

KISE NEWSLETTER

THE WEEK THAT WAS...

2nd edition



**KENYA INSTITUTE OF
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE FACILITATORS



Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) in collaboration with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) chaired an induction program for facilitators to discuss in depth on the Kenyan Sign Language (KSL). The Deputy Director Finance and Administration (DDFA), Madam Margaret Githanga, officially opened the forum on February 27th at KISE, Seneiya hall.

The facilitators expressed concerns on some of the barriers of KSL like the variations of sign language, how to handle emerging issues in matters concerning health and wellness (covid-19 pandemic), and new undocumented signs.

Currently, KISE has 8 centers country wide for sign language training namely: Kakamega, Kisumu, Kisii, Nakuru, Kitui, Mombasa, Isiolo, each with two facilitators and Nairobi being the largest center with 10 facilitators for both Day and Evening classes.

In attendance from KISE was Deputy Director Programmes, Peter Ndichu, Deputy Academic Registrar Flora Malasi, Deputy Academic Registrar Examinations Johanna Mweu, H.O. D Hearing Impairment and Communication Difficulties (HICD) Dr.Nelly Maina and Jane Kiome among others.



The NCPWD organization supports 350 trainee's yearly country wide. Through this training, facilitators are required to equip learners on the importance of KSL not only enable them master the curriculum content but also to become bilingual, capable of participating in complex discourse in both KSL and written English.

FOSTERING INCLUSIVE AND EQUITY IN QUALITY EDUCATION.

The Director, Dr. Norman Kiogora chaired a forum with various education stakeholders from the World Bank, Save the Children, Windle International Kenya, Ministry of Education, Usawa Agenda, Elimu Yetu Coalition, PORTICUS, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kenya. As part of an initiative programme, Kenya Primary Education Equity Learning (KPEEL) focus is placed on inclusivity and equity in quality education and promotion of learning opportunities.

The chairman KISE, Mr. Habat Sheikh Abdi (OGW), stressed on the need of inclusive and adapted education for all children irrespective of their inabilities. 'Each one of us is a potential person with disability, it does not have to occur naturally. No child should be segregated in terms of his education because of his ability or disability,' he said.

KISE is mandated to identify needs of children and conduct assessment, provide rehabilitation where need be, link EARCs with county government, procurement of selected learning devices for learners with special needs and disabilities and provide training to SNE teachers on preliminary screening of learners with specials needs and disabilities.



From left: Madam Annet Kiura (World Bank), Dr. Norman Kiogora (Director KISE), Mr. Frederick Haga (Director for Special Needs Education), and Mr. Habat Sheikh Abdi (OGW) Chairman of KISE Governing Council among other delegates



Group photo with KISE officials and members from World Bank, Save the Children, Windle International Kenya, Ministry of Education, Usawa Agenda, Elimu Yetu Coalition, PORTICUS, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kenya.

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Mr. Daniel Sanoe; Academic Registrar giving a presentation



Mr. Elinet Arika;Lecturer giving his remarks

THE HEALTH SECTOR.



*From left: Madam Margaret Githanga, DDFA ,
Mr. Elinet Arika, PSY-D, and Mr. Patrick
Kimutai, Clinical officer.*

The Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) and the Nairobi City County Government (NCCG) held a forum on March 2nd, 2023 at KISE boardroom to discuss matters on health and the impact it has on special needs. Deputy Director Finance and Administration (DDFA) Madam Margaret Githanga the chair of the forum, expressed the desire for KISE to partner with NCCG on service delivery and capacity building among other related issues in the health sector.



*Up Dr. Andrew Toro, Head of
Research co ordination Unit,
NCCG.*

Dr. Andrew Toro, Head of Research Coordination Unit NCCG, supported this motion by stating how sign language is important in the medical field. "We can move to the next level when we have experience partners. Communication is key in diagnosis therefore sign language is a critical aspect, and the constitution mandates us to treat every person equally," he added.

The collaboration will help in staffing, production of assistive devices, health talks and early interventions, disability main streaming, research on innovations and insurance disability cards.



UNITY FOR BETTER SERVICE

In other news...



• KISE played host to Football Kenya Federation (FKF) on Thursday, March 2, 2023 as they unveiled the Women's Cup 32 draw round off games which are to take place in March 18, 2023 country wide. The forum also focused on women empowerment in football and sports in general.

• The Kenya Teachers Colleges Sports Association (KTCSA) in partnership with KISE, held a meeting at KISE's National Resource Center (NRC) to strategize on the planning for national sports activities for 2023. This meeting was chaired by Mr. Eliud Wambua, Asst. Director Quality Assurance & Standards from the Ministry of Health. In attendance from KISE was Mr. George Mwaura, H.O.D. Co-curriculum activities.



ADD column.....



Ground for various Activities including Sporting, Wedding outdoor meetings, children activities all under friendly Price



New National Mobile Functional Assessment Truck
Operational Nation-wide

RECRUITMENT FOR DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE COURSES IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION 2023

PROGRAMME	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	DURATION	DELIVERY MODE	TRAINING START DATES
Diploma in Special Needs Education	P1 Certificate by training	2 Years	School based	August 2023
			Fulltime	September 2023
Certificate in Kenya Sign Language	KCSE D	3 Sessions	School based	August 2023
		3 Months	Fulltime	May 2023
Certificate in Functional Assessment	Diploma in SNE	4 Sessions	School based	August 2023
Certificate in Braille Proficiency	KCSE D+	4 Sessions	School based	August 2023
Certificate in Inclusive Education	Trained Teacher	6 Sessions	School based	August 2023

Applicants are advised to apply online through our online application portal; <https://www.applications.kise.ac.ke>



RECRUITMENT FOR CERTIFICATE IN KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE 2023 (EVENING PROGRAM)

Applications are invited from qualified applicants for **Certificate in Kenyan Sign Language** which will be offered on Evening/part time in, Nairobi (KEMU Towers).

The minimum course requirement is **KCSE D**. The training commences on **March 6, 2023**. The classes will run from **5.30pm to 7.30pm** from **Monday to Friday**.

Applicants are advised to apply online through our online application portal;

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