His Holiness (guru) - Shree Dwarkeshlalji 108 Mohaday Shree Kadi-Ahmehdabad with Directors of Light Up East African Foundation presenting white canes to Johnson Riungu & Juliana of KSB

Seated from left - Juliana Kivasu (Director KSB), Dr. Peter Muthoka (Chairman UAP/Old Mutual/Faulu Foundation), Mr. Sitati Makhandia (Chairman KSB Council), Charity Wainaina

Mt Longonot climbers from Faulu Microfinance Bank who joined KSB 2015 Longonot climb.
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**EDITORIAL TEAM**

1. Juliana Kivasu
2. Johnson Kitetu
Thanks to KSB members, you gave me a challenging task but also a very powerful team of council members that sat six times in 2015 instead of the 4 minimum required seating’s per year as per the Society's Act. Their services are reflected in the excellent performance of the Society as I and the treasurer shall highlight. Thanks also to KSB members who kept us on our tolls. I want to appreciate the entire membership: be they Corporate, Ordinary or Life members. The contribution of each in Kind and in cash made a significant difference and was able to positively touch lives of many.

With the pullout of Sightsavers, things were expectedly going to be tough. However, tough moments require tough measures. The Society’s income in 2015 (31.74M) is higher than 2014 (31.33M). This is commendable and I thank you all for making this possible. With these resources, we were able to deliver the following:

**EYE CARE**

We produced and distributed 52,000 bottles of Eye drops. We extended our eye screening and treatment services from Nairobi to Nyeri, Homabay, Kiserian in Ngong, Limuru in Kiambu. In Nairobi, we had screening in All Saints Cathedral, Kibera and in KSB compound. Our products and services served in many other counties including Migori, Homa Bay, Kisii, Kisumu, Bungoma, Trans Nzoia, Nakuru, Narok and Kericho. We were able to work in collaboration with many public and private hospitals across the year. In total we served about 179,000 with eye drops, optical products, eye care equipments and skin care products. To this extend, I want to thank the staff, all eye care personnel under the leadership of Dr. Michael Gichangi and our long term partner G4S.

**EDUCATION**

Thanks to education sponsorship, KSB supported 37 learners with visual impairment in several schools/colleges with over KES 900,000. Beneficiaries included Kenyatta university, Kibos school for the blind (Pri & Sec), Thika high school for the blind (Sec & Pri), St Lucy school for the blind (Sec & Pri), Sikri Vocational Training Centre and Kisii University. We donated and supplied the following assistive devices: 285 white canes to residents of Bomet, Machakos technical, Thika, Kitui, Meru, Kilimani Integrated and many needy individuals in over 10 counties. We collaborated with many public universities to offer a range of other devices such as Braille Machines, PEP Kits, Magnifiers, Low vision exercise books, Braille Papers and Braille Text books to name a few.

**REHABILITATION**

With Devolution, representation of PWVI and disability is at the increase. In fact from our sector, we have the highest number of MCAs representing PWDs. KSB has worked closely with many County governments as well as the National government to equip their personnel with the required working tools including: Braille note Touch and Apex, solo pal and stream with basic operating skills. With the increase of motor bikes accidents, lifestyle and non communicable conditions, KSB received and trained 47 on orientation and mobility as well as Computer adaptive skills. In line with our mandate requiring us to assist the government and any institutions in all matters related to blindness, KSB has done well in transcription of reports, policy documents for easy information dissemination to PWVI. We also teamed up with well wishers and stakeholders to commemorate the World Sight Day.

**RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

With no key education program donor, the Education and other programme activities could not have been possible without resources from friends and well wishers. I am indebted to thank: Kenya Depository Insurance Company, Standard Media, Operation Eye Sight (OEU), Fred Hollows Foundation, Tamarind Group of Hotels, Faulu Kenya, Heritage Liberty Insurance, Gulf African Bank, Coca Cola Sabco, Utalii Hotel, Limuru Country Club, UAP Insurance, Sarova Hotels, Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), Mater Hospital, Kiambu County Hospital, I&M & Pharmaceutical Companies, Medisel Ltd, Njimia Pharmaceuticals, Globe Pharmacy, Laborex Kenya and GlaxoSmithKline for their support, Mabati Rolling mills and KAP Ltd for their generosity.

Our Charity Events (Fishing, Mt. Longonot, Golf and Blind walk) went on well this year thanks to organizations mentioned above and institutions including: Kenya Institute for Special Education
In Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) persons with visual impairment (PWVI) have a home, where we huddle and bound. It's where linkages and networks start for greater things in life. Given that disability is an open club with doors open for all, in KSB, every one is invited. The Society is an open member organization where the sighted, the visually impaired, the physically challenged and with all forms of disability are empowered to interact freely. KSB is the epitome of inclusivity and empowerment for all and a champion of integration.

