The Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB)

Our Values

- Compassion and commitment: Quality services to the visually impaired (totally blind and low vision). Person with Albinism (low vision), the Deaf – blind, the albinism/epileptic/down syndrome – conditions, the blind with physical impairment and any other type of disabilities.
- Integrity and professionalism: KSB staff, the sighted, the visually impaired, care givers significantly should play informed and guided roles in the lives of PWVI.
- Respect: For person with visual impairment (PWVI). Nurturing, guiding, couching, mentoring, educating and bringing-up PWVI calls for professionalism, ethical and moral obligations hence the need to mainstream disability. That PWVI are to be judged by their value as dignified beings and not just their looks.
- Equality and equity: We believe disability is not inability and commit to relate, associate and work without barriers. We give the sighted and the visually impaired equal opportunities to serve.
- Team spirit and teamwork: We believe the sighted and the visually impaired all need one another. KSB is a membership organization open to both the sighted and the visually impaired all of whom are empathetic to our plight and our development.

Who We Are (Mandate)

The Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) is a Statutory, Charitable and Membership organization established in 1956 by an Act of Parliament (The Kenya Society for the Blind Act – Chapter 251) to:

(a) To promote the welfare, education, training and employment of the blind and to assist in the prevention and alleviation of blindness,
(b) To assist the government, societies, any institution, organizations or society or person in all matters related to the blind,
(c) To awaken public interest in the welfare of the blind and in all matters relating to blindness,
(d) To advise on all things necessary or required in any matter to or connected with the blind.

Who can be a KSB Member

- Every sighted Kenyan (irrespective of age, gender, faith, creed, race, profession, ability/disability)
- All Persons with Visual Impairment (PWVI)
- All Government agencies
- All Corporates and private bodies,
- All learning institutions
- All religious and non-religious organizations
- Communities where people can be born or acquire disability at any time

Benefits to Members

As a membership organization:

- Members have a voting right during Annual General Meetings (AGM) and have a management say on KSB governance and programme matters
- Members receive a membership certificate
- Members receive a copy of the Annual Report with narrative and financial analysis
- Members receive subsidized in Eye Care and Optical services and may benefit from occasional free gifts
- Members have opportunities to participate in Charity Events like mountain climbing; Golf and Fishing tournaments.
- Members have an opportunity to sponsor children with visual impairment.

Membership and Governance

- As per Section 6 of KSB’s Act, the highest decision making body of KSB is the Council which consists of 3 Public Officers deputed by Principal Secretaries from MOH, MOESt and MOLSS and Six elected members during AGM.
- The Council is mandated to meet four times a year for strategic decision making
- The day to day management of KSB is led by the Executive Director and supported by a management team.
- An Annual General Meeting is held every year to share and discuss KSB’s annual performance, narrative report and audited Accounts.
- KSB shares its information to the public through internet services.

KSB Coverage

- KSB is a national organization with Head office in Nairobi. As per Section 5 of KSB Act, KSB can establish a local Branch in any part of the Country or delegate to any institution to undertake any of its functions.
- KSB works with all integrating schools in all the 47 Counties to ensure all the 45,000 children with visual impairment and of school going age are enrolled.
- KSB also works with all Special schools for the visually impaired (VI), tertiary institutions and universities with Visually Impaired learners.

EYE CARE PROGRAM

KSB works in collaboration with Ophthalmic Services Unit (OSU) nationally mandated to reduce preventable blindness in Kenya.
KSB’s eye care programs includes:

- Production of affordable eye drops
- Free eye check-up (screening) and free treatment
- Provision of optical services and outreach activities

KSB supplies Eye Care Health Centres with a range of 28 different eye drops.

has an Eye Clinic that runs every Tuesday with very affordable services:

- Optical shop where Kenyans get low cost fashionable spectacles
- Eye Examination and Refraction Services
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Your Eyes is our Duty

A society in which no one is needlessly blind and rights of the visually impaired ensured.

Mission

To promote the rights of the blind and persons with visual impairment through prevention, empowerment and creation of equal opportunities.

Our Vision

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The visually impaired and the sighted gain another universal language that helps to enhance their employability. The three to four-months training in JAWS and Magic covers:
- Introduction to computer and Operating system
- Microsoft word, Micro soft Excel
- Microsoft, Access, MS Powerpoint
- Internet

KSB also supplies other electronic gadgets such as Brilliant Braille display, Braille Note taker, Wireless Keyboard for use with IPhone or IPad, Eye pal solo reader, embossers among others

**Resource Centre**
KSB has a one stop shop where all assistive devices can be gotten. This includes:
- Pre Braille Materials
- Braille equipment
- Talking watches and calculators
- Braille Transcription
- Braille Watches
- Mobility canes
- Other equipment for other disability

**Talking Book Library**
This is a vehicle in fight against illiteracy among the visually impaired in Kenya. It serves as an entertainment 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 send via Courier Services thanks to our partnership with G4S. The library is run by expatriates and volunteers from EA Women’s League.

**EDUCATION PROGRAM**
KSB in partnership with the Ministry of Education Science & Technology (MOEST) is currently implementing Kenya Integrated Education Programme (KIEP). KSB supports special schools/Colleges for the visually impaired.
KSB support is in the following areas:
- Assistive devices for Totally blind and Low vision
- Eyes screening for school going children
- In coordination of Sponsorship program for CWVI
- Empowerment training of parents and care givers of the visually impaired children and of Braille technicians as well as of teachers
- Coordination and facilitation of co-curriculum activities for the visually impaired

**REHABILITATION PROGRAM**
This seek to promote acceptance and integration of persons with visual impairment through:
- Independent Living Skills
- Orientation and Mobility skills
- Braille literacy
- Adaptive Computer Training (CAT)
- Psychosocial Counseling
- Talent enhancement
- Job placement for PWVI
- Transcription services
- Disability mainstreaming auding and training
- Equipping learning institutions with assistive devices
- Support institutions come up with disability mainstreaming strategic framework, policies and guidelines

**Mobility and Daily Living Skills**
In order to restore maximum attainable functionality, KSB runs trainings aimed at making the newly blinded persons to be mobile and functional in all aspects of life throughout the year. This includes:
- Mobility and cane skills
- Indoor and outdoor activities
- Projection skill
- Personal hygiene and grooming skills.

**Equality Paradigm**
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**Awareness Program**
How can you be part of KSB?

(A) Annual Mt. Longonot Charity Climb
- Every year 3rd Saturday of September.
- KSB also organizes other awareness events like blind walk; White Cane Day; other climbing expedition such as Ngong Hills for interested teams

(B) KSB’s Charity Golf Tourna ment/Dinner
Every year golfers Tee off to support children’s Education

Mike Dunford Fishing Tournament
The Mike Dunford annual Fishing Tournament held in Mombasa every other year. To book for participation and sponsorship, call 0775061819

(D) Elimination of Avoidable Blindness
KSB in partnership with individuals and corporates organizes free Eyes screening medical camps across the country

(E) Membership Subscription
Complete membership application forms
- Ordinary member = Ksh 1,000/=  
- Life Member = Ksh 5,000/=  
- Corporate member = Ksh 15,000/=  

(F) Donations and Sponsorship
Every 10 Sighted Kenyans can unite to support education of one Visually Impaired Child
Donate through:
MPESA Paybill No. 955150
For Account No., enter full name

I/we would like to be Part of KSB’s Work
Name:___________________________
Email:___________________________
Phone:___________________________

I/we would like to participate in: (tick)
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