

**HISTORY OF APDK  
1958- 2020  
chronologically**

- 1958 Inauguration of the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya with takeover of Adult Crippled Training Centre from the Red Cross in Mbagathi Road.
- 1959 Formation of Mombasa Branch (dissolved in 1962)
- 1962 Children's Orthopaedic Clinic pilot scheme started.
- 1964 Mr. Moody Awori joined the Committee as Vice Chairman and was subsequently elected Chairman of APDK. Trustees, Sir Derek Arsine, Mr. Humphrey Slade and Mr. Moody Awori were appointed.
- 1965 Special School started in Lagos Road, Class one.
- 1966 Orthopaedic workshop started at the Orthopaedic unit, Kabete. Children's Orthopaedic Ward at Mater Misericordiae Hospital.
- 1967 Two more class rooms were built at the special school in Lagos Road.
- 1968 Mobile Orthopaedic Clinics started.
- 1969 Nile Road Special School Phase 1 opened and school transferred from Lagos Road to Nile Road. The school was then handled over to Nairobi City Council.
- 1970 Adult Crippled Training Centre extended, Industrial Rehabilitation Centre ( IRC)
- 1971 Takeover of Furaha Cheshire Home at Likoni and the Port Reiz Polio Clinic. Revival of Coast Branch Adult Crippled Training Centre (IRC) handed over to the Ministry of Social Services.
- 1972 Second Phase of Nile Road Special School completed. Mr. Charles Njonjo, M.P., E.B.S. became the Patron of the Association on the resignation of Sir Derek Arsine. Extension of Furaha Cheshire Home and renamed Likoni Rehabilitation Centre: carpentry workshop established Children's Orthopaedic Clinic extended. Shelter Workshop started to collect, clean and sell used postage stamps. Orthopaedic Workshop started in Kisumu.
- 1973 Extension of Mobile Orthopaedic Clinics to all provinces. Formation of Western and Nyanza Branch.
- 1974 Formation of Machakos Branch and fund raising started to finance the building of a Special School at Machakos. Take over of Nyabondo Home for Crippled Children, renamed Nyabondo Rehabilitation Centre. Sheltered Workshop in ceramics started at Nyabondo. Development of the Likoni Rehabilitation Centre including initiation of horticulture and poultry schemes. APDK shop opened in Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi.
- 1975 The Head Office in Nairobi underwent changes to ensure African participation and greater efficiency in the administrative and professional activities of the Association. A Nairobi Branch was separated from the National Headquarters, which fell under an Executive Officer. The Hon. Charles Njonjo, M.P. resigned as patron of the Association following reorganization of the administration. The N.C.K. of Holland transferred the first installment of donation of Kshs. 360,000 towards the Machakos Special School. The number of Mobile Orthopaedic Clinics increased to 136 following the purchase of vehicles with funds donated by the Danish Association for Infantile Paralysis and CAROD.

