



AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY BEGINS WITH US

# SPECIAL CHILDREN'S TRUST PROFILE



Special Children's Trust

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## **VISION**

**'A WORLD WHERE  
CHILDREN WITH  
DISABILITIES CAN  
THRIVE TO THEIR FULL  
POTENTIAL.'**

## **MISSION**

**To build an inclusive  
Ecosystem where children  
with disabilities and their  
families can access quality  
holistic services and live in  
safe, enabling  
environments**

## **CORE VALUES**

- Integrity
- Empathy
- Diligence
- Excellence
- Respect
- Esteem
- Team work
- Punctuality
- Patience
- Confidentiality





# WHO WE ARE



The Special Children's Trust is a registered NGO and Social Enterprise that aims to build an Ecosystem in which children with disabilities can thrive to their full potential, using multipronged programs that include Service Delivery, Policy Advocacy, Individual and Institutional Capacity Building, Community Sensitization and Participatory Engagement. SCT serves over 5000 children and their families through its established Centres at Mukisa Foundation, Dawn Children's Centre, Berakhah Medical Centre and the Special Children's Forum, which is the network of organizations and like-minded individuals seeking to create a safer and better world for children with disabilities.





Approximately 15% of the global population lives with a disability (WHO, 2011), 240 million of whom are children. In Uganda, 19-24% of the population has some form of disability (UBOS,2014) with an estimated 3-4.5 Million being children. Compounding the issue is the fact that people affected by disability are the most marginalized in accessing basic services needed to live a quality life. Only 5-15% of the people with disabilities have access to basic services including Healthcare, Education and Assistive Devices worldwide (WHO 2011). This has significant consequences on the persons affected including high mortality rates, unemployment, sexual abuse, stigmatization, discrimination and endemic poverty. Most children with moderate to severe disabilities do not reach their 10th birthday (UNICEF,2014). The caregivers of children with disabilities are often isolated and left with the heavy duty of taking care of their children single handedly and without any support.

The lack of adequate service provision for people with disabilities is attributed to negative attitudes and beliefs, lack of awareness about the needs of persons with disabilities, limited skills and capacity of service providers and professionals, fragmented and uncoordinated efforts of CSOs and, inadequate resource allocation, poor policy implementation and low commitment by the government. In the last forty years, the government has taken steps to address the service provision gap in the disability space, including the creation of legal frameworks and policies, such as, the Constitution, the Disability Act and the ratification of different international charters and conventions such as the UNCRPD and SDGs. The private sector and CSOs have also grown in terms of numbers of entities that are working directly and indirectly with persons with disabilities. These efforts by the public, private and development sector, though commendable are largely of inadequate quality, uncoordinated, small and fragmented. This has left out a significant portion of would-be beneficiaries and for those that are reached, the fragmented nature of services rendered fails to have a meaningful impact on their quality of life. There is a need for holistic approaches that not only address the multiple root causes of the problem but also that provide all the basic services needed by persons with disabilities under one roof.

