Visually impaired pupils of St. Lucy Pry school for the blind entertaining partners during a donation day by UAP Old Mutual Foundation and Kenya Society for the Blind
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*Deputy Chief Justice addressing participants before flagging off of 2016 blind walk*
CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT

My heartfelt appreciation goes to the KSB members in general and specifically to the team of very committed council members. You spent your time, resources to support me in leading the society. The KSB secretariat led by our able Director has taken the Society to the next level as you shall hear from the excellent performance.

My appreciation to His Excellency Governor Isaac Ruto of County Government of Bomet for supporting us to open a KSB Bomet Branch. This new KSB Branch is committed to provision of quality Optical Services; provision of rehabilitation and computer Technology training to Persons with Disabilities and there is a need for an all-inclusive Rehabilitation Center.

The Bomet County Government signed a partnership agreement with KSB. His Excellence the Governor also witnessed the signing of a Partnership Agreement between KSB and Rotary Club of Nairobi South, District 9212 towards provision of assistive devices for learners with visual impairment in Bomet and the surrounding counties.

To our membership (be they ordinary members, corporate and Life members), you are well appreciated. But I want to urge each member to bring an extra member by next year. This example has been proved workable by Faulu Kenya who has been a corporate member for many years. Recently, Faulu Kenya merged with UAP Insurance and Old Mutual to become UAP Old Mutual Foundation. Faulu and the Foundation are working with KSB to support learners with visual impairment.

Another long time corporate member is Standard Media Group. Through their partnership, KSB is able to raise awareness on the causes and plight of visual impairment. Allow me to be programme specific.

Eye care mandate
To prevent avoidable blindness, We produced and distributed 70,000 bottles of Eye drops. We carried out Eye screening and treatment services in 18 primary schools in Nairobi thanks to ICEVI, did an eye camp in Nyeri, Kiserian in Ngong and in several PCEA and ACK churches. We continued serving nine counties namely Migori, Homa Bay, Kisii, Kisumu, Bungoma, Trans Nzoia, Nakuru, Narok and Kericho thanks to the BHVI consortium and partners like Ministry of Health, Fred Hollows Foundation and Operation Eyesight Universal. We work in collaboration with many public and private hospitals across the country and served 181,000 clients with eye drops, optical products, eye care equipments and skin care products. This was made possible by a team of committed Ophthalmic Clinical Officers Ophthalmologists, Ophthalmic Nurses and KSB staff under the leadership of Dr. Michael Gichangi and our partner G4S. The partnership between Narok County hospital and KSB has also helped in serving more Kenyans with optical services. Similar tripartite partnership between Huruma Sub-County Hospital, Operation Eyesight Universal and KSB in Uasin Gishu County government will be serving more Kenyans in Eldoret.

Education Mandate
KSB sensitized learners with visual impairment about the government support available to them. Learners initially supported under Liliane Fond are now supported by the National Council for persons with Disabilities for tuition and assistive devices. KSB and its partners donated assistive devices to Kitui Integrated Programme, St Lucy primary sch for the Blind, Likoni sch for the Blind, Korara Integrated in Bomet and Kibos sch for the Blind thanks to UAP OLD MUTUAL Foundation. Each of these schools received donations worth over Kshs 1,000,000. This partnership between KSB and UAP OLD MUTUAL Foundation was officially launched by Dr. Fred Matiangi, Ph.D, EGH, EBS, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST) on 19th April 2016. through his representative

The KSB Council met the Principle Secretary (PS) of MOEST and agreed on the need for more support of learners with visual impairment in Kenya. Later, the PS formed a team to prepare a Strategy Paper to help formulate practical solutions in favor of Learners with Visual Impairment..

KSB has continued to collaborate with higher learning and tertiary institutions like Egerton University, USIU, Maseno University, University of Nairobi, Pwani University, Machakos Technical Institute for the Blind, Taita Taveta University, Chuka University, all special schools for the blind and all integrated schools serving Learners with Visual Impairment.. KSB serves in many
school Board of Management and provides these institutions with a range of assistive devices such as Braille Machines, Low vision devices and technical advice.


