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CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT

I am glad to have served as a Chairman in Kenya Society for the Blind for the last 12 months. This is a very interesting society. It is not a society of the blind but for the Blind. What does this mean? The slogan, “Your Eyes, My Eyes” attempts to capture the dream of this society. Today’s sighted individuals and corporate members need to work with us and for us to make our work friendly and better.

We need better services and better devices and cooperation from individual, companies and agencies to better our lives. I envisage a situation where we will be hosting 50 plus corporate members and over 10 Managing Directors as Council members of KSB. Our equation will then have changed to what is the Managing Director of company XYZ going to give us? How are we going to use the donation of 5 or 10 million in what programme? Right now we are still struggling on where to get sponsors.

I specifically want to thank our Council members for their personal contribution. Through Dr. Mongesa, we have gotten a solid partnership with KNCHR towards disability mainstreaming. Through Mike Makenzi, KSB is in partnership with Jubilee Insurance Company Limited on eyes screening and treatment. Through Madam Felista Wakina, we are well advised on financial management. Through Dr Samuel Tororei, KSB’s land related properties are well safeguarded. Through Sebastian, we have an entry to Uasin Gishu County. Our Government representatives who are our duty bearers from the government side including Madam Maria Cherono, Dr. Gichangi and Mr. Peter Masakhi have been very facilitative in moving our agendas in the ministry of education, health and Social Protection respectively.

I am particularly encouraged that KSB has corporate partners who understand the sector very well and who did not withhold their support due to unfavorable political environment. In this list of corporate members I have The Standard Group Limited (TSGL), Habib Bank Zurich AG; Jubilee Insurance Company Limited, UAP Old Mutual Foundation partners, Gulf African Bank, Mhasibu Sacco Society Limited, Eye from Zion, Operation Eyesight, Moi University (Eldoret) campus and Close the Gap, Roto Moulders, Association of Nigerian Women in Kenya, Presbyterian Church of East Africa (Nairobi West Parish), National Council for Persons with Disabilities, Kenya Wildlife Services and WDX Agency.

I am indebted to acknowledge personalities and members of KSB like Mia Dunford, siblings and her friends and Prof. Elisha Muchunga who have respectively championed the Mike Dunford fishing tournament and Carol Muchunga Trust Fund faithfully every year. I wish to tell you that you have followers like Mr. Sunil Raval, Prebai Kuvairi Rabajia, Joy V Bhatt, Julian Hime, Angela Wanbui, James Opere and Princess Karina the founder of the Princess Carina Organization all committed to spend their resources to KSB’s programmes.

KSB also have committed institutions that faithfully hold our charitable events. These are mentioned elsewhere in this report. To them I say thank you. With all your support, KSB was able to undertake the programme activities in the Eye care department, Education and Rehabilitation departments as outlined in this report.

As for the details of the entire report, Please visit our Programme report, starting with Eyecare, Advocacy and awareness, Education and rehabilitation. Please also read the director’s statement. The Treasurer will present the 2017 financial statement of the society shortly.

Last but not least, I want to invite you to our upcoming event The Blind Golf Challenge At Limuru Country Club on 29th June 2018.

Thank you.

Dr Laibuta Kibaya

Dr Laibuta: Inviting you all for Charity Golf Tournament in Limuru Country Club on 29th June 2018

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Greetings to all KSB Members. We are glad that you found time to be with us today. We appreciate that you have walked with us throughout the difficult electioneering year - 2017. With difficulties, we were able to stay afloat. The time has come to share the achievements and challenges that the Society has faced.

I should say we had a smooth transition from Mr Sitati Makhadia to Dr Laibuta Kibaya our new KSB Chairman who has been much focused on improving the Society in terms of partnerships and resource mobilisation. His eyes are on the eye drop production unit which requires 40 million to implement the UNIDO recommendations and the 3 billion for the construction of the Rehabilitation centre of Excellence. It is our hope that efforts in these lines will bear fruit soon.

2017 was an election year which came with many challenging moments. We had two events: the Mike Dunford Fishing Tournament and Mt. Longonot Climb. We were not able to have our annual blind walk and the blind golf tournament because of unfavourable political environment. I want to say sorry to our committed members who were ready for these events.

The Longonot Climb was flagged off by Hon. Kivasu Nzioka, Member of National Assembly, Mbooni Constituency. In his flag off speech, he promised KSB members participating of his support in any disability issue that may come to parliament. Despite the above mentioned set back, we were able to bring on board new partners whom have been mentioned by the Chairman.

KSB’s partnership with Jubilee Insurance Company Ltd, Standard Group Media, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Health gave us a boost in preventing avoidable blindness in 10 counties. From the eyes screening and treatment project we are convinced that there is need to scale up this exercise since identification and treatment is critical in enhancing quality learning amongst our children. The report has more details on this project.

One of our critical mandates is to raise awareness on causes of blindness and the plight of the visually impaired. We understand that the more we do this the, the more we receive better services and the less discrimination we face. Yes KSB has limited capacity to do this, but with partners like The Standard Group Limited, we have achieved a lot. Our staffs have attended over 20 awareness creation forums targeting corporates, churches and schools. I urge all of you to use any opportunity to fight stigma and its manifestation and where possible support the secretariat to develop strategic partners in this area.

My appreciation goes to all KSB members (individuals and corporate members) for your relentless support. I also want to salute the KSB’s Council members and other KSBs committee members for creating time to support the Society in kind and through monetary resources. Here are the names of our Council members.

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Details of the other committees and their membership are found elsewhere in this report. As per Session 5 (k, l & m) of KSB Act, we established a KSB Bomet Branch and operational office. Its Branch management committee members are:

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Unfortunately, our well-equipped KSB’s Bomet office was razed down by fire in 2017. Equipment burned down included motor bike, three computers and a printer, furniture and fittings. We have however been compensated for these and soon we will be equipping our office in Bomet again. The county has been able to provide the required support and allocated a new office within the Ministry of Social Services. As detailed in the report, KSB is doing a lot of awareness in Bomet County and has the support of Her Excellency the Governor Dr. Joyce Laboso, CEC of Social services Hon. Benard Ngeno and the CO Clara Cheptoo.
The last two are Life members of KSB. Implementation of the 2016 tripartite partnership of KSB, Bomet County Government and Rotary Nairobi West who are in partnership with Safaricom Foundation will be actualised soon.

We have other important committee members doing marvellous job to keep KSB afloat including: the Finance Committee, and the Resource Mobilization Committee. The memberships of these committees are listed elsewhere in this report.