That explains why the Chairman (Mr. Sitati Makhandia) joined and interacted fully and jokingly to children across the country, learners with visual impairment, corporates, University students and top most colleges, the KSB members and the public during the 2015 Mt Longonot climb. Following the election of Council members in June 2015, the following were mandated to steer KSB to great height in 2015/6.

The Auditors Mazaars were re-appointed and commissioned to carry out external audit for KSB in the 2015/16 financial year.
On behalf of the Management, let me say that the bar of performance is set high and we have to lead from front. From 2014 to 2015, implementation of “My eyes your Eyes” campaign was both in programme work and in events such as Golf Tournament, Blind walk, Mt. Longonot climb, Fishing tournament. All these were meant to creating awareness on the plight of PWVI, support education, rehabilitation and treatment.

I am happy that with minimal resources, we went far in providing eye care services: We had outreach programmes and static clinics and we were able to serve many. Our Optical shop is now fitted with glazing and fitting equipment to provide timely services. We also continued to improve the Local Production Eye Drop Unit so as to provide the best Eye drops. These improvements have touched on water, air and gas systems of the unit.

Thanks to Child Eye Health Project in 9 counties in Kenya implemented in partnership with Operation Eyesight, Fred Hollows Foundation, BHVI and KSB, we have thousands of lenses and many have benefited.

The year ended well with commemoration of the world disability day. I want to specifically thank the Governor of Bomet Hon. William Ruto and his government on behalf of all persons with disabilities, their guardians and siblings for they have continued to organize and financing awareness and sensitization forums in Bomet county. I wish the other counties could do the same.

I also want to Thank the president of the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice of Kenya and the Judiciary for hosting the visually impaired and persons empathetic to our plight. A lot of thanks goes to Dr. Willy Mutunga for leading a big Judiciary team during commemoration of International Whitecane day. We have seen actualization of Chief Justice's promise that the Judiciary staff with disabilities will be supported with suitable assistive devices and a framework for their smooth operation. KSB and The Judiciary have been working towards these.

Arguably, Social Inclusive is a democratic principle of any civilized institution. By launching a disability policy, The Kenya Judiciary demonstrated they stand in the best place to demonstrate civility in social inclusion. They seem to be saying, “If we don’t have justice to Persons with disabilities amongst us, we can’t offer justice.”

KSB thus want to challenge all government agencies to follow suit and to ensure they are compliant to the legal provision of 5% employment threshold set aside for persons with disabilities (PWDs). They also need to formulate suitable policies to support our ability to work and be productive. PWD have inherent and granted Right: to life, liberty and personal security; to equality; to freedom from slavery or Right to equity; to participate in governance and to education.

The Director, Johnson Riungu & Kitetu and, Celine Nabukooza participated in 6th African Forum in Kampala whose theme was: Beyond 2015 – “Delivering on the agenda for PWVI in Africa”. From this conference, KSB made headways in securing the current technological devices and skill to further support our members. Now we have smart devices including: Smart white cane. Out of the interactions held during the conference, we have been able to train 5 learners from Rajaf School for the Blind in Juba South Sudan. We also forged several partnership agreements with several organizations such as the Humanware for adaptive ICT devices.

Braille Note apex: Braille note Taker, Braille Pen - Braille Bluetooth keyboard, Piaf: drawing machine for the blind, Mount batten Braille Machines: smart Braille machine, Scientific Talking calculator, Nippon Telesoft Printer to mention a few. We have

Last year, I presented different designs for our eagerly anticipated construction of the Rehabilitation centre of Excellency. These designs have since been reviewed following technical advise from various authorities. Specifically, due to proximity to Wilson Airport, The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority and Kenya Airport Authority required us to scale down the height from 11 floors to 8 floors. With these changes done, we have so far received approvals from the two organizations.

The pending task ahead is mobilization of financial resources for the construction. Ahead of us is a campaign that will involve several strategies to mobilize the needed resources. Strategies shall
include: “1,000 Holes Blind Golf Challenge” where our Council member Dr. Laibita is challenging all golfers to beat him in golf when blindfolded and the annual golf tournament, Ngong hills, Mt. Longonot and Mt. Kenya climbs as well as Dinner in the Darkness. This will all succeed with your support.

As I take a pause, let me remind you of the inaugural speech of John F. Kennedy (1961). I am paraphrasing as follows: “…ask not what KSB can do for you but what you can do for KSB.” While saying thanks to you all, let me invite all to share your ideas on how we can create a lasting legacy of you to thank you all say thanks for giving me this opportunity to engage with you

Lastly my appreciation to the KSB Council members for your commitment and support. To the KSB staff, I say well done and hands up for KSB members for the unwavering support.