The following institutions: Mike Dunford Foundation, Aga khan senior school Nairobi, Nairobi Academy, Gems Cambridge international, Cavina school, Oshwal academy, Nairobi international school, Zetech university, Egerton University (Nairobi & Njoro campus), Daystar University, Braeburn Imani in Thika and Garden Estate. The Hillcrest Academy and The Dunford Fishing competition played a major role in ensuring learners with visual impairment assess assistive devices for learning too.

Rehabilitation mandate

The level of awareness among persons with visual impairment is on the increase with very high representation at different levels of the national and county governments. Due to this, they have been good ambassadors of KSB and we have witnessed a high turn up of referrals. More organizations are seeking to know the “do’s” and “don’ts” of disability mainstreaming. KSB is also working closely with Caroline Muchunga Trust and the National Council to support PWVI become ICT literate.

Through our lobby initiatives, a KSB team was also incorporated in the Digital Learning Programme (DLP) under ICT Authority to ensure children with visual impairment are equally served suitable digital learning devices. The government is targeting learners with hearing and visual impairment through the Digischool campaign.

The Treasury through the Ministry of Social services has committed to support KSB in the construction of the Rehabilitation Centre of Excellence. The KSB Holding, the Council and the management have been doing everything possible to fundraise towards this Rehabilitation Center of Excellence.

The Judiciary and other legal entities in Kenya also played some instrumental roles in enhancing KSB’s organization development. Thanks to the office of the President of the Judiciary in Kenya, KSB effectively commemorated the World Sight and White cane day. The Judges and Magistrate Board as well as the Kenya Commission of Human Rights for their relentless effort towards disseminate invaluable transcribed/ brailled work. Again, the review of KSB’s Act also officially kicked off in 2016 with a retreat to identify the required changes under the leadership of The Law Reform Commission.

Last but not least let me acknowledge Kingdom Sacco, reliable friends like Fredrick Akama, PCEA Kariobangi, AFUB, PCEA Sigona church, Joy BV Bhatt, Haku Family, Prof Elisha Muchuga, Kilala International, Angela Wace, Owino Opere, all the Council members, KSB Holding members, KSB staff and all well-wishers. With all your support and that of all the above organizations the Society’s income grew from Kshs.31M in 2015 to Kshs 45M in 2016. This is a very good performance given the hard economic time the country has experienced. Let me guarantee you all that KSB should continue serving.

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Receive my heart felt and deepest greetings. The KSB family is at the increase and daily. We are receiving many visitors and clients. Once an isolated place with very few visitors, KSB is receiving at least about 40-75 clients daily. We also have some tenants with whose support we are able to serve their friends. Visitors are always a blessing and we need more visitors so as to touch many persons with visual impairment (PWVI).

Young PWVI are finding mentorship and encouragement from peers. Ivan Odero linked with Dr. Laibuta to role play and jointly produced an infomercial for the 1000 Blind Golf tournament that was held in Limuru Country Club. Later, Ivan did a very sensational video documentary. I encourage all our members to come up with some profile and where possible put them in a video documentary for awareness creation.

This year our membership organized several events for awareness, for charity and for fun. Some of our members this year climbed Ngong Hills and Mt. Longonot. We participated in trees planting in Ndakaini and months later, we did the 10Km Ndakaini Marathon courtesy of
UAP Old Mutual Foundation. We have encouraging moments where our members interact, learn, laugh, dine and wine together as part of networking. We need more of these memorable moments.