KSB is a membership organisation and I urge the current members to support in recruitment of more members, enlarged partnerships and resource mobilisation. We need everyone and every organization, to fight causes of disabilities and challenges facing persons with visual impairment.

I urge you all to take your time and interact with the entire report. This shall be in the KSB website.

Juliana Kivasu
Executive Director

**RESOURCE MOBILIZATION OBJECTIVES**

1. To increase grant making opportunities
2. To increase income from Income Generating Activities (IGAs)
3. To revamp our membership development services and social events
4. To enhance strategic partnerships with many public and private sectors and foundations. At local/county level, KSB need to partner with county governments.
5. To find out strategies in which KSB can be financed by the government to carry out its mandate
6. To benefit from services of external consultants in providing technical assistance on mutually agreed results framework
7. To focus of efficient and optimal asset utilization.
8. Focus on modern and appropriate information and communication technologies plus virtue methodologies of providing services. This should include advocacy use of (1) Low vision equipments and (2) use of ICT to market KSB’s products and services.

With these strategies, KSB hope’s to:
1. Promote inclusive education Programmes
2. Ensure PWVI attain the highest possible quality of life and are well referred for psychosocial support
3. Produce and distribute quality, affordable eye drops and optical items
4. Promote prevention of avoidable blindness
5. Empower PWVI through capacity building, rehabilitation, lobbying and advocacy.
6. Create awareness on the plight of persons with Visual Impairment and strengthen support for KSB work
7. Enhance provision of effective and efficient supportive services
8. Strengthen KSB to deliver on its mandate

**ORGANIZATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

KSB envisions for “A society in which no one is needlessly blind and where the rights of the visually impaired are ensured”.

We seek “To promote the rights of the blind and persons with visual impairment (PWVI) through prevention and empowerment programs as well as create equal opportunities for PWVI and KSB membership. “

As Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB), we have been mandated by an Act of Parliament:
1. To promote education and welfare of Visually impaired
2. To promote treatment and prevention of avoidable blindness
3. To Promote rehabilitation of the irreversibly blind
4. To engage the public and all institutions on matters of blindness

**We do all these through 4 main programmes namely:**

1. Eye Care
2. Advocacy & Awareness
3. Education
4. Rehabilitation

We know the gaps and challenges that befall our members and clearly appreciate the constraint resources. But there is goodwill as demonstrated by Chapter 54 “Bill of Rights” of the 2010 Kenyan Constitution and the commencement of the drafting of the new KSB Bill as well as our resource mobilization strategy 2015-2010 are all focused on self-reliant and sustainable KSB able to meeting its financial and resource obligation:

**ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES**

KSB has outlined several values which are key towards realization of desired aspirations. These include the need to exhibit absolute; total commitment and dedication to the Vision, Mission, Goals and the values the society stands for, empathy and friendliness to the blind and visually impaired and transparency and accountability to all stakeholders. Other key values include the need to uphold administrative and programmatic efficiency and self-discipline, the need to be proactive in all matters related to PWVI and lastly the need to be cooperative and work in partnership and teamwork with existing and potential stakeholders.
KSB understand and appreciate its mandate and the clientele it serves. The society is aware that:

1. Women and children with visual disabilities are recognized to be multiple disadvantaged, experiencing exclusion on account of their disability. Disabled people account for 15 – 20% of the world's total population.
2. Persons with visual impairment are more vulnerable to abuse and need support.
3. The global literacy rate for adults with disabilities is as low as 3% and 1% for women with disabilities. 98% of children with visual disabilities in developing countries do not attend school (UNESCO). KSB knows that the cost of educating a child with visual impairment is unaffordable for the average income earner in Kenya.

Kenya has about 622,000 visually impaired persons with 331,593 listed as totally blind as per the 2009 census report. More women than men are reported to be totally blind in Kenya. Out of this figure, less than 1% is in gainful employment. This is so despite the 5% allocation mandatory employment requirement for persons with disability specified by the Disability Act 2003.

### KSB & GOVERNMENT INTERACTION

1. The Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) is a charitable organization established in 1956 by an Act of Parliament.
2. KSB works in collaboration with three line ministries including the Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour, Social security services. Ministry of ICT in implementing digital learning device project.
3. Although created by parliament, KSB is not funded by the government.
4. KSB is a membership organization with both individuals and corporate member's society.
5. KSB works in collaboration with individuals of goodwill, corporate bodies, government agencies, NGOs and communities empathetic to the cause of disabilities.

### EYE CARE PROGRAMME REPORT

**Production of Eye Drops**

Are you looking for eye drops for your personal use, clinic or medical camps? Kenya Society for the Blind is the place to visit for your ophthalmic product's needs. KSB has been producing eye drops for the last 28 years to support in the prevention of avoidable blindness and in the treatment of eye diseases. So what are eye drops? Eye drops can be described as a medicated solution for the eyes that is applied in drops or it can be referred to as a saline-containing drops used through ocular administration.

The most important thing to know is that eye drops are medicine instilled into the conjunctiva to treat or manage eye ailments or conditions.

This eye drops play a key role in the prevention of avoidable blindness and improving of lively hood for many Kenyans. Eye drops produced by KSB are consumed by Kenyans during eye camps and eye clinic in private practices and pharmacies. The highest demand is from government hospitals, Mission hospitals, eye care partners and private practitioners from all over the country. KSB produces 28 types of eye drops of which one or more are used to simultaneously for treatment, diagnosis or in management of eye diseases or disorders. These drugs are classified as follows:

- **a)** Ophthalmic glaucoma agents - Neputolol - Generic name: timolol.
- **b)** Miscellaneous ophthalmic agents – Nepuchloride - Generic name: sodium chloride, hypertonic solution.
- **d)** Ophthalmic anaesthetics – Nepucaine - Generic name: tetracaine.
- **f)** Ophthalmic antihistamines and decongestants – Nepucromo - Generic name: sodium Cromoglycate.
- **g)** Ophthalmic diagnostic agents – Nepuscein  - Generic name: fluorescein.
- **h)** Ophthalmic lubricants and irrigations - Nepucellu - Generic name: Methylcellulose.
- **j)** Ophthalmic steroids with anti-infective - Nepusolone-G  - Generic name: gentamicin/prednisolone

**Optical Services**

- **Quality Frames**
- **Quality Lenses**
- **Other Optical Products**
- **Technical & Professional Services**
- **Within Five working Days**
KSB has an optical workshop fully equipped for preparation of spectacles. Would you like professional prescription of glasses, contact lenses or sunglasses or both, then go to professionals. At KSB you will get value for money for the best service, most affordable, quality and latest designer frames which are classic and fashionable. Our optical shop stock all brands and designs ranging from Calvin Klein, Police, Gucci and many more. We do fitting on site as you have a glass of water, we also supply a variety of contact lenses and many other eye glass accessories. Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) has been providing optical services for over 12 years.

