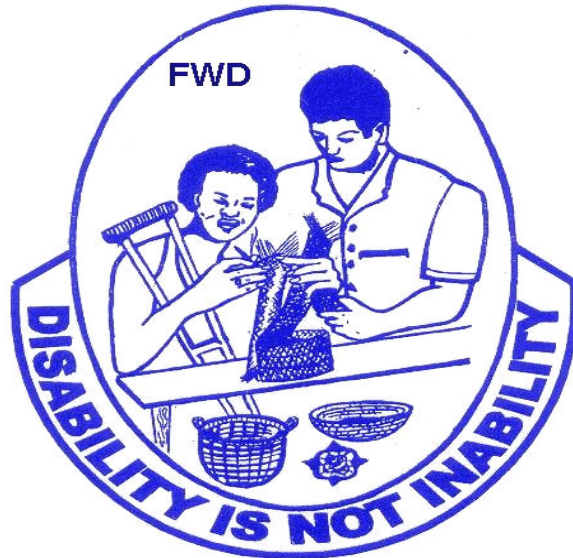


# FRIENDS OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES (FWD)



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## INTRODUCTION

Friends of women with Disabilities (FWD) is a Non –Governmental Organization working for and with people with disabilities with emphasis on Women with Disabilities and their dependants/ vulnerable and needy children with an aim of improving their standards of living.

Founded in the year 2004 with a vision of improving the quality life of people with special needs in Uganda by developing and implementing highly innovative programs and projects in all social aspects of life through modern management styles.

## MISSION

**To promote and foster social and economic advancement of young girls and Women with Disabilities and their families to access resources and opportunities to enable them achieve their full potentials.**

## OBJECTIVES

- To mobilize women with disabilities (WWDs) for collective action
- To improve on the social and economic situation of Women with disabilities through:
  - Access to income generating projects
  - Seek for opportunities not sympathy
- To create awareness about HIV/AIDS among the Women with Disabilities
- To raise awareness on the needs, problems, limitations and potentials of Women with Disabilities so as to advocate for Rights **not** Charity
- To provide care and support to vulnerable children infected and affected families of Women with Disabilities and people living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda.

- To Promote and influence the delivery of social and economical services to Women with Disabilities through networking and collaborating with Governmental and NGOs individuals and institutions
- To provide income generating projects to the disabled women to sustain themselves and their dependants.
- To develop the spirit of patriotism among the Women with disabilities of Uganda as a whole and to empower the organization members with the quality of leadership, discipline, ingenuity and resourcefulness as well as develop their knowledge of field and family life.

## PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITES

### ➤ **DISABLEDWOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

Women with Disabilities (WWDs) in Uganda are terribly poor compared to their male counterparts. They lack income and have little access to capital and credit, as a result they resort to Streets in urban cities where they earn an income as beggars.



The organization resorted to commercialization of crafts, liquid soap making, recycling, tailoring, computers in which it has trained women with disabilities which the organization can help them to market so that they earn a living.

### ➤ **COMUNITY SENSITIZATION / CAPACITY BUILDING.**

FWD has over the years been astonishingly commended for carrying out sensitization seminars and workshops on both enabled and Disabled women and children rights, which include, Children Education Rights, Fighting domestic violence, Women Reproductive Health Rights, Helping to Educate Girl Child, HIV/AIDS and Women empowerment, community development and management skills



Sensitization campaigns target the negative attitudes and behaviours of community members, educators, Government officials and health workers.



This will assist in re-integrating into their communities, in the long run change in attitudes of people in power and remove of physical barriers from public institutions and buildings

### ➤ **ADVOCACY**

People with Disabilities especially women with disabilities' rights are violated by corrupt officials when ever cases of rape, murder or theft are reported. Their cases are not considered because of their low income to bribe the officials in charge of handling their cases.



The Organization has continued sensitization through seminars for PWDs especially women and children so as to educate them on their rights

### ➤ **CHILDREN SUPPORT**

Women with disabilities are the most vulnerable members of the community and many have been duped by men who impregnate them and there after abandon them in the end. Many have ended up on streets with their children where they earn a living as beggars.



FWD is trying to support orphans, vulnerable and disabled children including dependants and children of women with Disabilities with health care and education support



### ➤ **CHALANGES/CONSTRAINS**

- Literacy is a big obstacle to WWDs that has caused lack of employment.
- Discrimination, negative attitude from the public because of gender issues and nature of their disabilities.
- Inferiority complex within the members themselves due to gender issues and type of disability.
- Lack of funding.
- Bringing more partners on board.

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