- 1976 Mr. Awori invited to Oslo, Norway, where he held discussions with REDD BARNA, NORAD and the Association of the Physically Disabled of Norway about funding APDK. The pottery project at Nyabondo discontinued due to unfeasibility of the project. The first Ministry of Health personnel, an Occupational Therapist, seconded to APDK. Building extensions at Likoni sponsored by Kinds Club of Canada, C.I.D.A. and Mombasa Round Table completed. Special funds provided by REDD BARNA OF Norway for children requiring surgery, and OXFAM for wheelchairs.
- 1977 Construction was started on phase 1 of the Machakos School Project with support from NOVIB of Holland. Foundation stone laid for construction of extension to Children's Orthopaedic Clinic, financed by Lions Club of Nairobi Central. Introduction of training courses for cabinet makers at Likoni and for tailors / dressmakers at Nyabondo. The Association was host to the first tourists with disabilities ever to visit Kenya, a group of 13 men and women from Denmark. Sir Derek Arsine, a Trustee and patron of the Association passed away.
- 1978 Extension to the Children's Orthopaedic Clinic in Nairobi was completed. The first Kenya trained Physiotherapist was seconded to APDK, assigned to the Children's Clinic by Kenyatta National Hospital. Several APDK Mobile Clinics held in the premises of Provincial and District Hospitals were turned over to the care and management of Government Physiotherapists in those Hospitals. REDD BARNA of Norway increased their grant- in aid for surgery enabling APDK to use operating facilities in the PCEA Kikuyu Hospital in order to diminish a long waiting list of children requiring orthopaedic surgery. Terre des Homes of the Netherlands donated funds to purchase vehicles for Nairobi and Kisumu based mobile clinics. APDK participated in the Rehabilitation International Conference on Legislation concerning people with disabilities, in Manila, Philippines.
- 1979 Phase 1 of the Machakos School was opened with an enrollment of 45 children. The Teachers Service Commission seconded a group of teachers, led by a headmaster, Mr. Kivindu. The steel frames of phase II building of the Machakos projects were erected and the construction began. The 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Association was celebrated in November with a week of programmes and functions. Towards the end of 1979, His Excellency the President Daniel Arap Moi, announced that the year 1980 would be observed in Kenya as the National Year of the Disabled.
- 1980 Mr. Awori attended a meeting of Rehabilitation International World Congress, Winnipeg, Canada. The APDK shop, Kenyatta Avenue closed down due to demolition of the building.
- 1981 Being the International Year of the Disabled persons, Commonwealth Youth Exchange sent 20 people with disabilities to tour Kenya and meet their fellow disabled. Mr. Awori was invited to Oslo by the International Red Cross to chair the Technical Aids Committee. Mr. Awori was requested to open a camp for the disabled who were staging at Jamhuri Park.
- 1982 The chairman was invited to USA to the United Methodist CHURCH Women Wing with a view to fund raising and came back with Kshs. 140,000. DANIDA donated boots for the Mobile Clinic in Nakuru.
- 1983 The Nairobi Branch Committee was dissolved. A branch in Nakuru was established. Phase II of Masaku School for the Physically Handicapped was completed. The workshop was also completed. The workshop was also completed and the machinery from EEC was donated.

- 1984 APDK acquired a Workshop Manager and Planning Consultant through NORAD to help with the administration and the services of the Association. A branch was opened in Kisii. The number of children sponsored for surgery increased substantially. Miss Rosemary Muni left the Association and Mr. Eric Ibsen took over as Ag. Executive Officer.
- 1985 The Association was reorganized with financial and administration routines. Production of artificial limbs was started. An extension of the premises at HQ's was officially opened. A branch was opened in Kisumu. APDK received a large donation from NORAD. An expert from the WHO undertook a project review of Association. A new ward at Port Reitz Clinic and new staff houses for the Likoni staff were officially opened by the National Chairman, Hon. A.A. Moody Awori, M.P.
- 1986 Masaku School for the Physically Handicapped officially opened by Hon. Prof. J. Ng'eno, Minister for Education Science and Technology. B.O. Odera and J.W.Mwangi, joined APDK as Executive Officer and Workshop Manager. Mr. J.E. Ibsen, the former Ag.Executive Officer and Ms. Karin Moloch Volunteer Physiotherapist left the Association for Norway. Hon. A.A. Moody Awori opened extension of Likoni Workshop and Coast Branch took over the running of Bombolulu Gardens. A team of people with disabilities from Scotland visited all APDK projects and government institutions of Rehabilitation . Kisii and Kisumu Branch acquired Mobile Clinic vehicles.
- 1987 The Chairman was appointed as a Member of the World Committee for the UN Decade of Disabled Persons. The Executive Officer was part of the team of disabled persons who visited Scotland under the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Programme. A Tailoring Workshop was constructed at Bombolulu and the Jewellery Workshop was revived. Mr. G. Kizito, Chairman of the Coast Branch, left the Association on his transfer to Uganda. Mr. Terse Iverson the Norwegian Workshop Manager went back to Norway.
- 1988 APDK was elected host to the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of RI and the Chairman and Executive Officer were members of the 8 man Kenyan delegation to Tokyo 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress. The Executive Officer visited Mauritius, Zimbabwe and Britain attending Conferenes.Busia Branch was launched and Mobile Clinic Services started. Masaku School for the Physically Handicapped was the National Champions in Sports for the Physically Disabled. Extension Project of APDK HQ's was started. KPA sponsored two disabled students through APDK for 4 years Secondary School Education.
- 1989 H.E. President Daniel T. Arap Moi raised an all time record of Kshs. 76 million for the National Trust Fund for the Disabled. H.E. the president met the RI President Fen more Seton who bestowed him the order of the RI Charter for the 80's and officially announced the hosting of the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of RI in Nairobi, Kenya, September 1992.APDK National Chairman / RI National Secretary, Hon. A.A.Moody Awori together RI President, signed the Memorandum of Agreement for the hosting of the 1992 World Congress.
- 1990 Extension of APDK HQ's completed. Hon. A.A. Moody Awori, National Chairman attended RI Regional Conference, in Dublin and Beijing China to rally publicity for the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress. APDK was appointed as a member of the National Alliance for Child Abuse. Expansion programme at the Coast Branch extended at both Bombolulu and Port Reitz Polio Clinic.
- 1991 Extension at HQ's was opened by Hon. Minister for Culture and Social Services Mr. N. Njiru.Preparation activities for the 17<sup>th</sup> World Rehabilitation Congress intensified. Congress