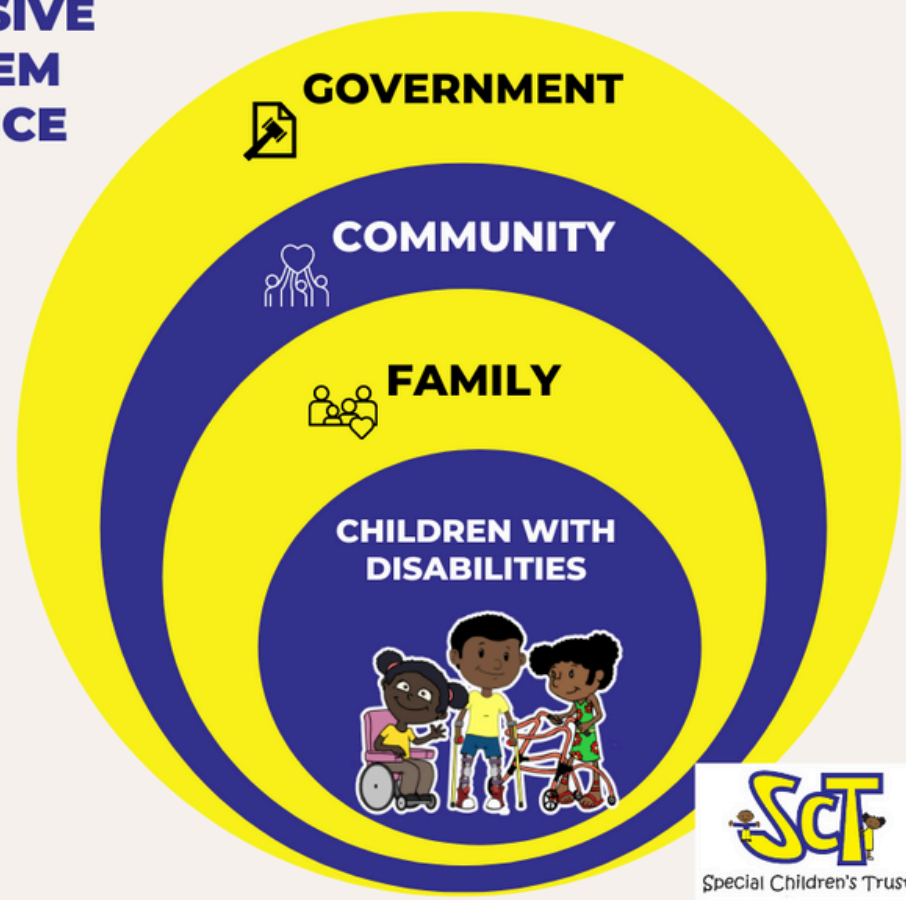
The Special Children's Trust contributes towards solving these problems by running multipronged programs that includes Service Delivery, Policy Advocacy, Individual and Institutional Capacity Building.



# OUR ECOSYSTEM AND KEY RESULT AREAS

## OUR INCLUSIVE ECO-SYSTEM OF PRACTICE

-  **POLICY MAKERS AND ENFORCERS**
- 
  - RELIGIOUS LEADERS
  - LOCAL LEADERS
  - TRADITIONAL LEADERS
  - SCHOOLS
  - MEDICAL FACILITIES
  - REHAB FACILITIES
  - NGO'S
  - OTHER INSTITUTIONS
- 
  - PARENTS
  - SIBLINGS
  - GUARDIANS
  - EXTENDED FAMILY



## OUR INCLUSIVE ECO-SYSTEM KEY RESULT AREAS

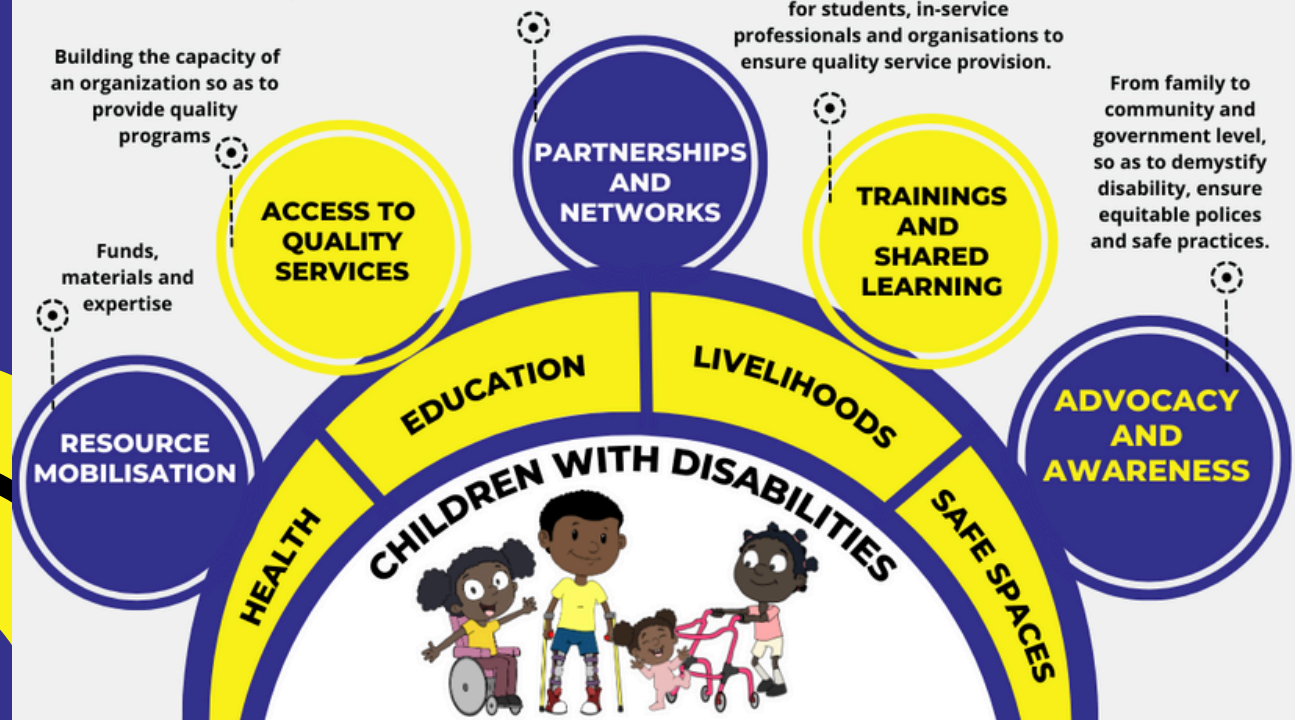
A Forum of organisations and Institutions of like minded individuals working together to build inclusive and safe spaces for children with disabilities

