

## Awareness Meeting at PCEA Githurai Parish – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### 1. Project Background

This was a disability awareness meeting. KSB had written a letter to the church among other churches and institutions in Nairobi. In 2016 and 2017, KSB has done so far 27 disability awareness sessions in churches in Nairobi, Kiambu and Tigoni as follows:

- PCEA Churches= 12
- ACK churches = 2
- Institutions = 13 –(KWS; Hillcrest school, Delmex, Jubilee, Cambridge University, Cavina Academy, Riara School, Breaburn Imani, ANIWIK, NEMA, Moi University, UON, Mhasibu)

This was done against a planning and implementation of PR/RM plans -(Team C) which was also to include other department as detailed below:

#### 2017 Calendar of Events

Description	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct/Nov	Dec
<b>Members Meetings</b>	Corporate Eyes screening	Corporate Eyes screening	Corporate Eyes screening	Annual General Meeting		Corporate Eyes screening	Corporate Eyes screening	World Sight Day	Corporate Eyes screening
<b>Eyes Screening &amp; Treatment</b>	Sch Eye screening	Sch Eye screening	Sch Eye screening	Sch Eye screening		Sch Eye screening	Sch Eye screening	Sch Eye screening	Sch Eye screening
<b>KSB Events</b>	Fishing competition in Mombasa			Day of African Child Celebration			Mt. Longonot 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Blind Walk 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Disability Week
<b>Golf Tournament</b>				-Golf Tournament					
<b>Schools &amp; college visits</b>	Sch visit	Sch visit	Sch visit	Sch visit		Sch visit	Sch visit	Sch visit	Sch visit
<b>Church, mosques, para-church</b>	Church visits Awareness	Church visits	Church visits Awareness	Church visits Awareness		Church visits Awareness	Church visits Awareness	Church visits Awareness	Church visits Awareness

Each month has four main operations as follows:

- (a) School Visits - AWARENESS
- (b) Sch Eye Screening
- (c) Church Visits - Awareness
- (d) Corporate Eyes Screening

These awareness meetings usually involve an opportunity to:

- ❖ **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. How the institution can help reduce blindness. How individuals & institutions can support KSB to support learners with disabilities. Listeners are also sensitized about the cost of
- ❖ **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.

### **PCEA Githurai Parish:**



**Session of the congregation giving testimony of their experience of one hour blindfold**



**Church Elders and the Reverend plus congregation play a part**



**Sessions start at 7.00am irrespective of the distance and KSB never fails**



The congregation interacts with the assistive and leaning materials used by the blind

## 2. Way forward

- The Church members were urged to visit KSB for eyes screening
- The church promised to make a donation to support KSB in supporting learners with visual impairment. The church will be calling KSB to receive the Donation once they are ready.

**Report by Johnson Kitetu**

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