Safaricom injects KES 27 million in support of Jawabu Rehabilitation Centre, Eldoret

*The centre accommodates about 130 children with disabilities in Uasin Gishu County*

**Eldoret, 16th January 2023**…. More than 130 children living with disabilities at Eldoret’s Jawabu Rehabilitation Centre in Uasin Gishu have benefitted from facilities constructed by Safaricom and M-PESA Foundations in support of their education and well-being.

The M-PESA Foundation constructed and equipped a physiotherapy room and a dining hall while Safaricom Foundation built and furnished a 144-bed capacity dormitory.

The facility takes care of children with cerebral palsy, down syndrome, hydrocephalus and other physical disabilities. The intervention by the two foundations will enable the facility to increase its capacity to accommodate children living with disabilities and improve the delivery of care. The physiotherapy equipment is also expected to improve the health and well-being of the children.

“Our support for this institution is guided by the belief that all children deserve access to education and quality health services. Children living with disabilities have challenges accessing these two key components and through our Foundations, we have several programmes to address this. Today, we have launched accommodation facilities and physiotherapy equipment for the children at this Centre. We are happy that these children will use these facilities to improve their health and education outcomes,” said Peter Ndegwa, CEO. Safaricom.
Some of the physiotherapy equipment donated include spine therapy balls, static bicycles, adjustable parallel bars, hospital bed screens, furniture and stationery for staff among other assorted equipment.

Safaricom Foundation has invested close to KES 89 million in various health, education, water and economic empowerment projects across Uasin Gishu county benefitting more than 150,000 people.

In 2021, UNICEF estimated that there are about 240 million children living with disabilities globally and 47% of these are likely to miss out on primary school. In Africa, at least 1 in 3 children have a disability with less than 10% of children living with disabilities likely to enroll in primary school.

**About Safaricom Foundation:**
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.

**About M-PESA Foundation**
The M-PESA Foundation was duly registered as a Charitable Trust in March 2010. The M-PESA Foundation invests in large-scale and long-term sustainable projects that have maximum impact on Kenyans in the areas of education, health and environment.

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