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“Every child matters”

Annual report 2022

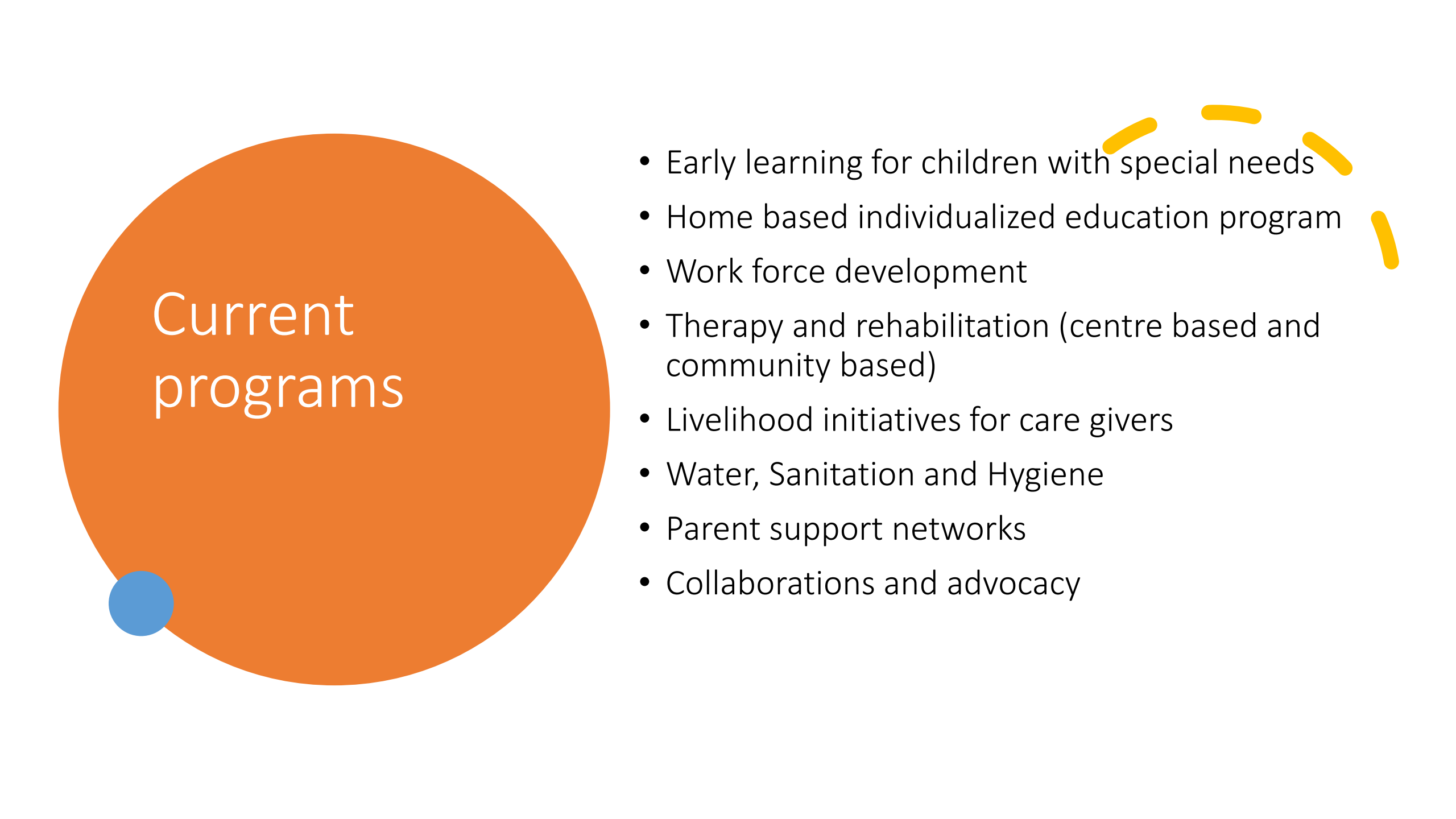


# About Angel's Centre

- Angel's Center for Children with Special Needs is non-government organization (S.5914/12226) and community-based organization (WCBO/113/12) founded in 2012 in Wakiso district.
- Our vision is a society which integrates children with Special Needs to fully realize their potentials.
- Our mission is to be a voice and to break the silence of disability in communities, through increasing access to information and service delivery.
- Angels' Centre integrates Centre-based and community-based rehabilitation programs

# Objectives

- To create awareness about the importance and potential success of stimulating disabled children in their development.
- To support parents with counseling and guidance in order to help their children in daily care and development.
- To provide training and capacity building to parents by professional therapists in order to be able to consciously assist their children and other parents in stimulating mental and physical development.
- To break the social stigma attached to disability through building strong families that are resilient to bad cultural norms and values related to disability.
- To provide hope in disabled children through making them more independent in managing activities of daily living and modified behavior to give disability a “human face”.