- secretariat was established at APDK and B.O. Odera, officially appointed Executive Director of 17th World Congress of RI. Secretariat attended the Berlin RI General Assembly. Physical Development at Mombasa Coast Branch Polio Clinic and Bombolulu completed. Planning of Medical Workshop complex at Nakuru Branch reviewed.
- 1992 APDK hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of RI and Hon. Awori was elected the Vice President of the African Region. The Congress resolved to establish RI Region Secretariat in Nairobi and Africa Regional Rehabilitation Research and Information Training Centre. Polio Clinic at Port Reitz expanded to 60 beds. Staff houses for Bombolulu were completed.
- 1993 Mr. C.V. Keshavjee, National Vice Chairman and Trustee of the Association, passed away. Coast Branch Mobility Workshop and Cultural Centre at Bombolulu, under construction. United Disabled Persons of Kenya (UDPK) was inaugurated as Umbrella Organization of People with Disabilities. The Tasks Force on Laws concerning people with disabilities was act by the Attorney General onto which many people with disabilities were appointed. APDK became an Affiliate of the National Council of NGO's.
- 1994 H.E. President Daniel Arap Moi presided over the official opening of the Coast Branch Mobility Workshop and the Cultural Centre at Bombolulu. Mr. James W. Mwangi, the Workshop Manager left the Association and returned to the Government. Dr. Laban K. Kiptui, Nakuru Chairman passed away.
- 1995 Mr. Heron G. Wahome and Ms Rose Gachie, Chairman and Secretary of Embu Branch, passed away. The ILO/UNDP Programme on Employment of Persons with Disability wound up. Mr. Aaron N. Mutun'ga, Trustee and Chairman of Machakos Branch, passed away. Mr. B.O. Odera, National Executive Officer was elected Executive Committee, Member of the NGO Council.
- 1996 Mr. O. Odera, National Executive Officer led the Kenya delegation at Auckland, New Zealand 18th World congress of RI. Mrs. A.B.N. Wandera, member of National Executive Committee passed away.
- 1997 VSO seconds Claire Acworth to APDK as workshop manager. APDK lacked workshop manager for 6 years. A team of engineers from America introduced Whirlwind Wheelchair to Kenya; 2 Metal workshop sponsored by NCCK to attend 2 weeks training on production of wheelchair Coast branch initiates a poverty alleviation programme (micro finance)
- 1998 Mr. B.O. Odera the National Executive Officer passed away in July. Hon. A.A. Moody Awori, MP, National Chairman was awarded and installed by President Moi on Jamhuri Day, 12th December 1998, as Elder of Burning Spear (EBS) for his service to the Disabled Persons.