So what is do we mean by the term optical or service there-of? Optical has something to do with the power to see which is coordinated by the optic nerve. Therefore the power of the lens and property of the optical characteristic determine the strength of spectacle one is to use to enhance his/her sight. This can be determined or done by a qualified skill or personnel. Some of the common terms used to describe eye experts include:

a) **Optical Dispensers/Opticians** - those with qualification in spectacle making and optics. They do not test eyes but are experts in lens designs and the fitting of lenses to frames and the adjusting, repair and maintenance of glasses.

b) **Ophthalmologists/Eye Doctors** - are medically trained specialists who treat diseases of the eye with medications and surgery. A referral is needed from an Optometrist or Medical practitioner to see these people.

c) **Orthoptists**: assist Ophthalmologists by testing eyes of patients before they see the doctor.

d) **Optometry** literally means measuring the eye.

e) **Optometrists**. Use of specialised instruments and lenses, they determine where in your eye the light images come to a focus and if needed, they will find a way to put the picture in the right spot.

**Eye clinic and check – up queries and answers**

**Q-** how often should I get my eyes checked?

**A-** If you’re younger than 40 years and have no eye problems, your doctor might suggest you get routine tests every 2 years. If you’re 40 or older, you should get your eyes checked yearly. In such checks, it is determined whether one has any serious or "silent" problems that can affect vision overtime. Some of the “silent” but dangerous conditions are: Glaucoma, Diabetic retinopathy, Age-related degeneration and Cataracts. An eye examination may involve a series of tests to evaluate your vision and check for eye diseases, Your eye doctor may use a variety of instruments, shine bright lights directly at your eyes and request that you look through an array of lenses. Each test during an eye examination evaluates a different aspect of your vision or eye health. KSB has been providing eye check-ups since inception. KSB has well designed eye clinic with ophthalmologist who have rich experience in the ophthalmology sector. Some of the eye tests that KSB does

a) **Applanation Tonometry** that measures the amount of pressure it takes to flatten a portion of your cornea.

b) **Corneal Topography** a computerized test that maps the curve of your cornea.

c) **Fluorescein Angiogram** it shows how well blood moves in your retina.

d) **Dilated Pupillary Exam** use of special drops to expand eye’s pupil sometimes known as dilation. This help to check the retina for signs of disease.

e) **Refraction** used to get eyeglasses prescription. Use of a chart usually 20 feet away or in a mirror that makes things look like they’re 20 feet away.

**Eyes from Zion (2017) Mission in Tharaka Nithi County**

The Kenya Society for the Blind in Partnership with Eyes From Zion team composed of eye experts and key philanthropists Nati Marcus from Israel and and others from USA undertook a free eye camp in Chuka County Referral Hospital in August 2017. The Chief Paediatric Ophthalmologist provided eye care services for one full week. A total of 1,256 were treated. Brenban Muthoni 8 years of age is one such beneficiary with extreme squint on both eyes who successfully when through a 4-hour surgery upon paying a registration fee of Kshs 50 for registration. The cost of the surgery would have been about Kshs
Surgery in progress

Chief Ophthalmologist and a Professor in Israel led the team in Kenya

Eye from Zion Team from Israel and USA with Mr. Kitetu of KSB

Jubilee Insurance in partnership with KSB in Treatment and Eyes Screening in Commemoration 80 Years in service

KSB is the leading national agency in the fight against visual impairment (VIs) and promotion of education, rehabilitation of the irreversibly blind and eye health care. The Kenya society for the blind (KSB) has been offering eye care services in the country since 1956. This is a very important component in health as the eye forms the integral part of the both health and economic development. KSB has been conducting school screening activities in many schools in the country with the support of corporate bodies, stakeholders, individuals of goodwill in partnership with ministry of health and education. In 2017, KSB in partnership with Jubilee Insurance Limited Company, The Standard Media Group, the MOE and MOH joined hands to support over 45 schools in eyes screening and treatment of children. During the exercise, children, teachers and parents asked questions regarding the school vision screening project.

Some of the questions asked are:
1. Why is vision screening important?
2. What kinds of eye problems can be detected during visual acuity?
3. What is the difference between vision screening and a comprehensive eye examination, and which is more appropriate for children?
4. Why do all optical shops in major town issue spectacles for all eyes complications?
5. Why is it that many eye drops from KSB are found in government eye units and not in private and mission hospitals?

What is vision screening? - Vision screening is an efficient and cost-effective method to identify children with visual impairment or eye conditions that are likely to lead to vision loss so that a referral can be made to an appropriate eye care professional for further evaluation and treatment.

What is the difference between vision screening and a comprehensive eye examination, and which is more appropriate for most children? - Vision screening is more efficient and cost effective (which allows many more children to be examined) than a complete examination on every child. Only about 2 to 4% of children have an eye problem that requires treatment, so it is not practical to perform a comprehensive eye examination on every child. In addition, some problems are missed on a one-time comprehensive eye examination, so it is preferable to have several screenings performed over time. Also, it was noted that comprehensive eye examinations is
likely to result in glasses being prescribed unnecessarily for many children. Nevertheless, if a child has known risk factors for eye disease, if there is a family history of paediatric eye disease, or if a child has signs or symptoms suspicious for a vision problem, it is reasonable and appropriate for a child to have a comprehensive eye examination.

**Why do all optical shops in major town issue spectacles for all eyes complications?** Most optical shops are there for profit maximization. The optical sector is not governed by any legal regulation and so optical shops are there as business entities.

**Why is it that many eye drops from KSB are found in government eye units and not in private and mission hospitals?** KSB eye drops are produced by KSB in partnership with the MOH (Division of Ophthalmic services) by a unit call NEPU (National Eyedrop Production Unit). The Ministry of Health eye care practitioners were trained in KMETC & UON using KSB manufactured eye drops and hence many of these health workers continued to use these eye drops.

Out of the eye screening and treatment project, a total of 252 children have been issued with spectacles, while a total of 27 children are in need of surgeries as listed below. The unfortunate part of it is that almost all county referral hospitals have indicated that they may not be fully equipped to undertake the required operations and they have recommended PCEA Kikuyu Eye Hospital.

