

About Uganda Society for Disabled Children (USDC)

1.1. Background

Uganda Society for Disabled Children (USDC) was founded in 1985. It began by providing small-scale welfare help to disabled children and their families, later adopting a Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) approach and to date embraces the social model of disability. USDC is a leading childhood disability focused organization in Uganda, reaching over 7,000 children with disabilities (CWDs) annually. USDC offers a holistic package to CWDs, believing that every child is unique and deserves an individual rehabilitation plan to attain their full potential. Parents take centre stage in the rehabilitation of CWDs through PSGs while child participation is fostered through the Child Rights Clubs and other fora whenever available.

USDC operates in 14 core districts of Adjumani, Nebbi, Yumbe, Moyo, Arua, Lira, Soroti, Jinja, Masaka, Kampala, Luwero, Hoima, Masindi, and Buliisa. In addition USDC operates in partnership with Actionaid Uganda to deliver a project on reducing violence against children and women in Kapchorwa, Bukwo, Kween and Amudat districts. USDC also implements a partnership project with Save the Children in Uganda code named Integrated Right to Reading And writing Participation Programme (IREAPP) in 11 districts of Karamoja and central Uganda.

The **Vision** of USDC as an Organization is “a society in which children with disabilities can grow and develop to their full potential”.

Our **mission** is to promote equal rights and equitable opportunities for CWDs through advocacy, capacity building, and rehabilitation.

In order to deliver our mission, USDC undertook to implement the current strategic plan 2013-2019 and it has the following goals, and objectives:

Goal: USDC will contribute to increased access to Inclusive Education by CWDs in Uganda.

Outcome: Enable 35% CWDs in its operational areas access quality I.E by March 2019 through improved health, economic status and through partnering with government, Parents support Groups, private sector and other Civil Society organizations.

Specific Objectives	Detailed Description
1. To advocate for 35% increase in the right to I.E by CWDs in the USDC operational areas in the period 2013-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upholding the rights of CWDs at all levels in society in USDC operational areas in the period 2013-2019. • CWDs with improved opportunity for inclusive education in USDC operational areas in the period 2013-2019.
2.To increase the capacity of 14 District PSGs to deliver the programme through partnerships and socio economic empowerment by 5% in the USDC operational areas in the period 2013-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened capacity and effectiveness of existing support mechanisms for CWDs in USDC areas of operation in the period 2013-2019. • USDC with effective partnerships in the period 2013-2019. • Improved socio-economic conditions of CWD in USDC operational areas in the period 2013-2019.
3. To improve USDC’s efficiency and effectiveness in programme financing & delivery by at least 50% annually.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational efficiency and effectiveness • USDC has adequate finances for her undertakings in the period 2014-2019.
4. 25% improved health of CWDs in the USDC operational areas in the period 2013-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Health for CWDs in USDC operational places in the period 2013-2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDC embraces an approach as an enabler and facilitator in furthering realization of the specific objectives in her operational areas in the period 2013-2019.