After the infamous Bomb Blast at the US Embassy in August 1998, professional services was required for the blast survivors. USAID through ADRA Kenya provided funds to APDK for the rehabilitation of the Bomb Survivors. Through this funding, Nairobi Branch was able to acquire equipments for its Clinic and rehabilitated 200 Bomb blast survivors who suffered physical injuries.

2 metal workers attend 2<sup>nd</sup> All African Wheelchair Congress organized by NCCK and APDK begins production of Whirlwind Wheelchair  
Likoni diversifies into production of school furniture

APDK turns 40years

- 1999 VSO donated Kshs. 1 million for training and new machines and therapy equipments. Production of Wheelchair manufacturing begins with support from Wheelwind

APDK Nairobi Branch acquires service of a paediatrician on Voluntary services; Dr Florence Murila from the University of Nairobi Medical School.

- 2000 CBM assists in creating the position of National Director. Hubert Seifert appointed the first National Director. APSO, the Irish Volunteer Agency provides funds to engage an Executive Officer and seconds an experienced Administrator; Tony Newman to assist the Executive Officer. CBM and Kindernothilfe donated funds to begin a Community Based Rehabilitation Programme in informal settlement area of Mukuru slum

Poliohilfe donates funds for production of wheelchair to the needy, food support for the CBR programme and production of brochures  
Kenya Paediatrics Association through courtesy of Dr. Florence Murila supports free medical clinic for children with disabilities Germany Medical Aids donates drugs courtesy of Dr. Claudia Guimbous. APDK acquires title deed for 2 plots in Mombasa and Nakuru

- 2001 National Chairman, Hon. A. A. Moody Awori, led a delegation of four APDK officials to China at the invitation of the China Federation of Persons with Disabilities  
Executive Officer Paul Maina replaced by Duncan Ndegwa  
Discussion with the government to obtain a long term lease on Kabete Workshop continues

- 2002 Due to the successful awareness creation on disability and the community acceptance of its responsibility to persons with disability, the local Administration and Village Elders of Lunga Lunga allocated APDK a small area to construct a Day Care Centre.

APDK secures major funding from Germany (BMZ) and Canada government (CIDA) through CBM for construction of a large Rehabilitation Workshop, renovation of existing Kabete Orthopaedic Workshop and revive rehabilitation services in 6 up country branches.

Kisii Branch constructs an orthopedic workshop and office within the District Hospital with funding from Prof. Heiss of Germany.

CBR programme in Nairobi spreads to cover 18 villages in Mukuru slums.

Likolulu shop opened at RATNA Square.

- 2003 The official Opening of APDK Rehabilitation Centre by His Excellency President Mwai Kibaki on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2003 marked a new milestone in the 45 years of the existence of APDK.

APDK was also proud of the fact that the National Chairman of the Association, Hon. A.A. Moody Awori, Vice President of Kenya, has completed 45 years of dedicated services as a member and 40 years as Chairman of the Association.

Ministry of Health increases support to APDK by attaching more professional staff in our up country branches; Busia, Embu, Kisii, Kisumu, Nakuru and Machakos.

National Office engages the services of an Assistant to the National Director, Mr Gideon Muga – an Occupational Therapist by profession and an Orthopedic Technologist, Mr John Ondiege to set-up orthopedic Workshops in the upcountry Branches. Mr Michael Steenbeek, an Orthopedic Consultant seconded by CBM joins APDK.

2004 Embu and Kisii received a donation for revolving fund from Polio Hilfe Oberwolfach to operative a poverty alleviation programme.

Kisii Branch became the first branch to move to their own building with Kisi District Hospital. The Official opening ceremony was presided over by Prof. Heiss and his wife who funded the building.

Nairobi Branch hosted its First ever Charity Golf Tournament.

APDK launch its new range of rehabilitation products & a comprehensive product catalogue at Norfolk Hotel

2005 High Commissioner of Australia H.E. George Atkin toured our Nairobi Branch on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005 and donated for 4m for production of tricycles and poverty alleviation programme for children.