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Out of the eye screening and treatment project, a total of 252 children have been issued with spectacles, while a total of 27 children are in need of surgeries as listed below. The unfortunate part of it is that almost all county referral hospitals have indicated that they may not be fully equipped to undertake the required operations and they have recommended PCEA Kikuyu Eye Hospital.

Following the screening that took place in schools within 10 different counties in 2017, KSB together with her partners Jubilee Insurance Company Limited, MOE, Standard Media Group and MOH celebrated the launch of distribution of spectacles for children in the 10 counties on the 13th of February 2018 at Kilimani primary school in Nairobi.

In attendance was the guest of honor; the Regional CEO Jubilee Insurance Limited Company, Dr. Julius Kipngetich, other guests included the Director of KSB Mrs. Juliana Kivasu, The Standard Media Group representatives, the Ministry of Health representative – Dr. Micheal Gichangi –Head of Ophthalmic Service Unit (OSU) and the Ministry of Education representative.

The Head Teacher of Kilimani had these words to say “We would like to thank all the involved stakeholders who have made this day possible and for choosing our school to launch this phase of the project on behalf of all the over 45 schools that have benefited from this project.”

**Did you know that?**

The main goal of vision screening is to identify children who have or are at risk of developing amblyopia, which can lead to permanent visual impairment unless treated in early childhood? Other problems that can be detected by vision screening include strabismus (eye misalignment), cataracts, glaucoma, ptosis (drooping eyelid), refractive errors such as myopia (“near-sightedness”), hyperopia (“farsightedness”) and astigmatism, and other more serious conditions such as tumours or neurological diseases.

**The Highest Recorded Condition**

According to the screening that was performed by the KSB team in different schools; the highest recorded condition was Allergic Conjunctivitis with 1456 out of 2220 recorded cases of pupils. This is a condition that when your eyes are exposed to substances like pollen or mould pores, they may become red, itchy, and watery.
Who is at risk for allergic conjunctivitis?
People who have allergies are more likely to develop allergic conjunctivitis. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, allergies affect 30 percent of adults and 40 percent of children, and often run in families.

Pie chart above shows the eye conditions diagnosed in 10 counties.

This project was undertaken to mark the 80 years of services by Jubilee Insurance Company limited in Kenya.

The schools Eyes screening project had targeted 30 primary schools in 10 counties, however 45 schools benefited.

The 10 counties included: Nairobi, Machakos, Kitui, Makueni, Trans Nzoia, Kisumu, Mandera, Turkana, Nakuru, and Kiambu.

Below is a graphical representation of children treated per school.
Launching of Devices (Desktops, Nootbooks & Printer) at Moi University – 24th November 2017

ICT Project Background

KSB & Moi University (Eldoret) campus did a joint proposal seeking to enhance ICT consumption to a global organization called “Close the Gap” whose headquarters is in Brussels Belgium.

This is a global project which this time round attracted 40 university entries. For Kenya to be more competitive among the 40 entries, the proposal was in-build with a theme of inclusive society. Hence the participation of Kenya Society for The Society targeting the visually Impaired and the Hearing Impaired (A public school primary school in Eldoret).

The proposal went through successfully and the three beneficiaries that qualified include:

1. **Partner University**: Moi University – receive 180 core i5 desktops and 19” screens + 8 notebooks + 6 laserjet printers
2. **Collaborative partners**: Kenya Society of the Blind and Eldoret School for the Hearing Impaired – received 75 core 2 duo desktops and 17” screens + 3 notebooks + 3 LaserJet printers.
3. **Eldoret School for Hearing Impaired**: 25 core 2 duo desktops and 17” screens + 1 notebooks + 1 LaserJet.

KSB was invited to launch the devices by the vice Chancellor. KSB was to send a delegation representing the Director, The Board/Council and person with visual impairment. The Director was hosting the Council the same day hence she appointed two staff to represent KSB namely:

1. Johnson Kitetu the resource mobilization and PR Manager (On behalf of the Director) and a member of ICT Task force committee on Digital Learning Programme
2. Johnson Riungu (our ICT Trainer who is Totally blind)- He is the beacon and guru of adapted technology in KSB and in Kenya. He is also the Adapted Technology Advisor to ICT Task force committee on Digital Learning Programme.

KSB got 45 minutes to share about KSB and its programmes. Mr. Johnson Riungu – talked in depth about adaptive computer technology. About the assistive devices and needs of the blind and how these needs can be met to ensure the blind too are employable. Mr. Johnson Kitetu – talked about KSB Mandate and KSB Programmes. He alluded to ways in which Moi University can partner with KSB and how KSB has worked with other universities.

The function was attended by 30 participants who included: All the university deans, Head of departments, all Moi Campus representatives across the country, the leadership of Eldoret school of Hearing Impairment (Head Teacher, Deputy, BOM, Chairman) and KSB delegation. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor promised to ensure Moi University will partner with KSB to ensure the ICT department is well trained on how to deal with visual impairment. The ICT chairman was tasked to ensure he is well trained at KSB. The VC tasked the Education department to ensure there are programmes for mainstreaming disability in the college.

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UN DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY 19th December 2017 at Bomet Green Stadium

The UN day was graced by Her Excellency The Governor Dr. Joyce Laboso, The Governor took lead in empathizing with persons with visual impairment (PWVI) through the blind fold activity led by KSB Program Officer Samuel Chirchir.
**Awareness Meeting in Bomet County**

An awareness meeting was carried out by Programme Officer to Social Services department of the new Bomet County Administration. The officer had one-on-one session with CEC Hon. Benard Ngeno together with the CO Clara Cheptoo. The aim of the meeting was to sensitize them on the existence of partnership agreement between KSB and Bomet County Government. Mr. Chirchir shared some information and communication materials from KSB including KSB Brochures, KSB Flyers some posters of annual KSB events.

KSB Programme Officer shares KSB newsletter to CEC. Hon. Bernard Ngeno. The event also, featured CO Gender and Culture Assistant Director Andrew Kimeto.

In yet another awareness and sensitization meeting in Bomet involving all partners in disability meeting organized by the Department of Social Services, Gender and Culture, KSB took all partners through the objectives of the signed Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) between the County Government of Bomet and KSB. Here emphasis was laid on the partners’ obligations, roles and responsibilities and how this partnership can be enhanced. This meeting was attended by 50 participants, 40 from the Social Services and representatives from Education and Vocational training, Medical Services and Public health, Resource Mobilization and Legal Department. In attendance were development partners in the sector being Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) and Salus Oculi-Kenya.