Our performance this year hints to an elaborate collaboration and corporation between KSB members, KSB staff and KSB Council members. Dr. Laibuta challenged his friends and golfers to beat him for a one Hole blindfolded for Kshs 10,000 in a Golf Tournament on 29th July 2016 at Limuru Country Club. Dr. Gichangi steered the commemoration of World Sight Day. Dr. Mongesa supported and encouraged transcription and distribution of Braille materials. Mr. Makenzi was there to celebrate the signing of partnership between KSB and UAP Old Mutual Foundation. Dr. Tororei and Mr. Musakhi ran with the Rehabilitation project from one milestone to another. The Chairman Mr. Sitati and Mrs. Rose Wambua the Treasurer provided leadership to the Society and worked closely with our Architect and financial consultants towards fundraising for the Rehabilitation Centre and the most needed leadership for the KSB Holding Ltd. Benard Githinji former KSB Treasurer flagged off Mt. Longonot charity climb and led from the front climbing up and round the creator of mountain. Our partners also supported and walked hand-in-hand with us. I urge all of you to keep the spirit of networking and collaboration high for yet another year. Here are the names of our Council members.

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This year more than ever we created more awareness and we want to keep doing so. We visited churches, and schools and took advantage of every formal and informal forums to share why anybody/institution should work in partnership with KSB. I also urge each one of you to support us in enhancing linkages and partnerships. We will be announcing donation giving ceremonies so that those willing to attend such activities may participate.

KSB has a big dream for our Bomet Branch Programme. The office is now fully equipped thanks to the partnership between the County Government and KSB. The Branch is managed by an able team of KSB staff and a team seconded by the Department of Culture and Social Services.

Awareness creation is also one of the four mandates of KSB as per our Act. The office of the New Chief Justice has continued to collaborate with KSB as was the office of His predecessor. In 2016, KSB marked the World Sight day and International White cane day through a Blind Walk.

On behalf of the Chief Justice David Maraga, the Walk was flagged off by the Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwilu from the Supreme Court grounds. This was the 3rd time the event was flagged from the same grounds. The Judiciary is aware that Persons with disability face discrimination and that only through the Judiciary can Persons with Disability and Kenyans assess justice under the rule of law. This made The Judiciary to launch a Disability Policy. This was a promise given by Dr. Willy Mutunga during the 2015 Blind Walk.

I urge all organizations to take this Board step and to consider working closely with KSB for more comprehensive Disability Policies and guidelines.

We have made significant strides in the planning and development of The Rehabilitation Center of Excellence specifically on the area of financing. We are positive that soon we will be signing some partnership agreements.

Executive Director
Juliana Kivasu

The joy in summiting and conquering Ngong Hills 2016

BOM chairman,Sis. Judy, UAP Old Mutual Foundation staff,KSB Staff ,teachers & Parents of St. Lucy School for the Blind in a school donation function in Aug 2016
**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 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 2015-2010 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:
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 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 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.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

We are mandated by the government to champion and coordinate educational matters of the visually impaired children. Our mandate covers several services.

KSB provides 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.

1. Empowerment training and of Braille technicians and teachers.
2. Empowerment of parents and care givers of the visually impaired children
3. Coordination and facilitation of learning for the education institutions be they special schools, integrated and inclusive schools and colleges
4. Support learners and institutions working with the visually impaired with assistive devices.
5. 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 over 100 integrated Primary and secondary schools) benefit from the KES 32 billion FDSE capitation grants. Learners with visual impairment are benefiting from these grants.

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 dully signed form to be taken to school for stamping and signing.
9. The form with the following attachments to be photocopied and send to the NCPWD offices
10. Copy of NCPWD ID Card
11. Copy of death certificate of any or all parents to the VI students (if this is applicable)
12. The Educational assistance form dully filled
13. Attached school form
14. Retain a copy stamped by NCPWD with a follow up letter.
15. 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.

Through KSB lobbying of partners, Kitos benefited with learning materials and assistive devices worthy over Kshs 1,000,000.

His Excellency Governor Isaac Ruto receiving donations worthy over a million from UAP Old Mutual Foundation on behalf of Korara Integrated Primary School.

