenya, working with partners, will finalize and implement the National Disability Policy on assistive devices and support services	Status
	In progress

The Ministry of Public Service, Gender, Senior Citizens Affairs & Special Programmes committed to support the Ministry of Health to spearhead the development of a national policy to guide technology and innovation for assistive devices and to ensure the participation of DPOs and all relevant stakeholders in all stages of the process. In addition, the Ministry committed to support the Hub ecosystem and the development of guidelines to regularize innovation, development and importation, which would be built within the policy and its implementation plan. The following were the specific actions that were to be implemented towards this commitment:

- Establish a Disability Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee to support and monitor the implementations of the commitments.
- Regularize and enforce standards on innovation for development and importation of assistive devices
- Set up assistive technology hub amongst major stakeholders including universities, innovators, producers, users among others
- Reference the WHO guidelines on the 50 priority assistive devices in developing and implementing assistive devices programmes.

As of 2021, Kenya has registered the following **specific achievements** in relation to this commitment:

- Launch and operationalization of the Disability Inter Agency Coordinating Committee (IACC) and the National Action Plan in March 2019, to promote multisector collaborative action for the inclusion of disability concerns in all mainstream development policies, programmes and projects. Twenty-nine organizations were identified from both the state and non-state actors to spearhead the IACC.
- Assistive Technology (AT): The Ministry of Health and the State Department for Social Protection have collaborated to ensure Assistive Technologies are available to all persons through the following activities:
 - Data collection for the National Household Survey of rapid Assistive Technology Assessment (rATA), which will improve access to AT services for persons with disabilities, persons with chronic conditions and the elderly in Kenya and the region and stop or reduce the need to travel out of the region to access these services.

- Development of the Rehabilitative Services and Assistive Technology Strategy 2021-2026, to scale up rehabilitation services and increase access to assistive technology. Through implementation of this Strategic Plan, the Ministry of Health will move steps closer towards achieving Universal Health Coverage, a key pillar of the Government's Big Four Agenda.
- Provision of diverse rehabilitation health care services to 84,142 children and adults with disabilities, in partnership with the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya. These services included assistive devices, counselling services, referrals, surgical intervention, therapy and club foot management services among other interventions.
- Provision of 20,035 assistive and mobility devices.
- Soft skills training for 1,232 youth with disabilities with 167 getting formal employment in the private sector through the Innovation to Inclusion project (i2i project). In addition, a total of 246 youth with disabilities were provided with tools of trade.
- To achieve the Hub ecosystem, the Government has worked closely with Innovate Now AT2030. It is led by the Global Disability Innovation Hub and implemented by Amref Health Africa in Kenya. Innovate Now provides AT founders in Africa with support to build the foundations of success and accelerate their growth over a 12-week experience. The accelerator offers expert, inclusive and evidence-driven support for AT Startups in Africa to proof the AT solutions work for users and the market with appropriate product and business models. Through this partnership the Innovate Now AT2030 has made the following notable achievements:
 - 22 Assistive Technology Startups supported to-date
 - 4 Acceleration cycles completed
 - 3 innovation grants worth £ 42,000 awarded
 - 1st Assistive Technology Active learning curriculum for Startups launched
 - Active mentor network with local and international Assistive Technology, disability and entrepreneurship experts launched
 - Virtual accelerator launched allowing participants to join across Africa
 - First Assistive Technology Live-lab (network of persons with disability for AT product testing and validation) established in partnership with Kilimanjaro Blind Trust.

Theme **5: Data collection and Disaggregation**

<p>Commitment 5: The Government of Kenya, working with partners, will promote the collection of accurate data on Persons with Disability, disaggregated by gender, age, disability and geographic location for use in planning.</p>	Status
	Achieved

The Government of Kenya committed to use the Washington Group Short Set of Disability Questions in the 2019 National Census. A multi-stakeholder National Steering Committee was established, led by Kenya National Bureau of Statistics and which included DPOs. The Ministry committed to ensure the implementation of the Inclusive Data Charter to ensure that relevant surveys begin to mainstream data disaggregation. The following actions were planned towards this commitment.

