



# STAND TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

## 2023 – 2024 Annual report

Stand Together for Change (STC) is a non-profit organization that aims to support children with several disabilities by supporting them with the basic essentials to overcome the difficulties related to their disabilities through advocacy and outreach.



## INTRODUCTION

Stand Together for Change's mission is to empower children with disabilities to reach their full potential and lead fulfilling lives. Through a range of services, including Rehabilitation Services, Family empowerment programs, Education and recreation activities. STC has worked tirelessly to make this mission a reality. In just a short time, the organization has already made a significant impact, helping children with disabilities and their families to overcome the challenges they face and achieve their goals

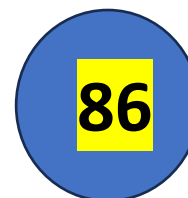
In STC we support children with disabilities as well as their families in:

- ✓ Inclusive Education Services
- ✓ Health Care support initiatives
- ✓ Rehabilitation and recreation services
- ✓ Family Empowerment
- ✓ Early Childhood Development (ECD)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**Year Started**



**Direct Beneficiaries**



**Programs**

# PROGRAMS IN STC

## COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION



### Rehabilitation Program

Offering community rehabilitation service as well as addressing the problems faced by children with disability that are relevant to rehabilitation therapy and ensure their follow up improving inclusion, participation, social and vocational ability in all aspects of their lives in the community.

## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SUPPORT



### Inclusive education & ECD Program

STC supports children with disabilities to attend and welcomed by their regular neighborhoods schools and support to learn, contribute and participate in all aspects of the life of the school. In this program we also implement Early Childhood Development Program on our center to support and increase Inclusive Development of children before they attend primary or nursery programs.

## FAMILY EMPOWERMENT



### Family empowerment initiatives

Offering trainings to the parent groups to strengthen and develop their skills in the process of survive, adapt and succeed in a fast -changing their lives through different income generates projects, saving and credit groups are now empowering with many of our members with insurance and basic needs support venues.

## Social work and community activities



### Social Work activities

STC offers social work services through implementing program designed to address the multifaceted challenges faced by these families, providing them with the necessary resources, support, and advocacy to improve their quality of life as well as visiting families in their families to address identify their needs, strengths, and areas requiring support.

# STC MISSION, VISION AND VALUES



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## OUR VALUES

- Compassion and Love,
- partnership, Humanity,
- Respect,

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## OUR VISION

A society where every child, regardless of disability, is valued, included, and given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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## OUR MISSION

To empower children with disabilities and their families by promoting inclusive development, strengthening community support systems, and advocating for equal rights and opportunities.

# STC ACHIEVEMENTS

At Stand Together for Change (STC), our mission goes beyond programs it touches hearts, transforms families, and opens doors of opportunity for children with disabilities. Each story you'll find here is a testament to resilience, inclusion, and the power of community.

STC Shows out successful stories to showcase the impact of our activities in the community.





# INCLUSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD D E V E L O P M E N T

In this year Stand Together for Change (STC) took a transformative step by expanding its support to Early Childhood Development (ECD) center where by children with and without disabilities share the same education environment before attending nursery.

recognizing the critical role early education plays in the growth and inclusion of children with disabilities. Through strong partnerships with parents, families, and caregivers, STC began implementing inclusive ECD programs that focus on accessibility, caregiver training, and early stimulation support.



NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN ECD

25

# OPEN DAY PERFORMANCE

As an NGO focused on supporting children with disabilities, our participation in the open day held in Muhanga district was an opportunity to showcase our programs and initiatives that empower these young individuals. Our stand was meticulously arranged, adorned with captivating photographs and inspiring success stories. It served as a platform to inform visitors about the range of services we offered, including education, vocational training, therapy, and counseling.