Kitui Integrated Programme benefited with learning materials and assistive devices worthy over Kshs 1,000,000. Thanks to UAP Old Mutual Foundation & KSB Partnership.
Janet was born in 1998 in a family of two children and happened to be the last born. In 2004 at the age of six years, she was involved in a road accident that affected her eyesight. After several surgeries in different hospitals, she was confirmed blind in August 2004, and had to be enrolled in St. Lucy’s School for the blind in Meru County where she was enrolled in a braille class.

She confesses that it was not easy to cope with the loss of sight. First, there was her mother who could not at any chance admit that she was now blind. Secondly, she was in denial and could not go out and play with her friends. Later she had to cope with the condition after a short while. She went through her primary education quite smoothly, although some with challenges such as lack of some text books in braille.

She sat for her KCPE in 2012 and managed to attain 398 marks. She was initially admitted at Kenya High School, but couldn’t be allowed since the school management argued that the school didn’t have facilities for learners with visual impairment.

The issue of inclusive education in Kenya has not been impressed fully. Majority of the managers of institutions are still regarding learners with visual impairment as a problem. The thinking negates the principle of inclusive education where any learner with disability has to fit in the school system nearest to his home. The focus of the school should be how to eliminate barriers within the system, which includes building the capacity of both teaching and none teaching staff Ensuring that, the school has appropriate equipments and a friendly environment.

Janet proceeded with high school education at St. Lucy’s high school where she sat for her KCSE in 2016, and attained a mean grade of “B +”. This was fabulous and hence recognized with Equity Bank.

Through wings to fly, the Equity Group Foundation generously engaged Janet as an intern and later to benefit from the support of The MasterCard Foundation with the granting her scholarships and leadership training. She is an intern with the bank. She has been attached as a customer care representative. She confesses with excitement that the position has exposed her to a lot of professionalism and has hence prepared her for her future career.

Through the support from the bank she has been enrolled for adapted computer skill training at KSB Center for Adaptive Technology (CAT). She is currently in her final stage of how to use the computer efficiently and soon she will be able to access information and freely use a computer in her daily work. Janet is confident that the acquired skills will support her at the university. She is looking forward to study Law that will propel her to greater heights of her career.

The HKV Kenya Project (BHVI KENYA) Project KSB was part of the “Seeing is Believing” Regional project that covered Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. This was a four year Child Eye Health Project that commenced in 2013 to December 2016. The goal of the project was to reduce the percentage of avoidable blindness and visual impairment in selected regions of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania through the development and implementation of a comprehensive Child Eye Health Programme directly reaching an estimated population of 4 million children aged 0 – 15 years. In Kenya the project was implemented by Kenya Society For The Blind in and coordinated jointly by Operation Eyesight Universal and the Fred Hollows Foundation in collaboration with the Opthalmic Services Unit in the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

The Kenyan chapter of BHVI Consortium under the above mentioned partners was implemented in 9 counties namely Migori, Homabay, Kisii, Kisumu, Bungoma, Trans Nzoia, Nakuru, Narok and Kericho. Under this project, KSB optical devices production capacity of cutting, glazing and fitting of glasses as per prescription was enhanced. A total of 319 specs were distributed to children after thorough refraction and 158 low vision devices were distributed. Over 36,000 were screened in static clinics or during community outreach programmes.

Under another partnership between KSB and ICEVI more screening in 18 public primary schools in Nairobi county took place as from 28th June, 2016 to 21st July, 2016. A total of 22,192 children were screened, 2,132 were examined by the eye specialist out of whom 186 were referred to KSB Tuesday eye clinic, 98 were treated, 2 pupils had cataracts and 75 were prescribed glasses. Eye drops from KSB’s National Eyes Production Unit
(NEPU) were used. Nine teachers (5 Male, 4 Female) in these schools were inducted on screening and referral procedures and worked hand-in-hand with ophthalmologist during screening. These teachers were trained on:
- How to identify a child with visual problems
- Possible reasons why children complains they are not able to see blackboard
- How to use fingers to trace lines
- Effects of tilts children’s head on one side all the time
- Reasons behind blinking too much
- Reasons behind children holding book too close
- Why children bump into objects
- Why eye looks white in the middle and red eyes
- Double vision
- Complains headache or pain
- How to take and record vision acuity – VA
- Use of Snellen charts either N or E chart.
- How to record and read and intertemperate visual acuity (VA): 6/6 normal eye, vision worse than 6/18 to be seen by Ophthalmology.

