***The problem:*** Children with disabilities are one of the most marginalized groups worldwide. Widespread local beliefs that disabilities are an untreatable curse cause disabled children and their families to be excluded from their communities, educational institutions, leisure and social activities. This misunderstanding of disability is a huge barrier to the progress, learning, and independence of many children. In Uganda, approximately 12% of all children (2.5 million) are living with disabilities.

***The solution:***

* KCDC provides specialist rehabilitation for children with disabilities, including physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy. This allows children who were previously unable to do simple tasks such as sitting, walking, washing and dressing, or communicating to reach their full potential and lead fulfilling lives
* In addition to providing comprehensive therapy assessment at the centre, KCDC provides a daily community outreach programme, visiting individual homes, schools, local health centres and communities. This meets the needs of families who are unable to travel due to limited mobility or financial constraints.
* KCDC educates caregivers, teachers, health-care workers and other community-based organizations through seminars and workshops.
* In summary, Kyaninga Child Development Centre (KCDC) improves the lives of children with disabilities and their families, empowering them to more fully engage with society despite physical or financial constraints.

***Local Impact:***

KCDC is working to strengthen partnerships with local governments, schools, health centres and other community organisations within the Kabarole District. This partnership will provide:

* Community-Based Rehabilitation, including physio, occupational and speech therapy to children with disabilities. This can be provided in their homes, at their schools or through regular clinics held in the local health centre
* Parent education and support groups within the local community for parents and carers of children with disabilities
* Community awareness activities to breakdown the stigma associated with disability
* Training workshops and skills development of healthcare workers, teachers and community workers in the identification, management and support of children with disabilities.
* Working directly with students and teachers in special needs and mainstream primary schools to develop individual education plans and accommodate each students learning needs.

***455 –*** The number of children registered with KCDC within the first 2 years of opening

***250 –*** The only provider of community rehabilitation into schools and health centres within 250 square KMs

***9 –*** The % of children with disabilities nationally enrolled in primary schools

***26 –*** The % of children with disabilities registered with KCDC enrolled in primary school

***$0 –*** The cost of therapy for families

***About KCDC***

Kyaninga Child Development Centre is a Ugandan registered NGO (S5914/11444), founded in 2014, working to create equal opportunities for children living with disabilities in Uganda. Run by a British physiotherapist with over 20 years of experience working with children with disabilities, and a team of Ugandan health professionals, KCDC provides accessible and affordable rehabilitation solutions to families most in need.

***Our Core Values***

**Development through Play** – we are all on the same playing field

**Child Focused** – It’s all about the kids

**Transparency** – we do what we said we would

**Empathy** – we have understanding of family challenges

**Inclusive** – we respect everyone and do not discriminate

**Efficiency** – Things get done by doing them

**Positivity** – Always look on the bright side of life