KSB Executive Director, Juliana Kivasu making presentation to partners in during the Disability meeting.

The 2018 international women’s day graced by Her Excellency the Governor that was attended by over 700 women. KSB had the privilege to create awareness on services and products provided by the society.

**Awareness Meeting at PCEA Githurai Parish – 26th November 2017**

KSB has been in fore front in raising awareness on the plight of persons with visual impairment and causes of blindness. These awareness meetings usually involve an opportunity to hear:

* Personal Testimonies – where a visually impaired person shares his/her story to encourage the listeners on his/her determination to conquer the challenge of blindness and move on.

* Create Awareness of KSB mandate – where listeners are told about KSB mandate, KSB Programmes and how KSB helps in reducing blindness. We also focus on how individuals & institutions can support KSB to support learners with disabilities. Listeners are also sensitized about the cost of assistive devices.

* Demonstration – This is a session where listeners are randomly selected involving the leadership and followership and blindfolded to get a 30-1hour session of experiencing blindness.

The outcomes of such meetings include:

- KSB receive many clients in the Eye care clinic out of the awareness created in such forums and also help in reducing stigma associated with disabilities
- KSB receive donations from churches and well-wishers
- KSB has also met very needy cases where they also make donations of assistive devices such as the Whitecanes.
Awareness Meeting at KAG Buruburu Parish – 3rd December 2017
This was a disability awareness meeting. KSB had written a letter to the church among other churches and institutions in Nairobi. Specifically, this day was to mark the International Disability Day usually commemorated internationally. In 2017, KSB had been involved in 28 disability awareness sessions in churches in Nairobi and Kiambu. Such events may require a KSB staff to attend planning meetings.

Church Members were blindfolded and gave their experiences

Team creating awareness on disability in Kirigiti Church in Kiambu County with the church Leadership.

Delegation from KSB in Kiambu County- Kirigiti ACK

KSB Partnership with princess Carina Foundation
In 2017, KSB was honoured by Princess Karina Bagration and the Princess Carina Organization. KSB appointed Princess Karina as an International Ambassador to help in highlighting Kenya Society for the Blind’s key messages on the plight and challenges facing the blind and visually impaired. This is in efforts to bring to the attention of new potential media partners and sponsors towards achievement of Vision 2020 on preventable blindness KSB programmes.

Soon thereafter, the princess sourced and donated a Top Braille device. With these devices, a newly blinded student can learn braille by reading printed books with a braille display. This device has a 32 MB memory capacity. This means that the device can store information for a moment until the user transfers the information to a memory card.

The device is portable and useful as it enhances independence that comes with being able to read private documents like medical report for persons with visual impairment.

One can also learn braille by using Top Braille. The device was delivered by Mr. Volodymyron behalf of the Princess Karina Bagration, PhD; The President and Founder of PCO.

MT. LONGONOT CLIMB 2017

Silvia And Evelyne could not hide eye their joy upon summit

Group of hikers from our partner Institution

Johnson Rungu testing the Top Braille at KSB
The two main sponsors of this Annual Mt. Longonot Charity Climb (2017 Edition) were The Standard Group Limited (TSGL) which operates a television station (“KTN”), a radio station (“Radio Maisha”), publishes the Standard, Nairobiian & Game Yetu, and distributes magazines. For the purpose of this event, TSGL supported KSB through Radio Maisha, KTN television station and The Standard Newspaper valued for over Kshs 2,000,000.

The other main sponsor of the event was Kenya Wildlife Services. Mt. Longonot is a gazetted national Park where revellers and adventurers visit at a fee. KWS is in partnership with KSB seeking to fully mainstream disabilities in its operation and functions. KSB is to support KWS in transcription work of its service charter, sign language and in creating awareness to staff on how they can fight disability stigma individually and as corporate. Again, KWS sponsored this event Kshs 250 per participant. The event attracted a total of 750 participants.

Participants were drawn from: Daystar University, Egerton University Njoro campus, Aga Khan Senior School, Gems Cambridge International, Braeburn Garden Estate, Braeburn Imani International, Aquinas High School, Cavina Academy, Moi Girls High School-Nairobi, Oshwal Academy, Nairobi Academy, Roto Molders Ltd, Rare gem Talent school (Dyslexia) of Kitengela, Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), Strathmore University, Mitch Auto Garage, Ismail Auto garage, Triple one motors, Sparks Auto Spares and Alexander Forbes (Now Zamara).

Participants came from across the country with the event being flagged off by Hon. Erastus Kivasu – Member of National Assembly - Mbooni Constituency.
2017 has been the evolutionally year to the positive forlearners with disabilities. Kenya Society for the Blind joined other stakeholders in articulating issues that needed to be included in design of appropriate adaptive, communication and vocational skills for special need children. KSB is a member of a coalition of educational stakeholders that includes government officials, civil society organizations, and professionals advocating for the rights of children with disabilities in Kenya- ACD.

Members of this consortium hold monthly meetings. Through this consortium, it was noted that career path for children with special needs were not anchored on approved curriculum and policy documents. For instance, the 8-4-4 educational system had bottle necks such that learners with disabilities were dropping out before completion. For instance, once a candidate with visual impairment scores a D and below s/he had no way to progress to tertiary institutions. KSB participated in a number of stakeholder’s forums that consolidated issues that were included in the proposed competence 2-6-6-3 curriculum currently on trial.

Again, through the consortium, the ECDE Bill 2017 was presented to the Nairobi County Education office. A Youth Conference concept was presented to the Ministry of East African Community (EAC), Labor and Social Protection. The consortium also worked on the ACD’s Strategic Plan and its Program Implementation Matrix. This is a reference document in its nature.

It was observed that about 200 Educational Assessment and Resource Centres (EARCs) across the country are operating below expected standards due to in terms of their management, infrastructure, roles, responsibilities, equipment and materials. EARC's qualifications are also wanting. Many special and integrated schools are not well equipped and staffed. Many of these challenges were purposed to be addressed by the 2017 SNE Policy and Implementation guidelines.

Meet Braille transcribers and technicians.
In April 2010, KIE under the Ministry of Education came up with a Curriculum for Braille Transcribing, Repair and Maintenance in Kenya. This curriculum has not been implemented by any stakeholder. Hence most of the transcribers in our schools are not qualified. Institutions with children with visual impairment are forced to employ Transcriber for the purpose of Brailling and de-brailling at their cost. Given that few Transcriber poccess Diploma as per curriculum; institutions are looking around for skills that are not certified, some schools have employed Braille Technicians who cannot transcribe and vice versa and who are less qualified.