## IN THIS YEAR STC CELEBRATED NATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WITH THE COMMUNITY IN CYEZA SECTOR

On this year's National Day of Persons with Disabilities, Stand Together for Change (STC) joined the vibrant celebrations in our sector, standing in solidarity with the community to empower inclusion and raise awareness about the rights and potential of people with disabilities. This annual event is a significant moment for STC, as it aligns with our core mission of promoting inclusion, accessibility, and dignity for all. On this day, STC provided assistive devices.





# PEER LEARNING TRIPS TO DIFFERENT CENTERS WITH THE SAME INTEREST

STC embrace partnerships with different organizations that have the same vision and missions, this year STC have visited 3 other organization for learning and so far seeking collaboration in order to support the Rwandan community with disabilities.





## STC THREW A CELEBRATION PARTY ON CHRISTMAS TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH BENEFICIARIES

At the end of every year STC celebrates Christmas day together with children, their families and community around, a total number of 140 participated in the event shared dances, drinks and talks





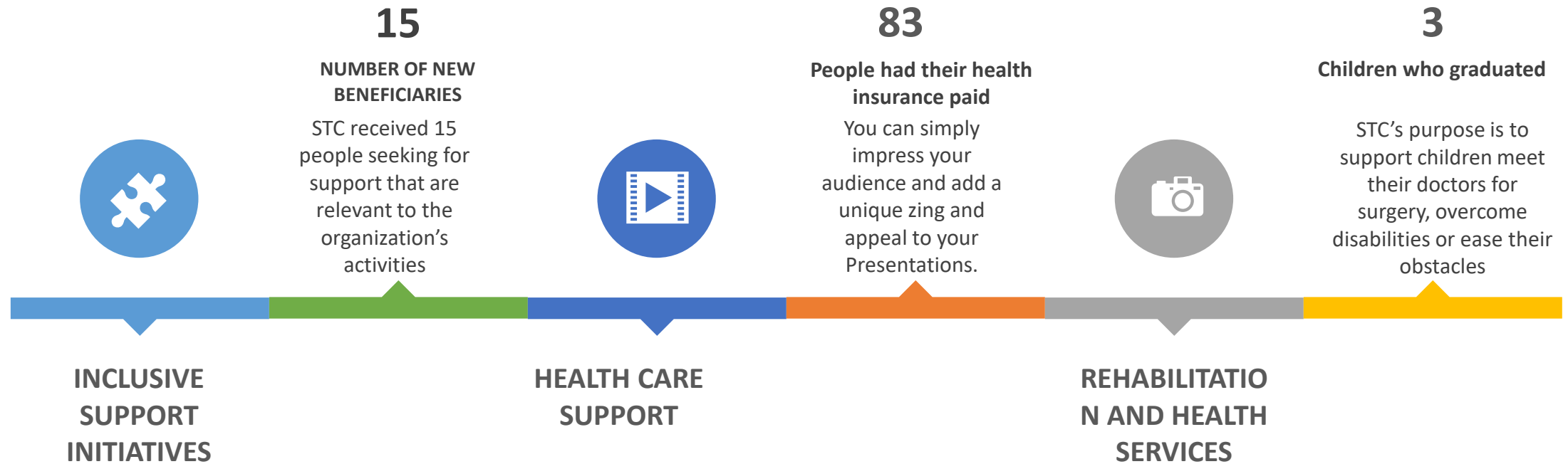
## STC HOSTED INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AS AN INTERN FOR 5 MONTHS

The arrival of this intern signifies not only the expansion of our workforce but also the strengthening of our ties with institutions that are interested in activities our organization are running, That means our vision for an inclusive and supportive society is vivid to the community near by and all over the world. This intern have covered and increase the program of social work in our organizations, sharing expertise and information between the international institutions and organization.





# SUCCESSFUL STORIES THIS YEAR



Additionally STC have paid school fees to children with capabilities to learn in special education schools reserved for people with disabilities or relevant problems while providing education materials to those in public schools.