- Sign up to the Inclusive Data Charter and subsequent development of an Action Plan for its implementation.
- Reference the WHO guidelines on the 50 priority assistive devices in developing and implementing assistive devices programmes.

As of 2021, Kenya has registered the following **specific achievements** in relation to this commitment:

- The Government incorporated the Washington Group Short Set of Disability Questions in the National Population and Housing Census 2019, to capture information on the Persons with Disabilities. According to the Census results, 918,270 people aged 5 years and above had a disability. More females (523,883) than males (394,330) had disabilities. A total of 9,729 persons had albinism. This data is vital for the government, private sector and civil society to design and target disability-inclusive budgeting, policies and programing.
- Developed, validated and launched the Disability Inclusive Data Charter Action Plan that aims to engage Ministries, Counties, Departments and Agencies (MCDAs) and non-State actors to be coordinated in collection, analysis and utilization of comprehensive disaggregated disability data. It also aims to build the capacity of all implementers of national priorities and attainment of interventions as articulated in various protocols and conventions which Kenya has ratified.

Cross-cutting theme: private sector engagement

The Government of Kenya has continued to leverage on the private sector to accelerate progress towards the commitments. During the Global Disability Summit, a round table on Private Sector Strategic Partnership in Kenya was held bringing together key private sector players. These efforts have yielded remarkable success, including a strategic partnership with Safaricom PLC, a leading telecommunication firm. The aim of the partnership is to establish a dynamic model to demonstrate private sector leadership as a driving force for inclusive economic growth and in the long term to economically empower Persons with Disabilities in the formal and informal economy in Kenya. This partnership has achieved remarkable success as highlighted in the case study below.

Case study: Safaricom PLC

Safaricom PLC, a major stakeholder in the Global Disability Summit, committed towards routes of economic empowerment, harnessing technology and innovation and Stigma and Discrimination and has achieved the following:

- Attracted Persons with Disabilities in their employment up from 1.7% (95) to 2.58% (144) in the last 3 years and provided opportunities for exposure to staff with disability and nurturing their talent, some have been able to monetize their talent
- Convened the GDS forum that brings together different stakeholders from the government, private sector, NGOs and Organizations of Persons with Disability to collectively mainstream disability to scale, over 41 organizations are members
- Role modelled disability inclusion to other organizations providing opportunity for them to come and benchmark with Safaricom. Members of KBDN, the first company in Kenya and fourth in Africa to join the Valuable 500 team that seeks to take the disability agenda to the boardroom
- Provided more than 30M in sponsorships to nurture Persons with Disabilities talent through the *Uhai* festival, Deaf athletics series and Paralympics
- Offering IT Support e.g., Big Screens, JAWS s/w to a tune of Ksh. 2.5M and provided Assistive devices, medical cover exceptional approval to a tune of Ksh. 29M.
- Spending a total of Ksh. 165,600,000 on Persons with Disability transport to ensure a dignity to staff with disability in the past 3 years
- Partnered with Sight Savers to conduct an Accessibility audit for 4 of our facilities
- Trained over 500 staff since 2018 on Kenya Sign language training for our front facing staff.
- Partnered with Dot Incorporation to deliver a highly subsidized Dot watch and Dot mini in the market
- Launched the mobile money transfer - M-PESA IVR phase one to ensure financial inclusion
- Ensured Digital Registration for the Visually impaired through USSD platform in partnership with KUB
- Partnered with Ayudh Kenya, KUB, KSB and other stakeholders to distribute 20,000 White Canes by 2025, so far >4000 distributed.
- Zuri chatbot enabling Accessibility to our customer care support by the Deaf
- Whitelisting of customers with disability to ensure direct access to the Call Centre
- Launched *Lipa Mdogo Mdogo*, a product that can enable Persons with Disabilities to access smart phones on hire purchase.
- To reduce stigma and discrimination, it has trained Line managers on leading inclusive teams, ensured unconscious bias training to all staff and undertaken monthly induction to all new joiners to embed the Diversity & Inclusion DNA.

