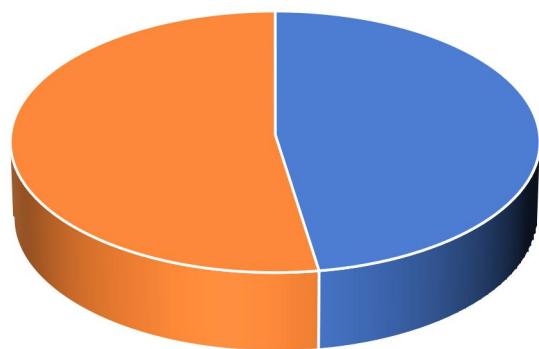


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| Report Type | Activity Report |
| Report Title | Empowering Inclusion: IDPD 2025 December 3 rd Celebration Report |
| Project | A Hand to the Disabled (H2D) |
| Core Program Areas | Disability Empowerment, Medical Support, Social Inclusion |
| Reporting Date | December 10th, 2025 |

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| Introduction | <p>A Hand to the Disabled (H2D), a Ugandan Community-Based Organization, celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2025, in Mityana, Uganda. Aligning with our mission to empower persons with disabilities and promote social inclusion, the event embodied the spirit of last year's theme, "Fostering Disability-Inclusive Societies for Advancing Social Progress". The celebration brought together 181 attendees, including 86 persons with disabilities (47.5%) and 95 caregivers, volunteers, and local leaders (52.5%), to promote awareness, provide medical support, and foster a culture of inclusion. The event featured participation from 2 priests from Kiyinda Mityana Diocese Uganda, 1 sheik, 5 medical professionals, and a dedicated team of 9 volunteers, showcasing a strong spirit of collaboration and community support</p>  <p>Attendance: The turn up was: 47.5% PWDs, 52.5% caregivers/others (The medical team, volunteers, security, religious leaders and councilors)</p> |
| Activity / Department / Program Objective(s) | <p>A Hand to the Disabled (H2D) - Disability Empowerment and Medical Support Program</p> <p>Objective(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote awareness about disability inclusion and rights 2. Provide medical support and services to persons with disabilities 3. Foster a culture of inclusion and community support |

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| | <p>4. Empower persons with disabilities through education and economic opportunities</p> | | |
| <p>Description (Implementation Detail)</p> <p>In a groundbreaking celebration, A Hand to the Disabled (H2D) hosted the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2025, in Mityana, Uganda - the only organization to do so in the district. The event kicked off with a powerful prayer session, led by priests from Kiyinda Mityana Diocese Uganda, followed by a heartfelt prayer from the sheik, emphasizing the importance of compassion and inclusivity in faith communities. The local council chairperson officially opened the celebration, highlighting the district's commitment to disability empowerment.</p> <p>As</p>  <p>medical professionals treated attendees for illnesses like influenza and malaria, the atmosphere was filled with energy and hope. The highlight of the event was the captivating performances by disabled children, joined by volunteers and caregivers, showcasing their talents and promoting social inclusion. The celebration culminated in a delicious meal, cake, gifts, and fun, leaving all 181 attendees feeling uplifted and inspired.</p> <p>Though it was the first time for our project to organize and celebrate this day, we believed every disabled person counts regardless of them sponsored or not. We looked forward to inviting everyone regardless of the age bracket. The attendance was as below:</p> <p>Attendance</p>  <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Disabaled</td> <td>Care takers and others</td> <td>Others</td> </tr> </table> | Disabaled | Care takers and others | Others |
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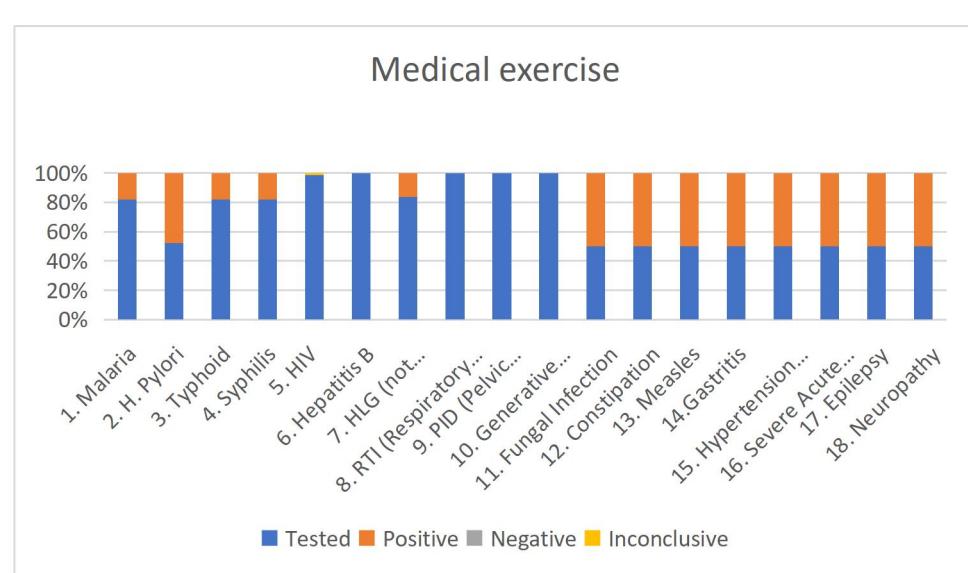