**WORLD SIGHT DAY**

In 2016, We marked the world sight day with pop and color. Stakeholders convened at Crown Plaza Hotel Uppermill and showcased different products and services used towards elimination of avoidable blindness. The theme was “Stronger together”.

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**Dr Isaag Odongo representing the CS, Health & Dr. Gichangi, head of ophthalmic services in Kenya being taken through services offered by KSB**

**Ophthalmologist examining a student during screening at Murema Primary in Nairobi County**

**A pupil using a pin-hole camera to read during testing of the visual acuity at Umoja Primary**

**KSB Team with the former Chief Justice, Dr. Willy Mutunga posing for a photo after the white cane day 2015**

**KSB celebrated World Sight Day in Style, A walk was flagged off from Supreme court grounds by Deputy Chief Justice Philemona Mwilu**

**Justice Philemona flagging off the walk**

**Justice Philemona with KSB Director as guide**
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.

NATIONAL EYE DROP PRODUCTION UNIT

EYE SERVICES IN ELDORET AND NAROK

Optical unit product and services offered at Huruma Eye hospital at Uasian Gishu County. This project is being implemented in Partnership with KSB and Operation Eyesight. A similar project is being implemented in Narok County Hospital By the same partners.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

Rehabilitation training has never been this interesting. There is a general fear “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.
KCSE 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 debrailing)** - Trainees must have attained D+ and above in KCSE. This is a 6 months training programme (6 months). Trainees 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 losing 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.

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 docket comprehend the dos and don't within the sector.

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**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN KSB**

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**FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME**

**2016 MT. Longonot Charity Climb Edition**

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Trekking up and down Mt. Longonot is real fun. The trek is short but very strenuous 2-3 hours. Mt. Longonot is a “recently” dprant stratovolcano (9100ft) mountain located in the center of the Great Rift Valley. The mountain is 60km from Nairobi easily accessible via private vehicle and/or public transport. From the foot to the peak is a distance of at most 9km. The Hike starts at around 7000 ft (2150m) and the summit is approximately 9100 ft (2780m). The sun is how gracefully or adventurous one navigates the vertical of 630m given frequency and steepness of all the ups and down of the crater rim.

From KSB perspective, Mt. Longonot climb is the most anticipated event of the year bringing participants from different parts of the country. Not age, physical look and abilities; religion, creed, race nor gender is important to participants but summit. The sighted may be excited to summit but the visually impaired (VI) and the Physically Impaired (PI) are proud to conquer the mountain despite all odds. They celebrate being “Able Differently”. Pupils from 5 years, Students from High schools to University colleges, employees from different companies and organizations all come together to support persons with visual impairment who are of school going age.

This Event is an annual event commemorated every 3rd Saturday of September and it has lasted over 15 years. This charity event coincides with a warm- dry season with lovely scorching sun. By the end of the climb, hikers irrespective of their skin colour all look the same (dusty). Other come down without a pair of shoes while others opt to carry the shoes rather than wear them. Usually the as hikers come down to those climbing is “Noo Vaa” a Kamba phrase which mean “just here”. Noo Vaa thus becomes an energizer and a chorus up and down the hill.