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Recommendations

As highlighted in this report, Kenya continues to make substantial progress towards a more disability inclusive society. The strides made in the implementation of the GDS commitments is true reflection of the priority that the government ascribes to disability inclusion national development. The following are some recommendations to ensure the full implementation of the commitments:

- Increase investments in disability research and technology development programmes to enhance the knowledge base and evidence-based decision-making by government.
- Progressive allocation of funds for equipment, infrastructure and teacher training in inclusive education to ensure inclusive education is achieved.
- Increase investment in initiatives to produce new technologies and develop progressive learning models.
- Develop a national strategy to address intersectional discrimination of women and girls with disabilities and partner with stakeholders to increase awareness and funding towards tackling gender issues faced by women and girls with disabilities, including violence and access to family planning.
- Ensure stakeholder engagement and develop a stronger monitoring strategy on implementation of the commitments.

Next Steps

As we gear up to the second Global Disability Summit that is coming up in February 2022, Kenya will maintain the momentum, including pursuing the following priorities as the next steps:

- Development of the national policy to guide technology and innovation for assistive devices and ensure participation of DPOs and all relevant stakeholders in all stages.
- Finalize and adopt the National Disability Policy for Persons with Disabilities
- Enact Persons with Disabilities Bill 2021
- Institutionalize National Disability Inclusive Budgeting across all government departments both at national and county levels
- Implement all disability laws and policies that will safeguard inclusion of Persons with Disabilities to ensure that the gaps in development are addressed.
- Undertake a National Disability Survey to gather accurate data of Persons with Disabilities
- Develop disability inclusive programmes on disaster and humanitarian operations especially during pandemics
- Development of National ICT Accessibility Standards- the first in Africa
- Implementation of the Rehabilitative Services and Assistive Technology Strategy 2021-2026

APPENDICES

Annex 1: Implementation matrix for 2019-2022

Key Result Area 1	Stigma and Discrimination				
Objective	To raise public awareness on disability rights and to support the involvement of persons with disability and/or their representative organizations in the process				
Strategy	Activities	Expected Output	Output indicator	Timeframe	Lead Agency
Awareness-raising campaigns and workshops sensitize persons with disabilities on their rights	Using peer advisor model to sensitize DPOs	Peer advisors sensitize DPOs	No. of DPOs sensitized	2018-2022	UDPK ODPs
	Training of ToTs (peer advisors)	ToTs trained to train DPOs	No. of trainings	2018-2022	UDPK ODPs
	Hold community-based awareness campaigns using public forum on a monthly basis	Public sensitized	No. of awareness forums	2018-2022	MPSGSSA&SP/UDPK
Capacity build DPOs to advocate for Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Capacity building of DPO leaders to advocate for their rights	DPOs in 10 Counties capacities build	No of counties	2019-2022	UDPK ODPs
	Awareness raising days targeting the public	Awareness days celebrated	No. of awareness days	2019-2022	NCPWD ODPs
Revitalize CBR	Establish CBR sub committees	290 CBR sub committees established	No. of CBRs subcommittee established	2018-2022	MPSGSSA&SP

programs as a way of raising awareness					
	Capacity build CBR committee members	Empowered CBR members	No. of CBR committee members empowered	2018-2022	MPSGSSA&SP
Key Result Area 2	Inclusive Education and Training				
Objective	To develop and implement costed inclusive education sector plans that focus on equipment, infrastructure and teacher training.				
Strategy	Activities	Expected Output	Output indicator	Timelines	Lead Agency
Ring-fence and allocate funds for equipment, accessible infrastructure and Teacher training in inclusive education	Carry out infrastructure needs assessment for institutions of learning	Needs assessment report	No. of needs assessment reports	2021	MoE NCPWD ODPs
	Budget for infrastructural investment	20% of the national budget allocation for inclusive infrastructure	% allocation of the national budget for inclusive infrastructure	2018-2022	MoE
	Provide accessible infrastructure in schools	Refurbishment of 1000 schools and provision of accessible infrastructure for learners with disabilities in all counties.	No. Of accessible infrastructure	2018-2022	MoE/KICD
	Advocate & participate in development of quality standards for inclusive education.	Letter of nomination	Nomination of a vocal person in the KEBS committees for quality standards	2018-2021	KEBS
Enhance Capacity of educational	Establish and equip a national educational	No. of national educational assessment and referral centres established and equipped	Establishment and equipping of 1 national EARC	2019-2021	MoE ODPs