Aerial View of the project

[Image: Aerial View of the project]

Designs by Arplad Architects -Thanks to all KSB’s committed partners in this construction project

ORGANIZATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Vision, Mission Statement, Objectives and organizational Values

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 3 main programmes namely:

1. Education
2. Eye Care
3. 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 2015-2020 are all focused on self-reliant and sustainable KSB able to meeting its financial and resource obligation:

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:

i. Promote inclusive education Programmes
ii. Ensure PWVI attain the highest possible quality of life and are well referred for psychosocial support
iii. Produce and distribute quality, affordable eye drops and optical items
iv. Promote prevention of avoidable blindness
v. Empower PWVI through capacity building, rehabilitation, lobbying and advocacy.
vi. Create awareness on the plight of persons with Visual Impairment and strengthen support for KSB work
vii. Enhance provision of effective and efficient supportive services
viii. Strengthen KSB to deliver on its mandate

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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.

GLOBAL AND NATIONAL DISABILITY CHALLENGES
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 know 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 protection services.
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.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME
We are mandated by the government to champion and coordinate educational matters of the visually impaired children.

Our mandate covers several services. We ought to:
- Provide eyes screening for school going children. This is the only way the government can ensure its citizens are free from avoidable blindness and thus in line with SDGs.
- Empowerment training and of Braille technicians and teachers.
- Empowerment of parents and care givers of the visually impaired children.
- Coordination and facilitation of learning for the education institutions be they special schools, integrated and inclusive schools and colleges.
- Support learners and institutions working with the visually impaired with assistive devices.
- Coordinate of Sponsorship program for children with visual impairment. The government has so far committed KES 2,020 for every child with disability in all 2210 special primary schools and units) out of the KES 440 million SNE capitation grants as well as the support to the 4,100 learners with disabilities (in 29 special secondary schools and 70 integrated secondary schools) benefit from the KES 32 billion FDSE capitation grants. Learners with visual impairment are benefiting from these grants. However, KSB appreciate that poverty and disabilities go hand-in-hand and was has been supporting some very needy LWVI with some tuition. With the national council having a sponsorship fund for registered persons with disabilities, and with exit of Liliane Fonds, KSB is working hand in hand with the national Council of Persons with Disabilities to ensure LWVI benefit from educational assistance. The following guidelines have been issued to benefiting schools and to parents and guardians.

Requirements for support by NCPWDs:
1. Needy VI Students to be medically assessed in county hospitals.
2. Student to attach 2 passport photo (PP) in the form.
3. The form to be send to Nairobi for signing by cabinet secretary via the DSDO or authorities (student must always keep the original signed form)
4. Copy of the signed form to be send to NCPWD for a card
5. Parents/guardians/Student to visit the District offices (DSDO) offices in their respective county and obtain an Educational Assistance form. Form...
can also be downloaded from website.

6. Student to attach fee structure to the form and request the DSDO to sign the form.

7. Signed form to be taken to the Area chief (or Assistant chief) for signing (does a letter explaining why government should assist the VI).

8. The duly signed form to be taken to school for stamping and signing.

9. The form with the following attachments to be photocopied and sent to the NCPWD offices
   a. Copy of NCPWD ID Card
   b. Copy of death certificate of any or all parents to the VI students (if this is applicable)
   c. The Educational assistance form duly filled
   d. Attached school form

10. Retain a copy stamped by NCPWD with a follow up letter.

11. Incase the NCPWD is not immediately able to assist with fee in terms of cheque, request for a commitment letter from the NCPWDs to take to the school.

The sky is the limit for Brian Otieno Onyango

Brian Otieno Onyango

Dream of studying law at the University

“I submit that her constitutional rights have grossly been violated ... We have a right to assess information like all other citizens... Yes in Braille or in audio format... why not...” He was debating in his Nakuru Integrated High school as a “lawyer and an opposer”.

KSB has been a reliable partner to Braian. At Menengai Integrated Primary in Nakuru Brian set his momentum to success in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Examination when he scored 376 marks out of the 500 mark point to emerge the leading learner with visual impairment in the country. He captured the press in the standard Newspaper on the 30th December 2010 “Blind boy steals limelight with top KCPE score. He was admitted at Nakuru Integrated Boys High School in 2011 that works within the Kenya Integrated Education Programme (KIEP) under a scholarship Wings to fly –Equity Bank. Asked what he aspired to be, he said “... a Constitutional Lawyer.”. KIEP was set up in Kenya in 1989 by Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) in partnership with the MOE and Sight Saver International.

Like so many learners with visual impairment whose dreams have been shattered due to poor examination marking guidelines and confusion that mars Braille transcription and debrailing practice, his dreams were almost cut short by KNEC. He had been awarded a mean grade ‘B’ but he knew his must have had a better grade. He appealed to the Kenya National Examination Council for remarking after which his grade changed to a ‘B+’. This brought great excitement in his family, school and KSB family.