Embassy of Finland sponsors production of tricycles and wheelchairs for children with disabilities.

USAID provides funding for workshop expansion and training programme  
Irish government approves funding for the construction of a wheelchair to construct latter.

Kisumu and Nakuru complete construction of their offices sponsored by Polio Hilfe Oberwolfach courtesy of Prof. Heiss and his wife. Busia Branch completes construction of offices and Rehabilitation Centre through funding from Polio Hilfe Oberwolfach.

Nairobi, Embu and Kisii develop schemes to economically empower groups of persons with disabilities through establishment of revolving funds.

8 group with a membership of 180 received leadership skills leading to the formation of “Maungano ya Walemavu”

Masaku School receives a facelift through funding from “Child Aid Ireland” courtesy of Tony Newman.

Nairobi Branch CBR coordinator, Celestine Omondi receives scholarship from Commonwealth through VSO for a 4 months training on social Model of Rehabilitation at the Westminster Hospital in the United Kingdom.

Collaboration with Bethany Kids on Nero-surgeons clinic on a quarterly basis commences.

VSO posts a wheelchair Engineer (Tom Bourez) from Holland for 2years to assist in product development and training.

A Club foot clinic introduced in collaboration with Kijabe Bethany Centre.

Kindernothilfe funds expansion of CBR programme to Pumwani to commence in 2006

2006 Official Opening of Busia Branch graces by Prof. Heiss and his wife, National Chairman Hon. A.A Moody Awori and Busia Branch Chairman; finally Busia Branch moves operations from leased offices to their Rehabilitation Centre.

Nairobi Branch secures funding from Omega-USAID and Ireland Aid through CBMI and develops a large wheelchair workshop equipped with industrial machines.

CIDA Canada and BMZ who had funding our up country branch operations since 2003, sent a Researcher to evaluate the activities; the evaluation was positive and funding continued.

The Vice President Hon. A. A. Moody officially opened the Parklands Primary School Cerebral Palsy Unit.; “Mobil” Community Program supported APDK initiative of starting an Inclusion Education pilot for children with Cerebral Palsy in a regular school - Parklands Primary School, Nairobi.

Access Kenya offers internet services to Nairobi and Mombasa Office on gratis.

Machakos Branch receives funding to begin a revolving fund for its poverty alleviation program.

2007 National Chairman, Hon. A A Moody Awori presides over the inaugural ceremony of Eldoret Branch. Mr Isaac Kotut becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> Chairman of the Branch.

National Chairman, Hon. A A Moody Awori presides over the official opening of new offices at the annex of the Nakuru Provincial Hospital.\

- 2008 On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008, a colourful celebrations was held to mark APDK's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The occasion was graced by Madam Pamela Slutz, Deputy Secretary of United States of America Mission in Kenya. We used the occasion to officially open the Wheelchair Workshop and APDK's Fair Trade Shop. The celebrations were also attended by Michael Joseph, CEO Safaricom. The occasion was attended by over 400 guess.
- APDK held the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Kenya Wheelchair Conference in October. The conference was officially opened by Prof. Peter Anyang Nyong'o who launched our "Tough Rider" wheelchair.
- The year ended with a sad note with the passing on of our longest serving Hon. Treasurer Amir Hassam.
- Through collaboration with Motivation Trust UK, we were able to send 3 of staff members t Western Cape Rehabilitation Centre in South Africa for a 6 weeks training on special seating.
- Two members of staff attended a 10<sup>th</sup> months training on wheelchair technology
- Mathew Lukindo our Mombasa Mobility Workshop Manager was invited by Norwegian Association for Disabled to travel to Eritea where he trained government technicians on wheelchair production.
- 2009 Mr Winston Miller of CBM Canada officially commissioned one of the 3 water boreholes they had funded. The Katieno Kowe Water Borehole was officially commissioned on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009.
- Bombolulu Day Care Centre was officially opened by Provincial Director of Gender, Children and Social Development, Mr. Kebaki Osoro. The occasion was also witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Hipp and colleagues from Jugend Club German.
- Construction of Orthopaedic Workshop, Club Foot Care Clinic and Administration Block commences in Embu branch within the Embu Provincial General Hospital courtesy of Polio Hilfe Oberwalfach of Germany.
- The National Orthopaedic Technologist, Mr John Ondiege and Nairobi Branch CBR Coordinator, Celestine Omondi transferred their services to Kenyatta National Hospital after serving APK for 6 years and 10 years respectively.
- Mr Kimani our longest serving manager together with 3 manager of Likoni Quality Furniture retired and Albert Mutua promoted as Program Manager. Mrs Jayne Kariuki the Administrator of APDK Rehabilitation Clinic Mombasa leaves the organization and Mrs. Leah Mwachari promoted to replace her. Esther Mwanjama the long service Personal Assistant to the Executive Officer promoted to fill vacant position of Program Manager for Bombolulu Workshop. After the death of their Marketing Manager.