This is a big challenge to many schools and higher learning institutions. Schools and universities are hiring these services not on basis of merit but trial and error due to lack of well trained staff. According to the KIE Curriculum, the entry point for trainees in Braille Transcription and Transcribers is KCSE grade C Plain or an equivalent qualification as determined by Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC). Currently, most trainees are holders of certificate with a KCSE grade D. These are supposed to transcribe and repair machine in all institutions including Universities. Currently, there is no scheme of services for this carder of employees. It is expected that soon this will be a thing of the past come 2018 when the SNE Policy and guidelines will be launched.

Celebrating SNE Directorate and NEMIS: Matters relating to learners with disability in Kenya were not under a full-fledged Directorate since Kenya became independent. But in 2017, special education was placed under a special Directorate of Special Needs. This is in line with Kenyan constitution 2010 and Vision 2030. Already we are celebrating fruits of this move. The Directorate is under Madam Maria Cherono who was also appointed as the Ministry of Education Representative in KSB Council. Out of her effort, the Directorate now have reliable data of learners with different disabilities. This is good for planning and quality control.

In 2017, the Ministry of Education adopted the National Education Management Information System- NEMIS an information management system that can analyse, consolidate data enhance proper planning for quality Education.

The Digischool project: The School digitization programme under the name –Digital Literacy Programme as a flagship project of Jubilee government recorded significant milestones in 2017. Mr. Johnson Kikutu and Mr. Johnson Riungu (KSB staff) are members of the National Technical Committee of the Multi-sectoral Digital Literacy Programme serving more so the interest of learners with hearing and visual impairment. Their inclusion led to re-evaluation of the adaptive devices for these learners. The two were among the team that went to pre-test the devices in Machakos School for the Deaf and Kitui Central primary school which is an integrated school for visual impaired children in 2017.

As of 2nd FEBRUARY 2018, the status of the DLP project was remarkable, having covered 89.9 % (19,536 schools) of all targeted school for the project implementation of the project had been served, That is, a total of digital devices installed were 1,065,057 distributed as follows; LDDs/Templates 988,067, TDDs/ Teacher Digital Device 39,072, DSWR 19,536 and Projector 19,536. This project is being implemented by two consortiums namely MOI/JP SA Couto and JKUAT/POSITIVO BGH. By this date, MOI/JP SA Couto has implemented 89%, that is, 12,280 schools. 3,091 schools yet to be installed (covered) and JKUAT/POSITIVO BGH has implemented 91.5%, that is, 7,256 schools. 2,088 schools yet to be installed (covered). However, the SNE schools had not been covered since their devices had taken time to design, test and produce. We are sure that this will have been done by August 2018. We congratulate the SNE Directorate for ensuring that they have schools’ data based on which the DSNE devices will be installed and teacher’s trained.
Kenya Society for the Blind continue to promote acceptance and integration of people with visual impairment through a set of Independent Living Skills, Orientation and Mobility skill, Braille skill training, Adaptive computer Training skills and therapeutic support. Newly irreversibly blind find some sense of comfort when they interact with other persons with visual impairment. Admittedly, KSB is a home to many persons with visual impairment where peers’ unanswered questions get solutions with constant interactions.

Graduates of adapted computer skills from KSB often get internship opportunities in KSB as they set their eyes beyond KSB. In 2017, the centre for adaptive technology at Kenya Society for the Blind was equipped with some of the latest technologies for the blind and low vision. The equipment at the computer centre (CAT) are running the latest versions and are also equipped with some of the latest Screen Readers and magnification software.

**Orientation and Mobility**

To restore maximum attainable functionality for a newly blinded, KSB runs trainings aimed at making the newly blinded persons to be mobile and functional in all aspects of life throughout the year. This training includes: Mobility and cane skills, Indoor and outdoor activities, Protection skill and Personal hygiene and grooming skills.

Orientation and Mobility (O&M) skills involves ways of using Whitecanes. This helps person with visual impairment become relatively independent as they explore their environment safely hence reducing injuries. This training can be tailored to suit the lifestyle of the trainee and can take a period of two weeks to one month.

Braille is universal language as per the Kenyan Constitution. Blindness ought not to lead to illiteracy. Braille skill is reading skill that facilitates access to information, ability to manage and manipulate information through touch reading for self-knowledge, career progression and education path. Many organizations are transcribing their information for touch readers. In 2017, we had the Capital Market Authority, The Kenya Rural Roads Authority, Kenya Education Management Institute and Kenya National Commission of Human Right (KNCHR) working closely with KSB to ensure they are compliant in their information and educational communication materials. We are glad that some pharmaceutical companies have started to follow suit.

We also have a Talking Book Library as a vehicle against illiteracy. This is a vehicle in fight against illiteracy among the visually impaired in Kenya. It serves as an edutainment for the KSB membership. The library has over 1,600 books in form of audio tapes and CD’s. The books are in English featuring exhilarating aspects of life including romance, crime, suspense, biographies, travel, history, and travel among others. The location of the user is not an impediment as books are sent via Courier Services thanks to our partnership with G4S. The library is run by expatriates and volunteers from EA Women’s League. Dorice the Resource Mobilization Assistant has stepped in to support the volunteers.

Learners with visual impairment are smart but can be slow learners. Many require extra coaching sessions for them to be at par with their sighted peers in the same educational level. However the educational calendar does not provide for special class sessions for the visually impaired. Whereas sighted children can afford a pen, papers and cheap text books while during vacation, the VI learners will need what is beyond their reach such as Braille machines, PET KIT (similar to a geometrical set for the sighted learners), Audio Reader, CCTV magnifiers and Braille text books. KSB partnered with MHASIBU SACCO SOCIETY LTD to help braille learners solve part of their problems.

**KSB Partnership with Mhasibu Sacco Ltd.**

The Sacco was Incorporated on 16th April 1986, Mhasibu whose name means ‘accountant’ in Swahili is a Savings and Credit Co-operative society for the accountants.

**Core values. The Sacco is committed to:** Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, Teamwork, Fairness and Social Care

We envisage for a Sacco of Excellence and one that is among the best managed in the world.

