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Proposal

Title

The title of your Proposal: please provide a maximum of 15 words that accurately reflect what your proposal is about.

Proposal idea (max 500 words):**Rationale:**

There are approximately 1.75 million children with special needs including approx. 250000 deaf children in Kenya (Special Needs Education –SNE– task force 2003) and in 2003. Only 26.885 children have access to school.

This translates into 6000 students with hearing impairment nationwide enrolled in school.

Moreover, only 20% of the teachers in SNE are qualified.

Less than 10% of teachers in institutions for the disabled are trained in Special Needs Education.

This affects drastically the success of disabled students at different examination, annihilating their chances in active life.

Our intervention:

Deaf Aid is a Norwegian International NGO with a vision of working towards an African society inclusive with deaf persons with focus of children and youth.

One of our key areas of intervention is Education.

As such, Deaf Aid has initiated an Online Distance Learning Programme with the Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), the only SNE Teachers training institution in the country.

KISE who has a capacity of a bit more than two hundred resident in the institution has initiated a very successful Distance Learning Programme enrolling more than 7000 students to date.

Deaf Aid's contribution will be to boost the delivery of the learning programme by offering KISE tools and knowledge to put their learning resources online and organize an effective distance tutoring.

The Online platform will also allow us to deliver multimedia materials specially for Hearing Impairment studies for the use of the trainees.

This will enable us to get more teachers trained and increase their level of competence because of the interactivity offered but online distance learning platforms.

Short Description of Institution

A short description of the institution (between 200 and 300 words) to include the most recent relevant experience related to the proposal idea.

Deaf Aid is an International NGO working together with local actor for the aim of transforming Kenya into a society where Deaf persons will have access to education and resource that will enable them to participate fully in the development of their country.

And Quality Education is key to unlock their potentials.

KISE is the only Teachers Training Institution in Kenya.

Create in 1986, KISE has as among other objectives:

- To Train teachers and other personnel to work in the field of special education, and to cater for all kinds of handicaps;

- To offer distance education courses.