

Safaricom Foundation And CBM Partner For Third Phase Of Wezesha Elimu Programme

The programme aims at securing education for children with disabilities

Homabay, 8th February, 2021... The Safaricom Foundation and CBM Kenya, an international disability inclusive development organization have successfully completed the third phase of the Wezesha Elimu Project with a mobile clinic held in Homabay level 5 hospital. Through the programme, the two organisations aim to address the factors that limit children with disabilities from accessing education.

During this third phase 122 children underwent corrective surgeries, 78 received assistive devices, 129 parents, guardians and caregivers were trained on home based care and 5 schools were modified for better accessibility. Other activities included sensitization of community members about COVID-19 and capacity building sessions for different Ministry of Education members.

“We launched the first phase of the programme in 2016 with the main objective of securing education for children with disabilities in Kenya through surgical interventions and rehabilitation. Since then we have reached over 20,000 children and this has been made possible through countrywide mobile clinics in some of the most marginalized counties in Kenya”, said Monica Wandera, Programme Co-ordinator, CBM Kenya.

The partnership has helped raise awareness and sensitise Kenyans about the rights of children with disabilities when it comes to education. There has been an increase in demand for surgical interventions and rehabilitation services as parents and guardians are now empowered with more information.

In the first and second phase of the programme 420 surgeries were performed, 535 children with disabilities placed in schools, 384 Mobility assistive devices issued and 347 children underwent rehabilitation with 879 referred for specialized treatment.



According to the National Survey on Children with Disabilities and Special Needs in Education (KISE 2017), the prevalence rate of children with special needs and disabilities aged between 3 and 21 years in Kenya is 11.4%

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Building Communities, Transforming Lives.

Safaricom Foundation partners with Kenyan communities, organizations and institutions to improve and transform lives.

With a footprint in all of Kenya's 47 counties, and a strong history of partnerships dating back to our inception in 2003, the Safaricom Foundation has worked with Speed, Simplicity and Trust to implement over 1,000 community projects, impacting over 3 million people, through our thematic areas of Health, Education, Environmental Conservation, Economic Empowerment, Water, Disaster Relief, and Arts & Culture.

Our current strategy builds on our strong history of results and partnerships, and will contribute towards Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. We will leverage the power of innovation and technology to drive our projects forward; and will also offer a blend of grants, equity and ultra-low cost loans to our partners.

The participation of Safaricom staff in our projects will extend our personalized approach towards partnerships; and our project monitoring and our dissemination forms will provide platforms for technical assistance, learning and capacity building.