Mission Statement: We seek to mobilize Savings and economically empower members to attain financial independence.
Mhasibu Sacco Membership

- Members of ICPAK (Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya) and their employees
- Qualified accountants yet to be members of ICPAK.
- Students of KASNEB & ACCA.
- Employees of institutions that offer Training in accounts.
- Spouses and children of existing members.
- Employees of all audit firms
- Employees on Check off system.

Our story as Mhasibu Sacco

From a humble beginning of only 37 members in 1986, the Sacco today boasts of a membership of over 19,000 members. As we continue to receive and enjoy the goodwill and loyalty from our membership, we believe that we all have a responsibility to give back. No one becomes successful without lots of hard work, support from others, and a little luck. Giving back creates a virtuous cycle that makes everyone more successful. Ron Conway. It is for this reason the Sacco partnered with Kenya Society for the Blind to support the rehabilitation of the blind.

Why We Support Kenya Society for the Blind?

One of the myths the public often holds about blindness is that somehow, it is easier if one is born blind (or becomes blind as a child) as opposed to losing sight later in life. They apply the "ignorance is bliss" theory—but how can you miss what you never had?

A healthy adjustment to blindness has little to do with when or how one loses sight, it's about something else entirely—it's about coming to grips with stereotypes and stigma associated with blindness. So we choose to be part of Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB). We ate with the blind and shared jokes with the totally blind. We walked in absolute darkness for about 30 minutes which to most of our members, was more than a day. We asked the big questions and we were educated by the blind to say the least. We thought we knew a lot, just to start asking ourselves whether we actually know. For instance, we found that an equivalent of a pen costing about 20/= would cost a blind a fortune (Kshs 87,000) and a scientific calculator for the blind would cost Kshs 50,000.

We tried basic arithmetic in braille language and we found out it was not bread and butter as we know. We asked questions related to causes of blindness and prevention of the same. Now we know what blindness is all about. We thank Kenya Society for the Blind for allowing Mhasibu Sacco to interact with the blind community. We now know we are sighted for a reason: To share our eyes with those who don’t have eyes. And we know how to do so: By supporting KSB in empowerment of the visually impaired. We came to know that our sight is our disabilities and that the blind have a lot of potentials that we didn’t know about. We thank KSB for being ready for us when we lose sight. Before then, we committed to be there for the visually impaired learners, hence we gave a donation of five Braille machines.
University and college students ought to be fast in capturing notes and doing their assignment for them to be equally competitive. A Braille machine is about six kilograms and a learner may hardly carry such a machine from one lecture hall to another, KSB is recommending use of ICT in higher learning institutions. This will also favour lectures who are not touch readers. It is important for all VI learners to be computer literate.

Learners with visual impairment should be well versed with basic ICT technology. With the emergent technology, LWVI should embrace ICT that use assistive technology software to converts computer text into audio and into large print for those who have low vision. KSB adaptive computer technology trains on Introduction to Windows XP, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, MS PowerPoint Internet & Email. These skills are mastered through screen reading software known as Job Access with Speech (JAWs).

Meet Hawa Jama CAT Graduate
Hawa was born on 1st November, 1993 in Galkayo town situated between Hargeisa and Mogadishu in Somalia. She is the second born child in the family of Jama Abdi. Hawa was born with congenital blindness. Hawa want to pursue journalism. She was admitted to undergo rehabilitation, training in English language, English Braille, Adapted Computer and Orientation & Mobility for a period of eight months with effect from April, 2017 thanks to Dr. Abdi a professional with visual impairment from Garissa living and working in Australia for paying her tuition. She successfully graduated in December, 2017. See more of her story later

Hawa displaying her proficiency certificate.

Greetings to you all. Members this is how we performed in 2017: Our income was Kshs 37.5M. Out of which 12% was from donations and grants, 13% from Subscriptions, Interest and Event Income and 75% from Income Generating activities. Total expenditure was 43.2M. Though income was constraint, the organizational expenses remained constant. We however closed the year with a deficit of Kshs 5.7M. This performance was against a backdrop of difficult economic environment.

The non-Current assets stood at Kshs 91.7M a slight reduction (of 2%) from 2016 due to asset depreciation and loss due to fire in the Bomet Office. During the year the society was privileged to get donations of computers and printers from closing the gap. This support was a great boost our centre for adoptive technology. The donation also enabled the society to fully transition to the upgraded ERP Microsoft Navasion 2017 acquired in the December 2016 as the computers were compatible. The society’s investment fund held with CIC assets managers had favourable dividend and Interest. These returns were used to supplement KSB activities. Net Current assets the end of the year was of KES 13.2M.

Financial performance for 2017 was low compared to the year 2016. The year 2017 was tough that started with a severe drought and was shrouded with long election period that stretched for more than eight months. Most organizations came to an operational stand still with the country demeaned of cash flow. Hence there were little donations, few subscriptions and limited grants. You will remember that according to KSB Act Session 14, we are required to raise funds through charity work, donations, grants, gifts and subscription.

The County governments were not also getting their devolved developmental allocations meaning funds received went into recurrent expenditures and personnel cost. In fact, from August 2017 till the government was effectively formed, Treasury was not releasing funds. Yes we had done supplies of assistive devices to counties like Turkana and Kilifi, but payments were not forthcoming.

Again, doctors, clinical officers and nurses went on labour related strike paralyzing health services for over three months. Without Ophthalmologist, Ophthalmic clinical officers and ophthalmic nurses, the demand for Eye drops and optical services went down. This affected performance of Eye Care programme. KSB also postponed some of scheduled fundraising activities such as its annual charity golf tournament and the blind walk. As a result, all our programmes could not meet their targets.

Let me thank all the development partners for remaining faithful to the cause. Some of these gave generously their resources in cash, in kind and through volunteerism. I also want to thank the entire KSB membership, fellow KSB Council members, the KSB management, the KSB staff
and KSB volunteers for their dedication. Your continued support goes way deep in addressing the rights and plight of the visually impaired.

Our Auditors Mazars deserve credit for their thorough, timely and value adding audit. The Audited Financial Statements are going to be posted in the website. The extract financial statements are hereby attached for your review. KSB Auditors will take us through the Audited statements. I can also report that the Mazars who have served KSB for 5 years have registered their willingness to continue serving KSB now and in future. However, their service term comes to an end.

After advertisement for recruitment of an Audit Firm for 2018, a total of 18 audit firms expressed their interest for the job. Seven firms were selected and interviewed. 3 firms were presented to the council who selected one based on its score. The selected shall be presented to members for ratification.

Hon Treasurer.