Every year, golfers unit to tee off in support of learners with visual impairment across the country. Golfers do this for fun and for charity founded on the belief that - “if every 10 sighted Kenyans can unite to support the education of one visually impaired child”. By Playing Golf for KSB, one is:

1. Paying tuition for a blind child
2. Providing magnifying glasses/white cane/calculator to the blind
3. Supporting eyes screening to contain avoidable blindness
4. Offering the blind a livelihood (not to beg)
5. Supporting the newly visually impaired get counseling and training on mobility
6. Giving sight and giving life

We play golf to celebrate Dr. Laibuta Kibaya who is a blind golfer. His message is: Let us all join hand in conquering disability.
The 2016 Annual Golf Tournament edition that took place in Limuru County Club

Dr. Laibuta Kibaya ready to tee off

Golfer taking the blindfold challenge

Mrs. Juliana Kivasu, Director KSB celebrating golfers at LCC

Teddy Kalanda (VI) preparing to entertain the golfers

USIU Students participated in the blind walk challenge as an awareness programme by KSB

AWARENESS
CAT Students who have completed the adaptive computer training from our centre for adapted technology

Some of the participants who took part in our Monthly blind fold challenge

Margaret Mathura of UAP Old Mutual arranging part of the donation from the foundation to Likoni School for the Blind in Sep 2016

KSB Bomet Branch

Florence on the fore and Catherine behind her fully engaged with class assignment KSB Feb 2016

Mwanza Town choir in their visit to Kenya were oriented on disability mainstreaming at ACK St. Joseph Eastleigh in Nairobi.

Emanuel Monoja talking to pupils as Flora –right Looks on KSB Feb 2016

From Right Catherine, ... Thoom mabil, Carol Ndiso, Emanuel Monoja, Ivan and Flora Peter KSB Feb 2016

Students of Hillcrest Academy were blind folded to have a feel of goal ball during blind walk challenge

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The Mike Dunford Annual Fishing Tournament was held in Tamarind Village Mombasa. It is held in the memory of the late Mike Dunford who served as the chairman and treasurer of KSB council in 1988-1998 and 2002-2008 respectively.

Participants compete in fishing and are treated to lively auction of boats. This happens in March every year. Call to book for participation or sponsorship. (tel: (254-20)6001541) OR 0775-061819)
Corporation Social Investment

Amiran Kenya is proud to be partners with the Kenya Society for the Blind, a partnership geared towards the empowerment of visually impaired youth by providing means to better learning facilities and creating quality education and a suitable life for future generations to come.

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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

Optical shop where Kenyans get low cost fashionable spectacles
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

Contact:
The Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB)
Barclay House, Off Langata Road
P. O. Box 46656 -00100 GPO
NAIROBI Kenya
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EMAIL: ksb@ksblind.org

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The year 2016 has seen an overall improvement of performance. The revenue of the Society increased from Kshs 31.7 M to Kshs 45M. The 42% increase in revenue is largely due to diversification of investments, creation of awareness to the public on KSB’s Activities and greater partnership and collaboration with corporates, central government and county governments. Income generating activities happen to be the main sources of income in 2016 contributing a total of 29.7M. From Eye Care Services we raised 11.2M. From Rental Income gave us 7M, while sale of assistive devices yielded 8.2M. Charity initiatives raised 3M. This is a significant growth from Kshs 17.1M in 2015 to Kshs 29.7M in 2016.

Other sources of income were interest and dividend from investments, Subscription and Rehab services that raised 6.9M. Kshs 8.4M came in as donations and grants, out of which 3M was in kind. Donation in kind consisted of media air time, printing and Radio Maisha coverage of KSB’s awareness campaigns and fundraising events by Standard Group Media. I have to say that KSB also benefited from coverage by Kamene FM and Milele FM stations. The value of these two donations in kind was not costed.

Total expenditure for the period was Kshs 46.3M. This amount includes a non-cash expenditure of 6M attributed to annual estimate loss of value of non-current assets (Depreciation). The society maintained a conservative approach towards its office and administrative expenses. There was an increase in activity cost largely due to increase of cost of resale products otherwise, increase in cost of service of the Society can only be attributed to inflation. The society closed with a deficit of Kshs 1.3M which is a huge improvement compared to 2015 deficit of Kshs 8.9M.

The net worth of the society as at 31st December 2016 was 111M compared to 114M in 2015. The decrease was due to estimated annual loss of value of Noncurrent assets. The short term financial health for organization was good with positive net current assets of Kshs 18.M a slight increase from 16.1M in 2015.

