



Mama Kevina Hope Centre

A centre for children with disabilities based on Same (Tanzania)



Welcome!

Mama Kevina Hope Centre for children with disabilities is located in Same. In the district of Kilimanjaro Region, Tanzania.

It started in 2008 by **Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (LSOSF)**. It's a nonprofit making centre as it is only **does a charity work of taking care of this special group of children.**

The centre takes care of the children with all kinds of disabilities. We have **38 children living in the centre**, more than **10 children that we support which their school fees** (they were resident children for Mama Kevina Hope Centre) and more than **200 living with their parents and come for therapy.**



Vision & Mission

VISION: Holistic transformation of self and the world towards the reign of God.

MISSION: To reach out with compassion to the marginalized in the spirit of St. Francis and Mother Kevin. Luke 4:18-19



Objectives

- 1.** Provide **children** with all the necessary care to **improve their quality of life**. Looking for them to be **self-independent and have a profession in the future**, adapted to their abilities.
- 2.** The **economic independence of the center** through **entrepreneurship in income-generating projects**. They serve to employ **the children of Mama Kevina and generate income**.



Centre work areas:

T Therapeutic Area:

- Resident children at Mama Kevina.
- Therapeutic weeks.
- Screenings.
- Treatments & Wheelchairs.

S Self-supply and IGA projects:

- Garden.
- Farm.
- Grinding machine.
- Sunflower oil machine.



Therapeutic Area:

Resident children at Mama Kevina Hope Centre:

Currently, 38 children reside in the center providing them with a family atmosphere. They receive daily care and therapy to be able to continue advancing little by little, with the aim of achieving complete autonomy in their day to day life. All their needs are covered in it: food, hygiene, school needs, support in their homework in the center's library, educational and leisure activities...



Therapeutic Area:

Therapeutic weeks:

During two weeks every month, parents and caretakers of the centre are trained on how to carry out simple therapeutic exercises to the children by the Physiotherapist, and Community Rehabilitation Workers (CRW). The parents and children meet for two weeks every month for training and exercises. The activities take place in groups of ten to teen children each week. Every year we have more than 250 children who came for therapy.



Therapeutic Area:

Screenings:

Twice per year, the Physiotherapist and Community Rehabilitation Workers visit the wards to meet the disabled children with their parents in order to educate them about disabilities, to see those who could not afford to come to the centre and to identify new parents since some hide their children. Every time we do the screening we can visit more than 20 villages and attend more than 300 children.



Therapeutic Area:

Treatments & Wheelchairs

Treatments: This includes surgery to the children to improve their physical situations, orthopedic, and operations, and medicine for those with epilepsy and other diseases. All the orthopedic, surgery, and operations takes place in the Referral hospital in KCMC, and Machame hospital and now day's surgery can be done in the Same District hospital especially Club foot.

Wheelchairs: Every year we repaired most of the wheelchairs, and some are given new since they could not be repaired, and some are modified that a child can move far without an assistance. CCBRT people come to our place for a week so we called all people with wheelchairs that they could be repaired and be given new.



Self-supply and IGA projects:

Garden, Farm, Grinding Machine and Sunflower Oil Machine:

We seek the self-sufficiency and sustainability of the center. For this we have **orchards** that serve us both for self-supply and for the sale of surpluses. If the weather condition allow us, because since 2020 we are suffering a lack of water on our orchards-gardens.

In addition, within the center we have a **small farm** with: 2 cows and 2 calves, 60 pigs, 20 goats and 250 chickens. Thanks to this small farm we get milk, eggs and meat.

Besides, we have a machine to **grind corn** and a machine to make **sunflower oil** (the only one within 150 kilometers).

Finally, thanks to our **bore-hole** we have and can sell **water** to the neighbors who come daily.



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