Kenya Society For The Blind
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 December 2017

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**Deficit for the year**

(5,726,258) (1,306,755)

PREVIOUS YEARS PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

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Kenya Society For The Blind
Statement of financial position
As at 31 December 2017

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<td>Unity Trust – Long Term</td>
<td>9,999,429</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>91,678,958</td>
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<td>Inventory</td>
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<td>Receivables</td>
<td>6,131,413</td>
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<td>Unit Trust Short term</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current assets</strong></td>
<td>15,815,535</td>
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**Current liabilities**

| Payables and accruals               | 2,610,151  | 2,164,513  |
| Net current assets                  | 13,205,384 | 18,338,265 |
| **Total current liabilities**       | 104,884,342| 111,540,158|

**Represented by:**

**Funds**

- General fund: 102,561,574
- Capital fund: 1,917,158
- Restricted Fund: 406,158
- Earmarked fund: 151,689

**Total funds**: 104,884,342

2017 INCOME ANALYSIS

- Donations and grants: 12%
- Income Generating Activities: 13%
- Subscription/ Interest and Dividend/Misc Income: 75%

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## Members of KSB Finance Committee

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<td>Dr. Benard Mogesa</td>
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## KSB Staff & Volunteers

### Disability Status

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<td>Samuel Chirchir</td>
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### 2017 KSB Development Partners

- Ministry of Health – Ophthalmic Service Unit (OSU)
- Ministry of Education – Directorate of Special Needs Education
- Ministry of East Africa Communities, Labor and Social Protection
- Ministry of ICT
- Bomet County Government
- The National Council of Persons with Disabilities
- The Judiciary of Kenya
- Sight Savers
- Fred Hollows Foundation Kenya
- Operation Eyesight Kenya Programme
- Narok County Referral Hospital (optical Unit)
- Huruma Sub-county Hospital in Uasin Gishu
- Kenya Bureau of Statistics (KEPS)
- Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS)
- Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE)
- Kenya National Commission of Human Rights
- Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA)
- Safaricom Foundation
- Rotary Club of Nairobi West
- The Standard Group Limited (TSGL),
NAROK OPTICAL EYE UNIT - NAROK COUNTY

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Email: optical@ksblind.org
http://www.ksblind.org

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Mpesa Pay Bill No: 955150
Enter Account No: Nar (patient’s Name)
Enter Amount: Kshs XYZ
Enter Pin No: XXXX
Feedback:
You will see the name
Kenya Society for the Blind

Facebook : kenyasocietyfortheblind
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Linkedin: Kenya Society For the Blind
Website: http://www.ksblind.org
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• Habib Bank Zurich AG
• Jubilee Insurance Company Limited,
• UAP Old Mutual Foundation partners
• Caca Cola Sabco (Nairobi Bottles Ltd)
• Gulf African Bank,
• Fishers of Men Ministries
• Mhasibu Sacco Society Limited,
• Eye from Zion,
• Moi University (Eldoret) campus
• Close the Gap
• Roto Moulders
• Association of Nigerian Women in Kenya
• Presbyterian Church of East Africa (Nairobi West Parish)
• WDX Agency.
• Mike Dunford Foundation
• Prof. Elisha Muchunga
• Mr. Sunil Raval
• Prebai Kuvarji Rabajia
• Joy V Bhatt
• Julian Hime
• Angela Wanbui
• James Opere
• Princess Carina Foundation
• G4S Kenya
• Association of Physically Disabled persons of Kenya
• Kenya Institute for Blind (KIB)
• Kenya Union of the Blind (KUB)
• Albinism Society of Kenya (ASK)
• African Braille Center (ABC)
• Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa (KBTA)
• Daisy Eye Cancer Fund
• Lilian Foundation
• Sense International
• Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM)
• Daystar University
• Egerton University Njoro campus
• Aga Khan Senior School
• Gems Cambridge International
• Braeburn Garden Estate
• Braeburn Imani International
• Aquinas High School
• Cavina Academy
• Moi Girls High School-Nairobi
• Oshwal Academy
• Nairobi Academy
• Roto Molders Ltd,
• Rare gem Talent school (Dyslexia) of Kitengela,
• Strathmore University,
• Mitch Auto Garage,
• Ismail Auto garage,
• Triple one motors,
• Sparks Auto Spares
• Alexander
Dan was born on 10th September, 1987 in Shiakungu village in Shinyalu Division of Kakamega County. He is the fifth born in the family of nine (9) of John Matakayia and Beliha Matakayia.

He grew up in Shiakungu and attended Shikulu Primary from Nursery to standard eight in 1995- 2003. His secondary education was at Mukumu High school in 2004- 2007, where he attained grade C in his KCSE.

Professional Background
Dan was recruited in Kenya Police Service in April 2008. After completion of his training at Kiganjo Police training college in May 2009, he was posted at Itabua Police Station in Embu and later transferred to Kisii Police Station.

Loss of vision
On the 21st September, 2013 at 5.30am while Dan was asleep; the wife woke up and poured concentrated Sulphuric Acid on his face and the entire upper part of his body. It caused a painful reaction all over the face, around his neck, right shoulder and the right hand. He was rushed to Hema hospital in Kisii where he received first Aid. He was later transferred to Kakamega County referral Hospital and later flown to Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) on the 26th September, 2013, where he was treated and his vision reassessed and confirmed the damage was quite acute and his sight was irreversible lost and hence could no longer see.

Referral and intervention at Kenya Society for the Blind
While at KNH the Doctors contacted the Kenya Society for the Blind for intervention in rehabilitation skills. KSB staff contacted assessment and introduced him to initial orientation and mobility skills while he was still in the ward. After discharge, he was admitted at Kenya Society for the Blind for rehabilitation, where he pursued Orientation & Mobility, Braille and Adapted Computer. Later he registered for advanced braille and use of electronic assistive devices such as Brilliant Display 40, Eye Solo Pal, Braille Note taker and use of an embosser.

Skill Progress /Aspiration
Before loss of vision, Dan had completed his Diploma course in Forensic Science and Criminology. After rehabilitation he has registered for a degree course in Counselling and Psychology at Mount Kenya University. He confesses that loss of sight and full rehabilitation has changed his perspective to life. He has managed to register a company that he runs as solo proprietor that focuses on supplies and services. He is also on the process of registering a foundation that he hopes to create awareness and stop acid attacks among citizen in Kenya and beyond. He hopes to continue with University studies till PhD level. He believes academic advancement will enable him to reach out to many who are depressed and rejected in Kenya and beyond.

He concludes that he is more focused and stronger in decision making, positive and productive than before.