assessment and resource centres (EARCs), to identify, assess and place children with disabilities in appropriate learning institutions	assessment and referral centre.				
	Develop minimum quality standards for EARC services in Kenya.	Development of a minimum quality standards for EARCs	1 Minimum quality statement standards document for EARCs	2019-2021	MoE SSI
	Upgrade existing EARCs	Refurbishing and equipping of EARCs	10 EARCs refurbished and equipped.	2019-2022	MoE ODPs
	Establish model EARCs	10 model EARCs established.	No. of model EARCs established	2019-2022	MoE
	Staff the EARCs appropriately.	401 EARC staff recruited at regional, county and sub county level	No. of EARCs staff recruited	2019-2022	MoE
	Equip the EARCS with necessary equipment and facilities	320 EARCs equipped	No. of EARCs equipped	2019-2022	MoE
	Model national inclusive education	Inclusive Education model created.	1 Inclusive Education model created.	2019-2022	MoE
Modernize Vocational rehabilitation centers to enable them offer quality rehabilitation and training targeting Persons with Disabilities	Conduct needs assessment and impact assessment for VRCs	1 Needs assessment conducted	Number of needs assessment conducted	2021-2022	MPSGSSA&SP
	Upgrade the existing vocational wings with modern technology equipment and facilities	15 Vocational wings upgraded	Number of vocational wings upgraded Number and type of equipment procured	2019-2022	MoE/MPSGSSA&SP
	Develop a transition plan for learners and trainees with	Transition plan	1 Transition plan	2019-2022	MoE

	intellectual, developmental disabilities and deaf blind from pre-vocational, vocational and occupational levels.				
	Introduce training of information communication and technology in VRCs	ICT introduced to 11 VRCs	No. of VRCs training ICT	2019-2022	MPSGSSA&SP
To establish partnerships with relevant ministries, DPOs, community-based organizations, private practitioners and other stakeholders to enhance early identification, assessment, intervention and referral.	Capacity building to education, health service providers and Traditional Birth Attendants	Health service providers and traditional birth attendants equipped with skills	100 Education, health service providers and traditional birth attendants equipped with skills for early identification assessment, intervention and referral	2021-2022	MoH
	Provision of screening equipment for maternity units for	10 maternity units provided with screening equipment	Number of screening equipment provided to maternity units	2019-2022	MoH

	early identification of disabilities				
	To propose to KICD to enhance the current curriculum to cover disability awareness in schools	Reports on incorporation of Disability awareness in school curriculum	Number of Reports of meeting with KICD and relevant stakeholders	2019-2022	KICD
Support quality assurance and standards for inclusive education	Undertake a Needs Assessment in DQAS to guide alignment of quality assurance to inclusive education	Needs assessment report	A Needs assessment undertaken at DQAS	2019-2022	MoE
	Participate in the development of a Quality Assurance and Standards guideline for inclusive education	Quality assurance and standards guideline developed	Guidelines	2019-2022	MoE
	Build capacity of quality assurance and standards officers for on-site school support to special needs teachers	Capacities of quality assurance and standards officers build	No. of Quality assurance officers trained	2019-2022	MoE
	Monitor implementation of the quality assurance and	Monitoring reports	No. of monitoring visits carried out	2019-2021	MoE

