



PROJECT PROPOSAL CHILDREN WHEELCHAIR PROVISION

HEROES DAY CARE CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH
SEVERE DISABILITIES



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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND



Heroes Day Care Centre for children with Disabilities was founded by the APEH association as a place where children are given the opportunity to develop their full potential in various domains: physical, social, communication, cognitive, self-help skills and independence. Other direct beneficiaries are families of these children, who receive basic training on handling techniques they need to help their children at home.

APEH stands for “Association des Parents et Amis des Enfants vivant avec le Handicap Sévère” is a parents association which envisions an inclusive environment where children with disability enjoy the same right as other children to develop their full potential and to participate in the socio-economic development of the Rwandan society.

APEH was created in the beginning of the year 2014 by Parents of children with disabilities and physiotherapists and other health practitioners who in their respective daily businesses meet and help these children.

APEH was fully registered as a local NGO within Rwanda governance Board, two years later with the **Nº 56/RGB/NGO/2016**.

In Heroes Day Care Center we want the children to feel happy the way they are, in an atmosphere that is challenging, encouraging, safe, clean, healthy and adaptive to each student's individual needs. We teach the students in all areas of life to empower and help them to boost self-esteem.

In Heroes Day Care Centre education is organized in a way that children practice their physical abilities as well as their cognitive skills in a natural way. While the physiotherapist assists in developing new skills, the student moves around the classroom crawling, walking and running to reinforce language learning and activities of mathematics. The teaching assistant assures that students use assistive devices such as a standing frame, braces and orthotic splints. This intensive management of the students' individual needs accounts for the ratio of 1 teacher to 3 to 4 students.

To help the students acquire skills that other children learn to master without much effort, the Centre makes use of a lot of toys and games.

APEH Organization is able to carry out its activities and run Heroes Day Care Centre thanks to considerable investments of the founding members, positive supportive environment of local authorities from Kicukiro District as well as foreign sponsors (Aall Foundation from Canada, UNDP Rwanda Programme).

Children Wheelchair provision in Rwanda

Despite abundant evidence that wheelchair is among the most well documented assistive devices for enhancing personal mobility, which is a prerequisite for enjoying human rights and living in dignity and assists people with disabilities to become more productive members of their communities, untold number of Rwandan children with physical impairments have no access to wheelchairs due to economic constraint and availability of assistive devices in the country. Lack of assistive mobility technology in these children negatively impacts the personal care, access to their home environment; access and participation in school, leisure and social activities.

In Rwanda there is no company which manufacture local made wheelchairs, so all the wheelchairs used in the country are imported from foreign countries or donated by different international NGOs such as wheelchair foundation, World vision, Handicap International, Later days Saints Church, etc.

Orthopedic workshops repair wheelchairs but the fitting process is mostly done by a multidisciplinary team of rehabilitation professionals composed by Physiotherapist, occupational therapist and a prosthetist & Orthotist technician.

It is against that background that Heroes' Day Care center is interested in partnering with Wheelchairs For Kids Inc. to provide 50 wheelchairs that will be distributed to the identified most vulnerable children with physical impairments in Kicukiro district who are in need of a wheelchair for mobility.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND ITS ACTIVITIES /ACTION PLAN

1. Target Group

The target group for this specific project is 50 children with physical impairment selected from children with disabilities supported by Heroes daycare center, those coming to the center and those going to mainstream schools around Kigali city.

2. Selection Process

- Identification of children in need will be organized by the center in Kigali City among the children beneficiaries of Heroes day care centers especially in Kicukiro District.
- A qualified physiotherapist with a license of practicing in Rwanda who has completed an advanced course for assessment, prescription, fitting and assembly of wheelchairs and who is experienced in doing the work(Find attached her certificate in Annex), together with a multidisciplinary mobile team from Masaka district hospital will do assessment and select those who can receive wheelchairs, a detailed action plan is in point 3.

As you can see on the picture, available wheelchairs donated for kids in Rwanda look like this one.



Nziza is a child aged 13 with Cerebral Palsy, every day he goes to a special school in Kigali city and he is very intelligent. However, a wheelchair donated to his family by a charity organization need more adaptation to prevent further posture complications. The cost for adaptation of his wheelchair is very high for his family. As a center, we would like to support children from poor families like NZIZA to have access to high quality wheelchairs, adjustable and durable to be able to move independently and follow their lessons without interruption of caregivers trying to change their position every 10 minutes.