# Current programs

- Early learning for children with special needs
- Home based individualized education program
- Work force development
- Therapy and rehabilitation (centre based and community based)
- Livelihood initiatives for care givers
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Parent support networks
- Collaborations and advocacy





# Early learning

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- 74 children were trained through reading and writing, drawing, speaking, playing and among others.
- 35 children were trained at the centre of excellence
- 39 children had individualized home based education.
- The program registered an 85% retention whereby all the children successfully completed their year of learning. This has improved from 2021 which had a 65% retention.
- 45 children have significantly improved their essential skills including listening, comprehension, and verbal sentence construction.
- 30 could count numbers in their sequence.
- 23 children have improved their reading and writing and could write their names off head.
- 10 could copy their names from the blackboard onto a paper.

# Work force development

- 10 young adults with Down syndrome were equipped with employability skills
- Skills include office attendance, writing, bakery, cleaning services and cooking.
- 5 of these have been employed in different places including the International School Kampala, Kireka Vocational and Angel's Centre.





# Centre based provision of therapy

- Angel's center supported 74 children with Neurological disorders including Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and Autism through physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy.
- Under physiotherapy, 12 children with Cerebral Palsy were supported through motor and mobility exercises such as stretching, joint rotations, calf stretch and shoulder stretch to cultivate their ability to do things on their own.
- 4 children with cerebral palsy could walk on their own while 6 still used assistive devices
- 42 children greatly improved on gross motor skills including movement
- 24 children showed improvement in sensory processing as they learnt how to interact with their environment better
- 63 children showed great improvement in social interaction skills.
- 23 children could express themselves verbally.
- 12 children reduced drooling, could drink with a straw from the cup





A woman wearing a red headwrap and a patterned top is holding a baby. She is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

## Community Based Rehabilitation

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- Angel's Centre focused on mentoring of caregivers in providing home-based therapies as well as Nutrition and emergency food support.
  - 60 caregivers were coached in the provision of home-based therapies including therapeutic exercises, using locally made assistive devices for standing and walking, using wheelchairs and standing frames, feeding and sitting, hygiene and nutrition, play therapy and among others
  - Moreover, 4 parent care support groups were formed as safe spaces for caregivers to receive emotional support and experience sharing.
  - Angel's centre provided quarterly respite care for 10 caregivers.
  - Angel's center distributed food hampers over 200 families. Items included cereals, milk, pulses, nuts and hygiene products.
  - Through UWEZO micro finance, 10 caregivers were supported with small loans with low interest loans to set up businesses or expand their existing ones.



# Water project

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- Angels Centre for Children with Special Needs was supported by the World Mercy Fund to implement a WASH project for children with special needs.
- The support enabled the construction of a 40,000-liter underground water tank and installation of a solar pump at the centre in Wakiso district Uganda.
- The water was used to serve the children's hygiene needs as well as their caregivers as they come for learning and therapy.





# Safe and Inclusive Sanitation Facilities for Special Needs Children

- Angel's Centre received support from Irish Embassy Uganda to set up a safe and inclusive sanitation facility for the children.
- The facility is aimed at enhancing safe waste disposal, proper hygiene and clean-living environment at the centre.
- The facility will also enable increase the capacity of Angel's Centre to accommodate more children at the centre.





# Transport and communication grant

- MIVA Uganda supported Angel's centre with a van to ease movements in the community.
- This has helped the centre to cut down transportation costs while increasing its effectiveness in its work.
- The vehicle was used to transport care workers and therapists to do home based therapy and monitoring of children's health.
- In case of emergency referrals for children in critical conditions, there was ease in movement to the health centres.





# Commemoration of world days

## World Down Syndrome's Day

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Angel's center commemorated the World Down syndrome's day at Kivatule recreational center under the theme "WE DECIDE".

## Autism Awareness Day

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April's 2022 Angel's center celebrated Autism Awareness Day under the Inclusive Education.

## World Cerebral Palsy Day

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Angel's Centre did an awareness match to celebrate the World Cerebral Palsy Day.



# Partnerships and collaborations

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Angel's center partnered with a Banda Health centre two to conduct four trainings in NDD and prevention strategies. 15 Community members and 10 health workers got more knowledge on the use of a Developmental Milestone Chart (DMC), handling different types of neurological disorders, referral pathways

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Angel's center trained 30 teachers, social workers, and caretakers from SOZO children's village on NDD.

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Angel's center hosted students from African Renewal University who got more knowledge and skill in the identification of children with NDD and the different referral places they could use in support of such families.

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Angel's center collaborated with EPLICIT EFFECT to support play for children. The organization donated a basketball court and balls and children were using them

# 2023 plans

Construction of an inclusive vocational block at Angel's Centre for vocational education.

Provision of centre-based therapy services to more children

Collaborations with institutions of learning and health sector for knowledge gathering and complementing efforts

Caregivers' emotional well-being and livelihood initiatives through community-based rehabilitation

Awareness raising and advocacy campaigns for inclusive education and health services for children with intellectual disabilities



# Our partners