	standards guideline for inclusive education				
Key Result Area 3		Economic Empowerment, Livelihood and Employment			
Objective		To improve the lives of persons with disabilities and to enhance opportunities for the development of their economic potential.			
Strategy		Activities	Expected Output	Output indicator	Lead Agency
Ensure enforcement of the thirty Percent (30%) quota allocation in access to Government Procurement opportunities to Persons with Disabilities		Support capacity building of Persons with Disabilities / DPOs groups in business	Baseline Survey conducted in 10 counties.	Baseline survey report	LTFW
		(access Government procurement opportunities (AGPO))	Tailor made business support service provided to 300 business owners.	300 trained business owners.	LTFW
			Link trained business to the private sector and MCDAs to enhance access to opportunities	300 businesses owned by Persons with Disabilities registered with AGPO & Registrar of companies	LTFW
Improve targeting tools for social assistance programs/safety net.		Review the targeting criteria for Social Assistance Programme for persons with disabilities, so as to include more	Increased knowledge of the existing framework	Targeting tool	LTFW

	vulnerability in the category				
Actualize accessibility provision in respect to build environment, transport to information as provided in existing legislations	Conduct accessibility audits	400 accessibility audits conducted	Accessibility audit reports	2018-2022	NCPWD
	Develop accessibility guidelines	National accessibility guideline developed	National accessibility guideline	2018-2022	NCPWD
	Develop an accountability framework on accessibility in economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	An accountability framework on accessibility in empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	Framework	2020-2022	SSI
	Sensitize CoG/CECs on disability and accessibility including guidelines	48 governors and CECs sensitized on disability accessibility	No. of counties sensitized	2018-2022	NCPWD
Support employment of youth and persons with disabilities	Conduct mapping of TVETs/ Vocational Rehab centers	Report on the mapped TVETs/Vocational centers	No. of inclusive TVETs/Vocational rehab centers	2019-2022	HI

	Conduct skills assessment for Persons with Disability	A skillset database of Persons with Disabilities	No. of Persons with Disabilities on the database.	2018-2022	HI
	Support Persons with Disabilities to undergo basic and advanced market-oriented skills	300 Persons with Disabilities trained on market-oriented skills	No. of Persons with Disabilities trained on market-oriented skills	2018-2022	HI
	Conduct face-to-face training for youth with disabilities on employability skills	300 youths trained on employability skills	Employability skills training manual	2018-2022	HI
	Undertake job matching opportunities for skilled youth with disability	Establish market needs	Report on the established market needs	2019-2022	HI
	Establish an employment database to enhance job matching for Persons with Disabilities	An accessible and user-friendly database	No. of Persons with Disabilities accessing the portal number of employers advertising on the portal	2018-2022	SSI/NCPWD
Key Result Area 4		Harnessing Technology and Innovation			

Objective		Regularize and enforce standards on innovation for development and importation of assistive devices			
Strategy	Activities	Expected Output	Output indicator	Timelines	Lead Agency
Regularize and enforce standards on innovation for development and importation of assistive devices	Develop an Assistive Technology (AT) Policy	Assistive Technology (AT) Policy	CAB Memo	2018-2022	MoH/MPSGSSA&SP
	Develop National AT Strategies on access to appropriate assistive devices/technologies	National strategies on various devices	AT strategies	2018-2022	MOH
	Development of assistive devices guidelines	AD guidelines	Assistive Devices Guidelines	2018-2022	MOH/KEBS
Set up assistive technology HUB	Set up assistive technology ecosystem (HUB)	Operational AT HUB	AT HUB	2018-2022	MPSGSSA&SP
Key Result Area 5		Policy, legal framework and Research			
Objective		To ensure enforcement of policies and laws promoting rights of Persons with Disabilities			
Strategy	Activities	Expected Output	Output indicator	Timelines	Lead Agency
Enforce policies and laws promoting rights of persons with disabilities.	Identify existing laws & policies for persons with disabilities (Research)	Existing laws & policies for persons with disabilities identified	Report	2019-2022	KNCHR
	Review the legislative framework around social protection policies (General policies)	Legislative framework around social protection policies reviewed	Report	2020-2022	KNCHR
	Review and push for the adoption of the 'Model	Adoption of the 'Model ICT	No. of lobby meetings	2019-2022	KNCHR