School Awareness programme introduced in all branches with funding from CBM Ireland; to advocate for inclusive education.

Employment Bureau established with funding from CBM Ireland.

Review of micro finance policy

APDK participates in the Standard Chartered Marathon in collaboration with CBM for the 1st time.

APDK in collaboration with CCBRT submitted a multinational proposal to European Union through CBMI. The proposal on prevention of disabilities for early intervention through maternal and child care was accepted by EU. To commence 2010 to 2013.

APDK was involved in the 7<sup>th</sup> Health Global Conference in Health Promotion.

2010 APDK incorporated Maternal Health Care component in its activities courtesy of the European Union funding on Prevention and early identification of disabilities for early intervention. Through the same funding, APDK embarked on equipping 7 government hospital rehabilitation units with Orthopedic tools and therapy equipment. From the same funding, a one week's research planning workshop on Prosthetics and Orthotics research and development was held in Nairobi. The workshop attracted participants from major development partners, government representatives from East Africa.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kenya Wheelchair Conference held sponsored by USAID. The conference was graced by US Ambassador to Kenya; Michael E. Ranneberger and Dr. James Nyikal Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development.

APDK exhibits in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Society for Prosthetics and Orthopedics (ISPO) World Congress in Leipzig, Germany. Mr Hubert Seifert and Charles Kanyi attended the congress. Displayed our latest innovation "The Safari Cruiser Wheelchair".

1<sup>st</sup> Graduation Ceremony for children with various disabilities held at the Day Care Centre, Star of Hope Primary School in Mukuru Lunga Lunga.

National Council for Persons with Disabilities, through its National Disability Development fund begins funding APDK for production of assistive devices.

A baseline survey on assessment of awareness gaps on Informational Education Communication (IEC) materials on disability prevention, early identification and intervention.

Nairobi and Mombasa Wheelchair Workshop received funding from USAID for equipments wheelchair production.

A new outlet “Bombolulu Boutique” opened in Diani South Coast.

Bombolulu Programme Manager participants in COFTA/IFAT Regional Meeting in Swaziland.

National Director, Hubert Seifert attended the new WHO-CBR guidelines workshop in Abuja .

On CBMI request, National Director, Mr Hubert Seifert provided consultancy services to Tanzania Society for the Blind in Dar-es Salaam and to the Government of Yemen for development of inclusive Livelihood program.

A new wooden wheelchair prototype for children with disability dubbed “Yaya seat” was eventually launched.

2011 APDK with funding from EU supported the Ministry of Medical Services in capacity building of paramedical and medical staff including doctors and surgeon, equipped 20 district hospitals with rehabilitation equipment and renovated 5 hospitals.

Supported 13 schools in water harvesting tanks courtesy of CBMI Canada

APDK signs a Memo of Understanding with Kenya Red Cross and CBM to pilot a project that would enhance inclusion of persons with disabilities in all disaster and emergency response interventions. The tripartite project was launched in Lodwar and Turkana counties.