# Financial summary

In the fiscal year 2023–2024, STC carried out activities valued at **\$29,390 USD**, which were primarily directed toward physiotherapy services, inclusive early childhood development (ECD) operations, volunteer support, and family empowerment programs. This funding was made possible through various sources, including: Individual donations, Member contributions and volunteer efforts, Parent-led initiatives and Collaboration with other partners

## *Budget centralization in STC Programs*

No	Activity	Descriptions	Cost In \$
1	Inclusive Education Support	Supporting Children to get school materials and School fees where in need	600
2	Health Care Support	Supporting Children meet their doctors for follow-ups and surgeries where in need	1230
3	Early Childhood Development Program	Supporting Children at the center meet the education and nutrition needs at the center, 25 children in this program 60\$ per day are used for 3 day/week	8640
4	Community Based Rehabilitation	Continuous Physiotherapy sessions for 30 children with disabilities (15 children get 2 sessions per week, each session cost 5\$	7200
5	Family Empowerment Programs	Supporting Families of CWD in Income Generating Activities Trainings and Access to resources, 22 children were trained to produce	1950

## *Budget centralization in STC Outreach And community support programs*

STC support the community near the center and participate in District activities as well as other local Government activities in our area of intervention

No	Activity	Descriptions	Cost
1	STC Christmas Celebration for children and their families	At every end of year STC celebrates Christmas day together with children, their families and community around, a total number of 140 participated in 2024	2300
2	Participation in Internation Day of People with Disabilities	STC participated in Internation Day of People with Disabilities and provided assistive materials as Gifts.	700
3	Participation in open day	Every year, stakeholders in the district where we operate come together to showcase all the activities they carry out in the community. STC is always part of this important event and actively participates, including contributing its share to the success of the exhibition.	525
4	Community outreach and Family Visit	STC Invests in community outreach for passing relevant Disability messages and against discrimination and Stereotypes.	475



## *Budget centralization in Partnership activities*

STC implements projects within partnership and report to those partners

No	Activity	Descriptions	Cost
1	NDIZA ECD Community outreach	STC reached out to the community in NDIZA region providing messages on Inclusion and how to treat one with disability	700
2	Mushroom Training sessions to 10 ECDs in Ndiza Region	STC provided training on mushroom as a nutritious plant to against Malnutrition in ECDs	650
3	Provide Kickstart seed of mushroom for 10 ECDs in Ndiza region	After trainings STC provided seeds of mushroom to those ECDs.	500
4	Provision of Assistive Devices to 10 ECDs in Ndiza Region	Those ECDs were provided with Inclusion knowledge and provided Assistive Devices to support CWDs in those ECDs	1200
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# Rewards for employees and volunteers.

STC does not yet have permanent staff due to limited financial capacity.

However, the organization sets aside some small funds to support dedicated volunteers who assist in daily activities. These funds help cover basic needs like transportation, meals, or small incentives allowing the volunteers to continue contributing while easing some of their burdens.

No	Posiotion	Descriptions	Number	Facilities/Month	Total/Yea r
1	Physiotherapist	We need a physiotherapist at least twice a week to assist children and also educate parents on child-focused rehabilitation and care techniques	1	150	1800
2	Care givers	Children need proper care and learning support. Currently, two teachers and caregivers are responsible for helping them with various developmental and educational activities.	2	160	1920
3	Accountant	All activities of STC require budgeting and the preparation of activity reports for accountability and planning purposes.	1	100	1200
4	Security	STC needs a security guard to ensure the safety of both people and property at the center.	1	50	600

# Conclusion

This is the activity report of STC for the year 2023–2024. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed especially those who supported us with funds, time, ideas, and various forms of assistance. Programs are continuing in the 2024–2025 year, focusing on supporting children with disabilities. A key priority this year is to purchase or build a permanent center to provide essential services.

We also have children in urgent need of medical care and education support.

If you wish to support us, please visit: **[www.standtogetherforchange.org](http://www.standtogetherforchange.org)**

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**Together we can make difference**