	ICT accessibility policy 2014 report'	accessibility policy 2014 report'			
Identification of new policies and legislations for promotion and protection for Persons with Disabilities	Develop Concept Note regarding admission of intermediaries in cases involving Persons with Disabilities	Concept paper developed	Concept paper	2019-2022	KNCHR
	Memorandum with recommendations on task force on amendment to the sexual offences act to include matters touching on Persons with Disabilities	Memorandum developed	Memorandum	2018-2022	KNCHR
	Interrogate the policy on disaster management to see if they address issues for Persons with Disabilities	Memorandum developed	Memorandum	2018-2022	KNCHR/HI
	Recommend guidelines to be developed by the Ministry of Health to handle issues of reproductive health for Persons with Disabilities	Guidelines developed	Guidelines	2018-2022	KNCHR
	Interrogate the Kenya Sign language bill and the Built-in environment bill and develop an advisory	Advisory on Kenya Sign language bill and the Built-in environment bill developed	Advisory	2019-2022	MPSGSSA&SP

Ratify the AU Protocol Chapter on Human and People's Rights for Persons with Disabilities in Africa	Developing a Cabinet memorandum on ratification of the protocol.	Cabinet Memo	Memorandum	2019-2022	MPSGSSA&SP
	Identify and lobby key players or sectors to ratify the protocol such as Parliamentary Committee on Labour and Social Welfare	Report of lobbying meetings	No of lobbying meetings	2019-2022	MPSGSSA&SP
Lobby for the enactment of the Persons with Disabilities bill	Identify the status of the Persons with Disability Bill and share with the broader IACC Stakeholder	Status report	No. of meetings	2019-2022	MPSGSSA&SP
	Lobby players or sectors such as Parliamentary Committee on Labor and Social Welfare	Report of lobbying meetings	No of lobbying meetings	2019-2022	MPSGSSA&SP
Reviewing the policy and legislative legal framework of the EARCs.	Interrogating the current EARC practice and policy and if necessary, create cross referral policy.	Advisories	No of opinions developed	2018-2022	Judiciary/KICD
	Forums with actors in the education sector	Meetings	No. of forums	2018-2022	MOE
Enforce the thirty percent (30%) quota allocation in access to government procurement opportunities to Persons with Disabilities at National County & Private sector	Develop a policy brief on the policy and legislative framework on AGPO (including rationale for 30% allocation)	Policy Brief developed	Policy brief	2018-2022	KNCHR/ OAG

	Recommend a beneficiary analysis (on companies & businesses registered under Persons with Disabilities).	Meetings	No. of advisories	2018-2022	KHRC
Promote the collection of accurate data on persons with disability planning	Make a follow up to Census and make recommendations based on contents of the data collected.	Reports	No. of reports	2020-2022	KNCHR
	Develop action plan o the Data Charter	Action plan developed	Action plan	2019-2022	MPSGSSA&SP

Annex 2: Membership of the Inter Agency Coordinating Committee

No IACC Members

- 1 United Disabled Persons of Kenya (UDPK)
- 2 Sightsavers International
- 3 Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR)
- 4 Motivation Africa (Kenya)
- 5 Humanity & Inclusion
- 6 National Gender & Equality Commission (NGEC)
- 7 Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network (EDAN)
- 8 Kenya National Association of the Deaf (KNAD)
- 9 Kenya Association of Intellectually Handicapped (KIAH)
- 10 The Judiciary
- 11 Ministry of Health
- 12 Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology, Innovation and Youth Affairs
- 13 Ministry of Devolution
- 14 Office of Attorney General
- 15 Ministry of Education
- 16 Christian Blinden Mission (CBM)
- 17 Association Physically Disabled of Kenya (APDK)
- 18 Light for the World
- 19 National Council for Persons with Disabilities
- 20 Ministry of Public Service, Gender, Senior Citizen Affairs and Special Programmes
- 21 Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC)
- 22 University of Nairobi
- 23 Global Disability Innovation Hub
- 24 Gender Disability Development Centre
- 25 Clinton Health Access Initiative
- 26 Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
- 27 Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)
- 28 Safaricom PLC
- 29 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Annex **3:** Commitments by the UK Government

The Government of the United Kingdom made the following the commitments, to support disability programmes in Kenya.