The event was full of life as medically, attendees were reached out too and had to go home with better health and a package. It was very outstanding having Norah perform a mime thankful to God for the day and the joy she experienced.



It was a moment of reflection for the rest of the attendees as they saw the excitement on her face and life during performance and this could not leave them in their seats. The people kept coming one by one and they gifted her money and she was the luckiest person on the day. **“My Christmas is finished”** That was the statement she said. She was overjoyed and grateful for the team organizing the day which was

such a moment of purpose and justification for the organizers of the event. For just in her statement the event paid off.



Gifts, Celebration, and Community:

As a gesture of appreciation, priests distributed gifts to families, adding to the festive atmosphere. The celebration continued with cake cutting, symbolizing unity and joy, followed by a delicious meal that brought everyone together. Attendees savored the moment, strengthening bonds and creating lasting memories.



Cake cutting



Gift sharing to families

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| |  <p>Meal time</p> <p>The event successfully showcased H2D's commitment to disability empowerment, medical support, and community engagement, setting a precedent for future initiatives in Mityana district.</p> |
| Output(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance: 181 attendees (47.5% PWDs, 52.5% caregivers/volunteers/leaders) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 86 PWDs (100% received medical support or gifts) 95 caregivers/volunteers/leaders (participated in event organization and support) Medical Services: 95 individuals treated (56 PWDs, 39 caregivers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 65% treated for malaria 25% treated for influenza 10% treated for other conditions Performances: 15 showcases of PWD talents (60% music/dance, 20% poetry, 20% drama) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 standout performance by Norah (mime) received donations and recognition Gifts Distributed: 20 families supported (100% vulnerable PWD households) Partnerships: Collaboration with 2 priests, 1 sheik, 5 medical professionals, and 9 volunteers |
| Issues / Challenges (During the implementation) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistical hurdles: Limited funding and resources constrained event scope, but teamwork ensured success. Accessibility barriers: 8 PWDs faced mobility challenges due to lack of wheelchairs; transporting them from their homes to the venue and back was a struggle, relying on a single hired car which made multiple trips. Resource constraints: Insufficient funds limited entertainment options and distribution of organizational T-shirts (given to 20 PWDs and volunteers). |
| Lessons learnt | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration is key: Teamwork and partnerships with local leaders, medical professionals, and volunteers ensured event success despite limited resources. Accessibility matters: Investing in wheelchairs and transport support would improve PWD participation, experience, and also facilitate future outreaches to reach families in need. |



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| | <p>3. Preparation is crucial: More funding and planning can enhance entertainment, gifts, and overall attendee experience.</p> <p>4. Community impact: Events like this strengthen bonds and inspire hope among PWDs and caregivers.</p> |
| Recommendation(s) | <p>Invest in accessibility tools: Acquire wheelchairs and arrange reliable transport for PWDs to improve participation and outreach effectiveness.</p> <p>Scale up funding efforts: Seek more grants, partnerships, and donations to enhance event scope, gifts, and support services.</p> <p>Expand community engagement: Strengthen partnerships with local government, faith groups, and NGOs to amplify disability inclusion initiatives.</p> <p>Plan for sustainability: Develop strategies for consistent support to PWDs, including follow-up medical services and economic empowerment programs.</p> |
| Conclusion | The International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration by A Hand to the Disabled (H2D) was a resounding success, showcasing community power and inclusivity. Despite challenges, the event empowered PWDs, promoted awareness, and strengthened partnerships. H2D remains committed to fostering disability-inclusive societies and advancing social progress. We're looking forward to December 3, 2026! |

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