Embu officially opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 by the National Chairman, Hon. Dr. A.A. Moody Awori.

**National Director Hubert Seifert who had been seconded to APDK by CBM, promoted to the position of CBMI Global Livelihood Advisor. Mr. Walter Odhiambo joins APDK to take Mr. Seifert’s position.**

2012 Madam Leonie Armington of Kinderhilfe Headquarters, Germany visited APDK. Hosted a High profile team from CBM family;CBM Regional Director for Eastern Africa, Mr & Mrs Dave McComiskey, CBM Canada Board Members Mr & Mrs Marliln Doner, Chairman of CBM Kenya, Dr John Batten and CBM Kenya coordinator Nat Bascom.

The Emergency Response Programme carried out a baseline survey which was launched by Dr. Samuel Tororei, the National Chairman of the National Lands Commission.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kenya Wheelchair Conference held Theme; “Capacity Building for Sustainable Appropriate Wheelchair Services.”

APDK Rehabilitation Clinic Hydro Therapy pool officially opened by Kenya Ports Authority Managing Director, Mr. Gichiri Ndua, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

2013

Under the European Union program, APDK in collaboration with CCBRT and CBM launched the Kenya Health Workers Manuals and a guidebook on children with disabilities on early identification & Intervention prevention, of Disabilities. The books were launched in October 2013 by the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Prof. Fred H. K. Segor.

The European Union joint program also enabled APDK support government district hospital with renovations of 4 government orthopedic workshops, equipped 10 orthopedic workshops with 260 tools and orthopedic equipment, 15 physiotherapy units were supported with 15 therapeutic equipment, distributed 22 motor bikes and equipped 24 units with office furniture and computers. To ensure persons with different abilities have access to affordable quality habilitation and rehabilitation.

APDK Rehab Clinic signs an MOU with Coast General Hospital for service delivery to children in need of surgery. Dr. Khaemba of Coast General Hospital joins Dr. Stan for weekly doctor’s clinic and surgeries.

Niko Fiti beyond disability campaigns wins the **Best Corporate Social Responsibility Campaign Award 2013/14.**

APDK in collaboration with Latter Days Saints Charities provided Moody Cruiser wheelchairs fitted with Jarik cushion to 200 persons with disabilities.

Mr. Walter Odhiambo tendered his resignation. Mr. Gideon Muga former Assistant National **Director was appointed in an acting capacity from September to December 2013.**

2014

Hon. Dr. A. A. Moody Awori sets down as National Chairman to be APDK’s Patron after serving for 5 decades. Dr. Lumbi Wa M’Nabea is elected National Chairman. January 2014, Mr. Gideon Muga is confirmed to be National Director of APDK. Dr. Lumbi is nominated by APDK to Kenya Reinsurance to serve as one of its directors. Ms. Bright Oywaya nominated to represent APDK in the |Road Safety Board.

APDK in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and with support from European Union, holds a Regional Conference on Maternal Child health with focus on prevention, early identification and intervention.

APDK participates in Kenya Reinsurance Niko Fiti Program

APDK in partnership with Worldvision and Motivation rolls out ACCESS Project(Accelerating Core Competencies for Effective Wheelchair Services) supported by USAID for three years in Machakos and Nakuru Branch.

2015 APDK hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Africa Conference at KICC, Nairobi Kenya from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Theme CBR Guidelines, A bridge to Inclusive society beyond 2015 Development Framework.

National Director Gideon Muga elected to the Board of CBR Africa  
APDK awarded certificate of Participation by the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) for participating in the Kenya Youth Empowerment Project (KYEP)  
Liliane Fonds engages Chesire to manage its Education Funds  
Kenya Re promote livelihood programs in Nairobi

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015, APDK's 10<sup>th</sup> Branch in Siaya was officially launched at Siaya County Referral Hospital. The project was funded by Roelchling Foundation in collaboration with Christian Blinden Mission International (CBMI) Germany.