He joined KSB for computer adaptive technology classes and did Introduction to Computer and operating systems, Microsoft word and Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access and Microsoft PowerPoint as well as Internet before joining his university studies. He was admitted at The University of Nairobi to study Bachelors degree in law. When he is out of school for holidays, he serves as an intern in KSB where he is able to train the sighted and the visually impaired on adaptive computer technology computer using JAWS.

Kenya has a national eye care programme established under The Kenya Society for the Blind Act (Chapter 251 of 1956). KSB works hand-in-hand with the Ophthalmic Services Unit (OSU). OSU has so far prioritized cataract, trachoma, glaucoma, child Blindness, Low Vision, Refractive Error and Diabetic Retinopathy as diseases to control (MOH, 2013). Prevention of avoidable blindness in Kenya is hampered by few specialists (70 ophthalmologists -62% based in Nairobi); availability of static eye care units (73 as of 2009) and eye care products.

VIRTUE TECHNOLOGY

Mutahi (president of Pupils in Kilimani-NIEP) witnessed the launch of PEEK. Others are Juliana Kivasu (Director KSB), Mr. Lamin Manjang (CEO Standard Chartered Bank) & Eunice Bagorogoza (Chairperson - BOM Kilimani.

Key stakeholders in the eye's sub sector launched The Portable Eye Examination Kit (PEEK). Peek technology is a milestone in prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment. This initiative was launched in Kenya in 2015. smartphone technology to carry out various eye tests including visual acuity, colour vision (Colour and contrast tests), lens and retinal imaging. The use of technology will mean that teachers with minimal training will help in bridging the gap in eye screening. It will be very easy to identify, refer and track children with visual impairment electronically. The process of referral will have be made easy, efficient, cost-effective and highly streamlined according to Dr Rono.
In 1980s, The Kenya Prevention of Blindness Committee identified the need for low cost eye drops in Kenya if the ophthalmic programme was to be sustained. Arising from this need the National Eye Drops Production Unit (NEPU) was established at the Kenya Society for Blind (KSB) as a joint project with the Ministry of Health (MOH). NEPU was to pilot a project on local production of eye drops (LPED). The LPED is an accepted approach to making essential eye drops accessible, available and affordable in developing countries. The approach was developed by WHO in the 1980s and has since become a standard operating procedure in many countries where drug supply is either erratic or too expensive. This project aims at enhancing accessibility, affordability and the quality of eye drops distribution through existing public eye health units.

This project is not a commercial project but a project committed to prevention of avoidable blindness. The project has been supported by: Safaricom Foundation; Sightsavers and National Council of Persons with Disability –NCPWDs.

**OUTCOMES OF GMP ROAD MAP TO KSB**

NEPU plant was assessed by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to ascertain its performances in line with industrial Global Manufacturing Practices (GMP). We came up with Corrective Action Preventative Action (CAPA) report. Implementation of the gaps identified started almost immediately. The GMP Road Map is a means of standardizing the pharmaceutical industry in Kenya to global/WHO standards. Already KSB has started packaging 9 Products out of is 28 range of products eye drops in the new package as per the GMP recommendation in packaging of pharmaceutical products. Below is a sample of the packaging:

Come for Low Cost and Quality Optical Services in KSB.

We have continued to provide high quality and affordable spectacles. In the year 2015 the optical services partnered with Brien Holding Vision Institute (BHVI) through the Kenyan compendium (Fred Hollows Foundation & Operation Eye Sight) to provide spectacles and low vision devices to school going children in 9 counties in Kenya namely: Kisii, Narok, Homabay, Kisumu, Kitale, Litein, Migori, Bungoma and Nakuru.

To effectively do this, our optical laboratory acquired the latest technology in optical industries to support the project in fitting of spectacles. Among the equipments purchased and installed includes: auto edger, lens blocker, lensometer, frame heater and tinting unit.

**EYE CLINIC/OUTREACH/MEDICAL**

Our eye clinic is the most accessible eye clinic providing the most quality and affordable eye check to thousands of Kenyans with eye problems in the most professional way. Eye services should not be tagged to money, social status, race and other isms in our society. Thousands of patients round the country benefit from our eye drops. Our products benefits patients in public and private eye units all over the country.
country as well as neighboring countries.

In 2015, we have medical camps and outreaches in many parts of the country. We had the static clinic in KSB compound, eye screening sessions in Kiserian, Limuru, Nyeri, Homabay, Nakuru and All Saints Cathedral County.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

“We might have lacked sight but we have a vision.” These were the words of Elizabeth Maingi while being interviewed by K24 on 21th October 2015 after ascending from the Lenana Peak of Mt. Kenya.