(i) *Strategic Partnership between the Government of Kenya, the United Kingdom and Kenyan businesses, to economically empower People with Disabilities.*

The Government of the United Kingdom committed to establish as a dynamic partnership model, which demonstrates private sector leadership as a driving force behind inclusive economic growth. The partnership would explore how inclusive practices could be tailored to the business needs of each partner, offering a greater understanding on how business can expand and grow while meaningfully engaging with communities and public sector partners. Over the long term, the expectation was that the partnership model would be replicated and used to stimulate inclusive economic growth more broadly. Safaricom, Unilever, Equity Bank, Standard Chartered Bank and M-Kopa signed up to the partnership.

(ii) *A new global data portal, in partnership with Leonard Cheshire Foundation*

The Government of the United Kingdom committed to establish a global data portal, to bring together, for the first time, existing disability data on sixteen key development indicators from forty low and middle-income countries (including Kenya). The portal was to help identify gaps between men and women with disabilities and those without disabilities and to support stronger planning, resource allocation and accountability. It was expected to provide a snapshot of the available data on people with disabilities in the 40 countries, focusing on four thematic areas: inclusive education, stigma and discrimination, technology and innovation and economic empowerment (mostly drawn from the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)), along with others relevant to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The portal was planned to be an open source and a collaborative resource to be used widely by international agencies, governments, civil society and researchers. It was to be continuously updated whenever new data sources were generated and expanded to include more countries and indicators in the future.

(iii) *A new global partnership – Assistive Technology (AT) Scale*

The Government of the United Kingdom committed to transform access to and affordability of life-changing devices and basic technology such as wheelchairs, prosthetics, hearing aids and glasses. This initiative aimed at reaching 500 million people globally by 2030, by bringing organizations together to share data and consider how best to tackle issues of innovation, affordability and availability – work

that would benefit disabled people in the UK and overseas. The Partnership was to incorporate a **new £10m DFID-funded AT: 2030 programme**, which included a partnership between the Global Disability Innovation Hub based at University College London and Jomo Kenyatta University for Science and Technology (JKUAT).

(iv) Disability-Inclusive Development Programme

The UK government committed to a new £37m programme, to design ways to help 100,000 disabled people to access health services 10,000 disabled children to access education; and up to 45,000 disabled people to increase their incomes. The programme was implemented in Kenya, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Nepal, Nigeria and Tanzania, led by Sightsavers.

(v) UK Aid Connect Programme – supporting jobs

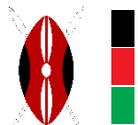
The UK government committed to a new £13m programme to support people with disabilities to find work. The programme was to be implemented by a consortium led by Sightsavers in Kenya, Bangladesh, Uganda and Nigeria.

(vi) Girls Education Challenge Programme (GEC)

The UK has supported over 46,000 girls with disabilities globally to access an education. Through the programme's *Leave No Girl Behind* window, the Government of the UK through the then DFID committed to back another 15 projects and support 10,000 girls with disabilities. **Kenya** is the largest beneficiary of the Girls Education Challenge Programme (GEC), with six projects operating in nineteen counties, to improve learning opportunities for over 341, 900 disabled, refugee and marginalized girls. A new £6.6m project would support another 5000 girls, bringing total UK Girls Education Challenge Programme investment in girls' education in Kenya to £114 m.

(vii) Inclusive Data Charter

Kenya signed up to the Inclusive Data Charter to support the quality, quantity, financing and availability of inclusive and disaggregated data. This will help Kenya deliver on the promise with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to 'Leave No One Behind' and better understand the situation and experience of the poorest and most marginalized; including People with Disabilities.



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