2016 Fredrick Owako is elected National Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> Dr Lumbi 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman Mr. Peter Kathambara Wa M'Nabea for a 3 years' team 2016 – 2020.  
APDK engages African Business Foundation to assist with the Strategic Management Plan

Fire breaks out in Bombolulu Workshops and Cultural Centre  
APDK in partnership with CBM and NCPWD pilots a Linda Maisha Campaign- Zuia Ulemavu

A delegation from Kindernoethilfe led by Leonie Armingeon, Ute Luhr and CTU. APDK's Patron, Hon. Dr. A. A. Moody Awori EGH, on 29<sup>th</sup> July November 2016, was joined Mohammed Gabow, the CEO of NCPWD, Madam Annie Mugambi CEO of National Fund for Disabled, APDK Trustee and National Chairman Dr. Edward Odundo and Mr Fredrick Owako respectively and commissioned the Water Project at APDK Rehabilitation Clinic and Re-launch of the Renovation Bombolulu Workshop and Showroom. The Water project was supported by Kenya Airport (KAA) in partnership of Kenya Pipeline Company.

Mr Gideon Muga, APDK National Director represented APDK in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Based Rehabilitation Global Conference in Kualalumpa, Malaysia funded of CBM  
Mr Isaac Otieno, APDK Kisumu Coordinator and member of Africa Clubfoot Training Faculty facilitated at the Club Foot training held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Mr Geoffrey Kimani, APDK Nakuru Coordinator through the Access program attended an Intermediate Wheelchair Services Training package for Trainer of Trainers (TOT) in West Cape Rehabilitation Centre  
Mrs.Jemimiah Kutata APDK Faida Coordinator, represented Kenya in the 2016 Wild Programme held in Germany

- 2017 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, the First Lady Her Excellency Margaret Kenyatta launched APDK 4 years' Strategic Plan for year 2017 – 2020 support by CBM  
Kenya Re scales up Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) dubbed Niko Fiti Project that benefited 1,303 persons with disabilities drawn from Nyamira, Homa Bay, Embu, Isiolo, Meru, Bungoma, Kiminini, Kwanza, Kitale and Kapenguria.
- 2018 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, was grace H. E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and C.I.C of the Defense Forces. He was accompanied by other dignitaries who included among others, the Cabinet Secretary and the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Labor and Social Service, Amb. Ukur Yatani Kanacho and Mr Nelson Marwa Sospeter EBS respectively, Hon Ghati, Hon Sonko and our Patron Hon. Dr. A. A. Moody Awori EBS, EGHS. A total number of 264 national stakeholders and APDK members attended the function.
- 2019 The management suffered a huge blow due to a high turn-over in our top and middle level management team where we lost nine managers among them being the National Director Gideon Muga, Human Resource Manager Anne Siyamo, Coast Branch Manager Karama Karama and Rehabilitation Administrator Leah Mwachari either through pursue for greater pastures, lay-offs or retirement. Subsequently, new Coast Branch Manager Derrick Adeya and Rehabilitation Administrator Ferdinand Mbabu and Human Resource & Administration Manger Harriet Kinoti. Mr Benson Kiptum continued on an acting capacity as the National Director and Programs Manager We, unfortunately, encountered governance issues that led to the calling of the Special General Meeting and later Non-Government Board installation of a Caretaker Committee comprising of 3 committee members namely Mr John Ondiege, Madam Truphena and myself and two trustees Dr. Edward Odundo and Madam Bright Oywayo.
- Since the enactment of the Persons with Disabilities Act in 2003, persons with disabilities continue to experience challenges in seeking employment. APDK in partnership with CBM and other consortium members (Andy, Leonard Cheshire, World Bank, ILO and Plan International) begun implementing a three-year DFID-funded project dubbed 'Innovation to Inclusion' (i2i). The aim of the project is to address challenges encountered by persons with disabilities in accessing economic opportunities and waged employment in three of our branches namely Kisumu, Nairobi and Coast.
- 2020 APDK in collaboration with National Council for Persons with Disabilities celebrated the World Wheelchair Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in Kenya.