Like every one else, we the blind and partially sighted want to play a role in social economic development of our country. We have hobbies; we love, cry, want to be fashionable and indeed wish to be up to date with the latest information about our society. We listen to television though we are discriminated almost always. The Communication Commission of Kenya (CCK) is yet to address our challenges of discrimination when it comes to assessing electronic and print information.

“Though blind, we took time to tour Mombasa and had fun. We are also going to climb Mt. Kenya on Oct 2016.” says Karim Sidi.

We are inviting you all to join us in climbing Mt. Kenya on 18th October – 21st October 2016 for KES
50,000 per person. You don’t need to climb to the top (Lenana peak) but you can rally friends and corporates to pay for a visually impaired to participate in the climb and get to accompany Dr. Laibuta and us to Lenana peak. The KES 50,000 is a comprehensive package that include (1) Air Rescue cover, (2) Transport to and from Mt. Kenya from Nairobi, (3) a potter per every climber, (4) a guide per every climber, (5) food and beverages, (6) accommodation (in camp 1-day 1; Camp 2-day 2 and camp 3 in day three and four).

**REHABILITATION PROGRAMME**

Rehabilitation training has never been this interesting. There is a generally feared which says: “Disability is an open club” glaring at each and every one as we all wake up everyday. The sooner we all realize this; the sooner discrimination and unfounded social stereotypes that propagates the social vice of discrimination, segregation and marginalization will be a thing of the past. In 2015, KSB went out of its way to sensitize the public that its programmes activities are suitable to everybody.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN KSB**

KCS graduates are all welcomed for:

1. **Braille Repair training** - Trainees must have attained D+ and above in KCSE. This is a 6 months training programme – Trainee need to be sighted or partially sighted. Trainee will have to spend 2 months of the total six months serving and practicing how to repair Braille machines. (Tools of training include – Jacket and Braille Repair Kit. Trainee will also cater for his/her accommodation expenses during the time of the course and when in attachment). The attachment must coincide with active school calendar since attachments are in school set ups. The attachment proceeds Braille Repair Grade/Phase 1.

2. **Braille 1 & 2 Skills** (Brailling and debrailling). - Trainees must have attained D+ and above in KCSE. This is a 6 months training programme (6 months). Trainee need to be sighted or partially sighted. This is a continuous training but with planned practical sessions.

3. **Adaptive Computer training.** This is a Certificate course for both the sighted and the visually impaired in Computer which includes the following packages. (1) Introduction to computer and Operating system, (2) Microsoft word, (3) Micro soft Excel, (4) Microsoft Access, (5) MS Powerpoint and (6) Internet. In Kenya, computer knowledge is a basic skill for everybody. Trainees must not have necessarily completed their KCSE to qualify for the training. However, graduates of KCSE have added advantage as the course is taught in English and uses some technical terminologies. This is a mandatory training for all learners in Technical college and Universities.

4. **Orientation and Mobility skill training**. This is an adaptive training for those with irreversible blindness. For the newly blinded, trainees must have recovered from the trauma of loosing sight and must be ready to move on with live with visual impairment. Those still in difficult situation following the loss are first counseled. Training seek to build independence and ability to undertake all Activities of daily living (ADLs) and involves making sure the trainee is able to be mobile, use white cane properly, use public means, use and cross roads with minimal assistance.

5. **Disability mainstreaming initiatives.** The Disability Act provide for a 5% employment threshold set aside for persons with disabilities. The Act proceeds to say, No person shall deny a person with a disability access to opportunities for suitable employment. It also says - A qualified employee with a disability shall be subject to the same terms and conditions of employment and the same compensation, privileges, benefits, fringe benefits, incentives or allowances as qualified able-bodied employees.

These give persons with disabilities constitutional entitlements. The Disability guidelines also outline disability mainstreaming as a social protection and inclusion measure for all public and private institutions. KSB was established (1956) far before the Disability Act (2003) making KSB the most experienced government agent on the issues of disability mainstreaming.

Disability Mainstreaming can be construed as a process of assessing the implications for persons with disabilities to any planned action, including legislation, policies or programmes, in any area and at all levels in any organizational set up. It is a strategy for making the concerns and experiences of PWDs an integral part of designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres, so that PWDS benefit equally, and that ensures that inequality is not perpetuated in any way deliberately or otherwise. The ultimate goal of disability mainstreaming is to achieve social equality and equity in the society.

To help organizations, County governments, institutions and individuals grappling with performance measures of Disability mainstreaming (DM), KSB helps in developing 3-5 year disability strategies; contacts DM audits and helps in developing systematic detailed action plans. We help...
HRM dockets comprehend the dos and don't within the sector.

Dr. Muthoka -Chairman UAP OLD MUTUAL Foundation (right-blindfolded), Mr. Sitati Makhandia -Chairman KSB (blindfolded back row) and Charity Wainaina - Trustee of the Foundation being oriented to Disability Mainstreaming at KSB

This is how we do it. CEO- Old Mutual Group, MOE official (Mr. Kilonzo Musilu representing Dr. Fred Matiangi), CEO UAP Insurance and others trying their newly acquired skills on O&M at KSB

Caroline a person with visual impairment rehabilitated by KSB demonstrates her ability to make Chapatis while her Excellency Mrs. Isaac Ruto wife to Bomet Governor in green scarf as others watch.

The Bomet governor his Excellency Isaac Ruto (blind folded) during World Disability Day celebrations Dec 5th 2015.

Governor Isaac Ruto presented assistive devices donated by KSB to the Head teacher of Korara Integrated primary school.

KSB Trainees from South Sudan - From left Emmanuel Monoja, Catherine Visencio and Flora peter from South Sudan take an orientation within KSB compound
Dawn on Saturday 19th March saw 28 boats leave their respective ports along the Coast for the Mike Dunford Fishing Tournament, hosted at the Tamarind Village.

As usual for this time of year, the weather was hot and fishing conditions weren't helped by a lack of breeze and a flat calm for most of the day.

The billfish were elusive, several boats reporting getting them up to the bait only to have them disappear. The only black marlin of the day was caught early at 9.40 a.m. by Zia Manji, which secured him the overall winner's prize and the first professional boat prize for 'Kipapa'.

The only other billfish to score was a sailfish on 'Waleed', caught by Jamal. However the resultant points were not enough for 'Waleed' to capture the first place in the Amateur category, being pipped at the post by 0.80 of a point by 'Dorado', which came in with a mixed bag of fish including a 17kg kingfish caught by Shezan.

In the end however, only 6 boats recorded a nil catch, with felusi being the most caught species.

As in previous years, the auction was conducted on Friday (18th) evening in aid of the Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB). KSB is a charitable organization established in 1956 by an Act of Parliament to promote the welfare and Education of the visually impaired. The organization organizes free eye screening in prevention of avoidable blindness and rehabilitation of the irreversibly blind. Though KSB is mandated and formed by an Act of Parliament, it is not financed by the government. Rather, it is required to raise funds through charity work, donations, grants, gifts and subscription as per Session 14 of the KSB Act. KSB has been close to the late Mike Dunford's heart. Mike was the chief advocate of Integration programme which led to the launch of the Kenya Integrated Education Programme (KIEP) under KSB and which is operational in many counties in Kenya. The beneficiaries of funds from Mike's Fishing Tournament are blind children in need of assistive devices. Thanks to the generous donation of their auction prizes by Zia Manji and Mia Dunford, the total raised for the KSB was KShs 379,040 worthy about 5 Perkins Braille Machines.

The Tamarind Village has been hosting fishing competitions for twenty years, with Mike Dunford and Seaforth Shipping taking over the main sponsorship in 2003. Seaforth were once again the main sponsors in 2016, with further sponsorship coming from Career Connections Ltd, the company run by Mike's daughter and son-in-law, Sean Garstin Motors, the Tamarind Group and the Golden Key Casino.

On hand to give out prizes were Mike's wife Mia and his daughter Madeleine. Mike's son, Mark also took part in the fishing tournament and netted Centa.

To all the sponsors and to all those who took part in the 2016 tournament, the organizers and KSB management said a big thank you.

The overall results of the tournament were as follows:

**PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY:**
1st KIPAPA, 2nd SASHIMI, 3rd SULI SULI

**AMATEUR CATEGORY:**
1st DORADO, 2nd WALED, 3rd NGURU

**OPEN CATEGORY:**
1st LALA SALAMA, 2nd GANNET, 3nd BLUE MARLIN

| Marlin: Zia, aboard Kipapa |
| Sailfish: Jamal, aboard Waleed |
| Felusi: Sabri, aboard Sashimi |
| Wahoo: Swaleh, aboard Nguru |
| Kingfish: Shezan, aboard Dorado |
| Tuna: Mark, aboard Centa |

**Other categories:**
Ladies: Meraj, aboard Instedda
Junior: Nabil, aboard Sashimi
Dick Chater Light Line: Karl, aboard Utawala
Zia Manji receives the overall prize for the Mike Dunford Fishing Tournament from his wife, Madeleine Dunford, accompanied by the winning team of ‘Kipapa’ in the Professional Boat category. From left, ‘Kipapa’ skipper Howard Lawrence Brown, Doris Muigei, Zia, Madeleine and Teckie Karoki.

CORPORATE’S SOCIAL INVESTMENT

The Heritage Insurance Company (K) Ltd. The company has continued to partner with KSB in support of its programmes. In 2015, Heritage staff joined KSB members in climbing Mt. Longonot. The company has never shied from set aside resources in support of learners with visual impairment and in preventing avoidable blindness. While promoting corporate medical insurance products, they make note that the society has members who are disadvantaged and cannot afford insurance and proper medical attention. The company often than not, decides to take medical services including eye screening to needy communities at no cost. KSB has been a reliable partner of Heritage Liberty Group.

Gulf African Bank, the first fully fledged Islamic lender in Kenya, is a socially conscious organization that believes in continuing commitment to social inclusion. The bank’s Corporate Social Investment (CSI) policy is focused on Health, Economic empowerment, Education and Environmental programmes. The banks sponsored a group of staff to participate in 2015 Mt. Longonot charity climb. To coincide with the Holy Month of Ramadan, the staff of the bank in their thawab which entails fasting, increased offering of salat (prayers) recitation of the Quran and giving was moved by the plight of PWVI and their educational needs to make some donation towards KSB’s programmes. KSB is proud to be associated with the bank
Standard Group is the oldest media house in Kenya playing a major role in engaging, informing, educating the public and in articulating issues of socio-economic and socio-political developmental issues. The TSGL operates a television station (“KTN”), a radio station (“Radio Maisha”), publishes the Standard, Nairobian & Game Yetu, and distributes magazines in East Africa and beyond. The SG Corporate Affairs function is instrumental in nurturing noble social values that cut through:

1. Social, political, economic and communication structures of our society
2. Educational and Environmental values
3. Human and capital development systems for both internal and external clientele

The Corporate Affairs Department of Standard Group is responsible for promoting the Standard Group resources to clienteles who include persons with disabilities. Standard Group appreciate the fact that the difference between the sighted and the visually impaired is –time and is committed towards elimination of avoidable blindness. TSGL actively engage the government to take up its constitutional responsibilities of learners with visual Impairment. Standard Media is the first media house in Kenya to start a sustainable sign language interpretation for all news. Standard Group leads in action and that is why it works closely with Kenya Society for The Blind. In 2015, TSGL covered all the charity events of KSB. We thank the management of this company for being a reliable partner.

The UAP Old Mutual Foundation has a brand promise of “enabling positive futures” and since inception has committed to be most supportive of the communities they serve. Our Foundation focuses on education, healthcare infrastructure and environmental conservation.

In April 2016, Kenya Society for the blind team joined the UAP Old Mutual Foundation team and friends on the annual tree planting exercise at Ndakaini. The foundation also committed an initial support of Ksh 3M to assisting 5 selected schools in 5 counties with the following:

- A4 Braille
- Slates with stylus
- Universal Braille kits (PEP Kits)
- Braille papers
- Brailed textbooks

The overall objective of this partnership is to:

1. Increasing access to education for LWVI
2. Enhancing quality education for LWVI
3. Improving transition rates for LWVI
AWARENESS PROGRAM

How to be Part of KSB

(A) Annual Mt. Longonot Charity Climb

- Every year - 3rd Saturday of September.

(B) KSB's Charity Golf Tournament/Dinner

Every year golfers Tee off to support blind children's Education

(C) 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 has an Eye Clinic that runs every Tuesday

Eye Examination and Refraction Services

(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 ought to support education of one Visually Impaired Child's Education

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)

A ---- B --- C —

D --- E---- F —

Use our contacts

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Disability is not Inability as demonstrated by Samson Waweru (UON) as he ascends from the peak of mt. Longonot.
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1. Juliana Kivasu (Director)
2. Solomon Bukhala
3. Johnson Kitetu
4. Daniel Masese
5. Aziza Lyaga
6. Caroline Otieno
7. Johnson Riungu
8. Isabel Karimi
9. Samuel Chirchir
10. Evelyne Opiyo
11. Tom Owino
12. Bernard Monyoncho
13. Dorice Ambuka
14. Bridget Monyangi
15. Lawrence Monyangi (Intern)
16. Samson Waweru (Intern)
17. Celine Nabukooza (Intern)
18. Elizabeth Maingi (Intern)
19. Sammy Mbugua (Volunteer)
20. Jillian V. Nyambura (Intern)

Development Partners 2015
Kingdom Sacco
Vidya and Madalal
Judith Thuita
Joy Bhatt
Kenya Charity Sweepstake
Liliane Fonds
Simpson Sylvia Rose
Madeleine Serene Dunford
Tamarind Management Ltd
Sue Dummbelton
Paramod Patel
Famida
Naseem
Madanlala and Vidyadevi
Operation Eyesight
DPK Coast – Anastasia Mwangi
Kenya Depository Insurance Company
Joy Vipinchandra Bhatt
International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment - ICEVI
Karanis Foundation
Naseem Chaundry - 50punds
Mr Peter Julina Hime
Prof Elisha K Muchunga
Insurance Regulatory Authority
Heritage Insurance Ltd – Member of Liberty Group
Romeo Nelson
Nairobi International School
Aga Khan Academy Shah & Associates
Murimi and company
Kenya Institute for Special Education – KISE
Gulf African Bank
Habib Bank Zurich AG
Development Bank of Kenya
Mabati Rolling Mills Limited
Cavina School
Moi Girls High School (Nairobi)
Oshwal Academy (Nairobi)
Nairobi Academy

Standard Media Group – The Standard & KTN
GEM Cambridge International
Society of Professionals with Visual Disability – SOPVID
Oshwal Academy - Nairobi
Kilimani - Nairobi Integrated Education Programme
UAP Insurance
National Council of Person with Disabilities
Industrial Area Police & Trafic Area Police
Limuru Country Club
The Mater Hospital
Tigoni Sub-County Hospital
The Limuru Constituency office
Kameme FM
Tigoni Police Station
I&M & Pharmaceutical Companies
Medisel K Ltd
Nijimia Pharmaceuticals
Globe Pharmacy
Laborex Kenya
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceutical Kenya Ltd
Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa - KBTA
Sight Savers
African Braille Center – ABC
Kenya Institute for The Blind – KIB
The Judiciary Kenya
University of Nairobi – Kikuyu Campus
Egerton University Daystar University
Zetech University
Kameme FM
Radio Maisha FM
Bomet County Government
Chancery Insurance Brokers
Fred Hollows Foundation-Kenya
All Saints Cathedral
St Stephen Cathedral – Jogoo Road
Faulu Micro Finance Bank Ltd
Ministry of Health – OSU
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Labour
Social Security Services
Spec and Sight
Coke Cola Sabco – CCS
Arplad Architects
Albinism Society of Kenya – ASK
G4S
Institutional Development Programme – IDP
Christoffel Blinden Mission – CBM
Utalii Hotel
Sarova Group of Hotels
Hilton Hotel
Rupas Gift Center
Kenya Union of the Blind - KUB
Lightup East Africa Foundation
Green Berry Limited
Alive and Kicking

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The Society raised Kshs 31.7M from donations, grants, income generating activities (IGAs) and fundraising events in 2015. Donations and grants decreased by 25% compared to 2014 due to phase out of a donor (Sightsavers) who was funding the Education (KIEP) and eye care (KOP) programs. Total expenditure for the year was KES 40.6M. The deficit for year was 8.9M. This includes a non-cash expense of KES 8.7M attributed to depreciation and bad debts written off of KES 1.2M. These debts had been accumulated for the last 5-10 years. Most of these debts had to do with eye drops purchased by hospitals before devolution started.

The Society diversified its income generating initiatives and fundraising events which yielded favorable returns. Gains thereof were used to finance program work and to run the Society.

Non-current assets for the Society was 98M, this was a slight reduction (of 9%) from 2014 due to asset depreciation and loss of market value in equity investment. The Society closed the year with commendable net assets of KES 16.1M.

This performance was against a backdrop of difficult operating environment characterized by high inflation; weakening of local currency against the dollar and other hard currencies and exit of donors. With reduced total income, the Society has embraced key cost cutting measures, freeze employment, and adopted sound financial management systems. I congratulate all the development partners and KSB membership for trusting us with resources and the KSB Council, the management, staff for the excellent financial achievements recorded.

Support from our committed partners; individuals and corporate bodies, who gave generously their resources in cash, in kind and through volunteerism which is greatly appreciated. To our members who continue supporting the plight of the visually impaired you are a blessing.

Our Auditors Mazars deserve credit for their thorough and timely audit. Mazars have registered their willingness to continue serving KSB.

I urge all of you to continue supporting KSB to support learners and persons with visual impairment.

Hon Treasurer
Ms. Rose Wambua
KENYA SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31ST DECEMBER 2015

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Hon Isaac Mwaura at a KSB’s function: He called on the government to buy a Braille machine for every LWVI

Mr. Fred Haga – Senior Assistant Director of Education. He is passionate about inclusive education in Kenya

From Right - Mr. Solomon Bukhala; Amos Maigong - SADE-Directorate of Secondary & Tertiary Education & Mr. Kilonzo Masitu –MOEST (Representing the CS-MOE Dr. Fred Matiangi) on a KSB function. The ministry of Education is a key stakeholder to KSB
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KSB members out to plant trees as a conservation mechanism at Ndakaini Dam posing for a photo UAP Old Mutual Foundation Trustees and other event organizers.

A pupil with cataract identified for surgery during the school screening exercise in Nakuru.

Low vision specialist Dr Cheleli examining a patient at Kibera during a free medical camp organized by Kenya Society for the Blind and Carolina for Kibera.

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