I do confirm that the Finance committee, the Council and the management is committed to sustainable financial performance of KSB. We have come a long way but still have a long way to go. We all have to remain vigilant in resource mobilization. We need more partners, more members for us to deliver more to our ever increasing clientele. I urge all registered members to invite their children, siblings and friends to be KSB members.

Our Auditors Mazars deserve credit for their thorough audit and valuable advice for the last 4Years. Mazars have registered their willingness to continue serving KSB for the Final 5th term. Management will source for other service providers for 2018 Audit. The process of engaging another auditing firm will be initiated and outcomes will be shared with members during the next AGM for their consideration. Finally, on behalf of the Finance team, I wish to thank KSB Family for their commitment to the mandate of the organization. I would also wish to thank my colleagues’ in the Council for their unrelenting and solid support during my tenure as Treasurer. It has been an honor to serve the society as a Treasurer. I will now exit from being the Treasurer but will continue serving the Society to which I am a Life member.
## Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2016

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## List of Development Partners

**KSB Staff**

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. Evelyne Opiyo
10. Tom Owino
11. Bernard Monyoncho
12. Dorice Ambuka
13. Bridget Monyangi

**KSB Bomet Branch**

14. Samuel Chirchir
15. Daicy Soi - KSB Bomet Branch
16. Daicy Sitonik - KSB Bomet Branch

**KSB Interns**

17. Lawrence Monyangi (Intern)
18. Samson Waweru (Intern)
19. Celine Nabukooza (Intern)
20. Elizabeth Maingi (Intern)
21. Sammy Mbugua (Volunteer)
22. Rajab Chetti (Intern)

**Represented by:**

- **Funds**
  - General fund 108,135,574 109,442,329
  - Capital fund 2,847,738 4,391,137
  - Restricted Fund 405,158 404,658
  - Earmarked fund 151,689 203,530
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- Ministry of Labour, Social Security & Services
- Mitch Auto Garage
- Mrs Mary Ashe
- Nairobi Academy
- Nairobi international school
- Narok County Hospital (Optical Unit)
- National Council of Persons with Disabilities
- Navial Haji
- Nellie Kiarie
- Operation Eyesight
- Oshwal academy
- PCEA kariobangi South
- PCEA Sigona Church
- Prof Elisha Muchunga
- Rupas Gift shop
- Samuel Njenga
- Standard Group
- Sue Dumbleton
- Tamarind Group of Hotels
- The Judiciary
- Thiongo Mary
- UAP Old Mutual Foundation
- United State International University (USIU)
- Zetech university
- Rotary Club of Nairobi South
ERICK NGONDI RECEIVES NATIONAL COMMENDATION

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THE HUDUMA OMBUDSMAN AWARD THIRD EDITION (2017)
A Letter of Commendation Presented to
Mr. Eric N. Ngondi
Environment Officer, National Environment Management Authority

I am delighted to inform you of your selection to the shortlist of the Huduma Ombudsman Award Third Edition. We received 801 nominations for the individual and institution categories of the Award. After considered deliberations, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Advisory Panel are pleased to inform you that you emerged seventh in ranking in the individual category. Congratulations!

As an Officer responsible for complaints handling, you have handled the public professionally and courteously, and excelled in your work. You have, therefore, demonstrated that disability is not inability and in so doing you stand out as a true inspiration to Public Officers with disability.

You were able to overcome the challenge occasioned by sudden visual impairment and today you encourage many young people like you to nurture and pursue their dreams. It is particularly noteworthy that you have taken time to mentor young people who are visually impaired on various platforms and trained them on adaptive computers.

For exemplary service delivery, mentorship for persons with disabilities, and demonstrating that disability is not inability, I take pleasure in commending you for a job well done.

Dated this 9th Day of March 2017.

DR. REGINA G. MWATHA, Ph.D., MBS
Ag. COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON