

#### Kenya – Transzoia County

Project Duration 3 years Jan 2016 - Dec 2018

#### Funding



#### Areas of Intervention

- Endebes
- Cherangany
- Tuwan

## Partners

- Chanuka Youth Development
- Catholic Diocese of Kitale

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# **Ubuntu Care Project**

#### Context

Ubuntu care project is a three country project implemented in Kenya Rwanda and Burundi since 2013. In Kenya the project is implemented in Trans-Nzoia County and covers three locations within the county. The second phase of the project began in 2016 and addresses the vulnerability issues/factors: the poverty of families with children with disabilities, isolated children and unidentified cases, sexual violence in schools, unreported cases and out-of-court settlements between abusers and families of survivors, delayed medical help, obstacles and beliefs, lack of justice and punishment, lack of psychological/psychosocial support. The second phase of the project is based on mutual learning at regional level, children, families, communities, services and authorities implements the "inclusive child protection safety net" model to prevent and protect children, with and without disabilities, against sexual violence, as part of a participatory approach in line with national and international policies. The second stage of the project is based on good practices acquired at stage one, adapted in line with the lessons learned.

## **Objectives of the Project**

Help reduce sexual violence against children, including girls and boys with and without disabilities.

## **Specific Objective**

Implement the inclusive child protection safety net model by empowering children, families, communities, services and authorities to protect children against sexual violence, help survivors and their parents/guardians access immediate assistance, and promote their sustainable reintegration and inclusion.

## **Bénéficiaires**

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 $\checkmark$  400 children survivors of sexual violence and/or isolated children with disabilities.

- $\checkmark$  848 children included in child-participation activities
  - 2 local organisations benefit from training, guidance and

support to take part in community activities and to develop their expertise.

- $\checkmark$  150 family members benefit from positive parenting education
- $\checkmark$  professional service providers (education, health/psychosocial, justice) trained and supervised.
- 120 local administrators, community leaders and members of local protection committees, who will be trained, mentored and supported to coordinate with other local stakeholders of child protection.
- ✓ 60 local positive masculinity champions empowered to lead community awareness-raising campaigns.
- ✓ 120 active members of the community trained and involved in confronting sexual violence against children as community focal points or members of self-help groups.
- ✓ At least 30 representatives of national authorities, CSOs, international organisations and donors

## **Expected results**

- **1. Expected outcome 1: Girls and boys, including girls and boys with disabilities, are empowered to become actors in their own protection and provided with support to play an active role in society and relevant services.**
- 2. Expected outcome 2: Strengthen the role of families and communities in protecting girls and boys, including girls and boys with disabilities.
- **3. Expected outcome 3: A multi-sectoral and coordinated child protection system provides inclusive and quality services for children survivors of sexual violence.**
- 4. Expected outcome 4: In line with international and regional human rights instruments, GBV and child protection policies related to sexual violence against children are effectively implemented, and the particular vulnerability to sexual violence of children with disabilities is acknowledged and addressed

## **Main activities**

## Result 1

- Build the capacities of child advisory committees to strengthen the participation of children in the development, monitoring and assessment of project activities and ensure their recommendations are taken into account
- ✓ Train children, including children with disabilities, to become agents for change and effective child protection actors.
- ✓ Organise children's forums and child-led activities to raise community awareness of sexual violence and disability.
- ✓ Involve trained children in decision-making bodies on sexual violence against children and on disabilities

## Résult 2

- $\checkmark$  Train, guide and monitor local partners to manage project implementation.
- ✓ Train and guide institutions, community chiefs and champions<sup>1</sup> to protect children from sexual violence and provide support to child survivors.
- Train and guide community members to provide psychosocial support to child survivors of sexual violence through personalised psychological support and the setting up/strengthening of support groups
- ✓ Strengthen the protective role of vulnerable families through positive parenting education and connection to support services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term "champion" is widely used in the anti-GBV field to denote the men involved and able to organise positive masculinity activities in order to inform other men of the attributes and causes of negative masculinity that can give rise to GBSV, with a view to exploring the positive values of masculinity.

# <u>Résult 3</u>

- Training and mentoring to multi-disciplinary taskforces / one stop centres (health, psychosocial, police, judiciary, child protection, education).
- Participatory evaluation, training and supervision of schools/specialised centres to develop/implement action plans in order to become safe schools/centres for children
- ✓ Support to hospitals and health centres to define / implement an action plan improving medical and psychological care to SV survivors
- ✓ Support local legal services to define/develop an action plan to improve the care, treatment and follow-up of child survivors, disability inclusion and access to legal aid

## Résult 4

- ✓ National advocacy on the protection of children against sexual violence, including children with disabilities.
- ✓ Strengthening of a data management system from local to regional level on sexual violence against children, including children with disabilities
- ✓ Local advocacy on the protection of children against sexual violence, including children with disabilities.
- ✓ Document and publish lessons learned at regional level, models and good practices on the protection of children against sexual violence, including children with disabilities.