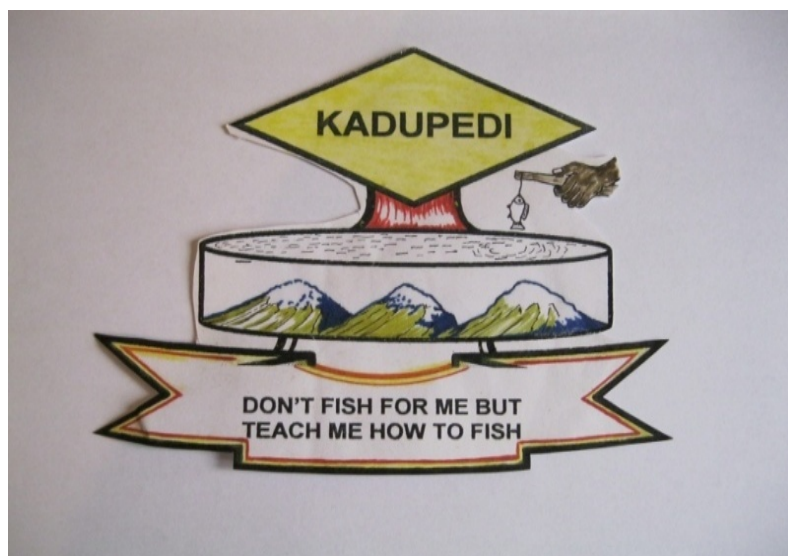


# KASESE DISTRICT UNION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (KADUPEDI)



**Mission:**  
To have a unified voice of persons with disabilities that will advocate for equalization of opportunities in Kasese District.

**Vision:**  
Improved standard of living of persons with disabilities

## HISTORY

KADUPEDI was founded by a team of 08 persons with disabilities led by the Late Nehemiah Masererka (RIP). They are all residents of Kasese district living various communities. Initially, the eight people were organized in informal group in the early months of 1996 but realized that their voices on disabilities issues were not being recognized given their informal structure and grouping by then. They conducted several consultative meetings with other PWDs and enlightened people in the community and later decided to form themselves into a formal group known as KADUPEDI. They started to operate formally as a registered group on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1996 and absorbed more PWDs into its organizational growth and development. Their aim has been to advance the unified voice of PWDs to the wider community in order to overhaul the negative attitudes, injustices and discrimination on PWDs for an improved standard of living in Kasese district.

## PROGRAMS

**Lobbying and Advocacy:** We advocate for the rights of PWDS i.e. education, health, environmental barriers. Lobbying government/districts /partners to support grassroots programs

**Economic Empowerment:** Providing vocational skills to PWDS, we give out Small Grants, distribution of sewing machines, salon machines, solar panels for charging.

**Community Based Rehabilitation:** Here we provide assistive devices and referrals, also mobilizing parents of children with disabilities to form groups. We also make sensitization of PWDS, Family members and community

**Research and Documentation:** We collect information about our organizations programs and projects to guide our programming. We also document basic research on issues of disability.



## CHALLENGES

Does not own an office which increase the rent expenditures  
Limited resources/funding towards it programs and projects  
Lack of comprehensive data about PWDS in the district and limited competencies to compile them  
Weak sub county community structures to manage the coordination of KADUPEDI programs  
Voluntary nature of the secretariat staff with limited finances to motivate them  
Limited capacity and competencies among staffs to implement policies and accelerate policy advocacy for PWDS  
Weak communication channels with partners

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Well known and is a prominent organization for PWDS in the whole of Kasese district  
Registered as non-governmental organization (NGOO for PWDS).  
Successfully lobbied for at least 2 percent for women with disabilities and 1 percent for young men with disabilities to be short listed in every interview carried out by Kasese district service commission on job opportunities.  
Lobbied for construction of Kinyamaseke Hostel for children with disabilities  
Established external partnership with i.e. CANUG, ACT FOR AFRICA  
Successfully implemented a project on employment rights of PWDS in Kasese district  
Signed MOU with ADD, ACT FOR AFRICA  
Has a functional office with necessary office equipment  
Owns a plot of land in Kisinga Sub-County for future expansions  
Has representatives for PWDS on Kasese District Service Commission and scholarship committee  
We have distributed 614 Hearing Aids to PWDS  
We have distributed assistive devices to over 516 persons with disabilities.

