

Summary

Children with disabilities (CWDs) are among the most marginalized globally, with girls facing the most significant barriers. This triple discrimination, based on age, gender, and disability, results in limited access to education and healthcare, increased vulnerability to violence and abuse, and a heightened risk of lifelong poverty and isolation. In Uganda, over 13% of the 24 million children live with a disability, yet only 18% have access to rehabilitation services (UNICEF, 2015). This situation is made worse by weak functional mechanisms and lack of reliable rehabilitation services.

In the past decade, KCDC has assessed and provided interventions to over 8000 children, but that's still less than 1% of the children with disabilities in the area. To increase capacity and serve an additional 3000 more children with disabilities over the next 3 years, KCDC has undertaken the task of building a dedicated Therapy and Rehabilitation Centre, driven by its vision of a world where CWDs and their families can live without stigma and discrimination.

Results Achieved

The project has seen significant progress as below:

- Therapy Block built, fully furnished and operational, serving clients



- This block has allowed 300 clients who were previously on the waiting list to access services.
- The average waiting time has dropped to just 1–2 weeks, a huge improvement from the longer delays we faced before.

- Sensory Block completed waiting to be furnished and equipped



Long-Term Impact

Once all blocks are fully operational, KCDC anticipates delivering approximately 10,000 sessions annually. This expansion in space and resources will facilitate the recruitment of additional therapists, leading to increased service delivery. The expected outcomes include an improved quality of life, meaningful inclusion in society, along with a reduction in stigma and discrimination.

We extend our gratitude for the unwavering support received and we are committed to continuing our efforts with the same dedication and enthusiasm, knowing that each step forward brings us closer to our goal.