Building a community of practice through innovations, collaborations and publications.  
Trainings, Mentorships, Internships for students, in-service professionals and organisations to ensure quality service provision.

Building the capacity of an organization so as to provide quality programs

Funds, materials and expertise

From family to community and government level, so as to demystify disability, ensure equitable policies and safe practices.



**RESOURCE MOBILISATION**

**ACCESS TO QUALITY SERVICES**

**PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS**

**TRAININGS AND SHARED LEARNING**

**ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS**

**HEALTH** **EDUCATION** **LIVELIHOODS** **SAFE SPACES**

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**



# RESOURCE MOBILISATION



*Thanks to the provision of sunscreen, my child will be protected from the sun and can live a healthier life*  
**-PARENT**







**1. QUALITY INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**



*My child is now able to receive a quality education that takes their individual needs into account and it has given me hope and joy for the future - PARENT*

**DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE** is located in Bukoto, Kampala. We offer Quality Inclusive Education and care from Playgroup level to Primary 7.

**2. VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

**MUKISA FOUNDATION VOCATIONAL SCHOOL** offers Vocational Training in various skills both in their Centre in Lungujja and on Bussi Island.



**DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE** introduces children to pre vocational skills through early intervention as well as offering accredited certificates in DIT.





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### 3. QUALITY THERAPY SERVICES

We provide free therapy services at Mukisa Foundation in Lungujja, Bussi Inclusive Village and the monthly Outreach Clinic. These are drop in sessions in Physio, Occupational and Speech Therapy, where parents attend with their child with efforts to also empower them in engaging in appropriate therapy at home.



Physio, Occupational and Speech Therapy services are also offered at Dawn Children's Centre as part of a holistic service, as well as Behaviour Training and Sensory Processing.



### 4. QUALITY MEDICAL CARE

*I was able to deliver my baby safely with confidence in a quality service full of love and a promise of follow up with concern for our welfare: MOTHER*

**BERAKHAH MEDICAL CENTRE,** in Wakiso offers quality medical care to pregnant mothers, children with disabilities and the wider community at large.







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## 5. QUALITY ASSISTIVE DEVICES

We provide quality assistive devices to cater for the individual needs of each child



## 6. INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We receive volunteers and interns from all over the world in various capacities and professional fields in all of our centres







*The support, new ideas and all forms of assistance we get from the Special Children's Forum is priceless. We now know we are not alone and truly feel part of a bigger community*  
-MEMBER (SCT Forum)





# TRAININGS SHARED AND LEARNING



*I have learnt so much and I am now better equipped to be the best teacher I can be for these children -TEACHER SYLVIA*







*An event like this is good for children with special needs. They are also human and deserve to have fun like other typical children.*

**- KAPERE**

*I had lost all hope, but this event has encouraged me.*

**-TAATA CALEB**

## ADVOCACY & AWARENESS







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