



Global Challenge

Special Needs Projects

Background

In Uganda, children with Special Needs are often hidden away. Culturally there is little understanding of why these needs occur and how to help them.

Many families feel ashamed of these children. Schools do not always have the training and resources to help them. Families do not often have the income to be able to pay for their medical needs.



Child with Cerebral palsy



Billy Outeke

What we do

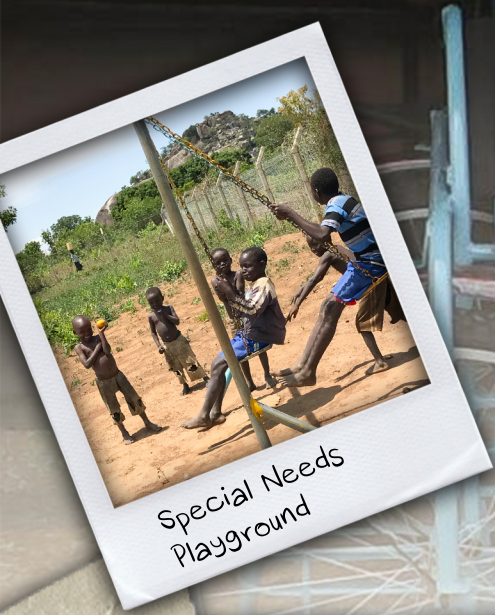
Global Challenge (GC) is UK based charity with Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) status in Uganda. We support families of children with Special Needs in Soroti, Uganda.

Our Medical Officer, Billy Outeke, works alongside volunteers to:

- Identify families in need
- Conduct home visits
- Provide support programmes e.g. physiotherapy, specialist nutritional support
- Provide specialist equipment e.g. wheelchairs



Children with Specialist wheelchairs



Surgeries

We fund operations and medical interventions needed by individuals. One of the main areas of need is for Gluteal Fibrosis, a deformity in the gluteal muscles (buttocks) caused by the current treatment for Malaria. This saves the child's life but leaves them without full range of mobility. The operation and physiotherapy enables them to make a full recovery.

Hearing Impairment

We support children to attend Ngora, Specialist School for the deaf. Students can learn sign language and access the national curriculum effectively here.

Playground

We were gifted land in Ocholoi Village to build a Special Needs Playground. This has specialist equipment to enable children with physical disabilities to access exercise and carry out therapy programmes.

We now hold a small clinic at the Willena SEN hut where children and families can be assessed and supported locally.

Training


Teams from the UK have provided training on health care when visiting Soroti with the aim of raising awareness of different special needs and empowering local communities to support those with difficulties.


E.g.


- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Specialist teaching

We are currently working towards creating training packages which can be delivered sustainably by local volunteers to their communities.

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