

## Human rights and Advocacy for Deaf rights

We contribute to human rights generally and specifically to Deaf people's rights. Deaf people's rights are grossly abused, and therefore suffer marginalization and discrimination, hence benefit less from development programmes. We advocate and lobby for the human rights of Deaf persons through capacity building of Deaf persons and their families to demand for their rights and hold government accountable for its actions. In addition, we promote the capacity of stakeholders such as the JLOS, Local Government/ National Government, Disabled People Organizations in sign language and to network and positively respond to issues of Deaf people.



## Networking and Partnerships

Networking and partnership is key to achieving our objectives as an organization. To achieve the most out of our work, and for sustainability purposes, we employ a multi-stakeholder approach. We network and partner with local and international stakeholders to advance the rights of Deaf persons in Uganda.



## Technology Innovation for Deaf people

We support and engage in technological advancements to improve the lives of Deaf persons. Such innovations include applications to support communication among Deaf persons and the public. This includes sign language learning across digital platforms, and other technological platforms for advocating and lobbying for the rights of Deaf persons.



## Training in Leadership and Capacity Building for Deaf Youth;

We offer various leadership training, capacity building, and life skills programs for deaf children and young people aiming to nurture future leaders. Our efforts include hosting an annual National Deaf Christian Youth Camp in different parts of Uganda. Additionally, we conduct outreach programs in schools, educating deaf children on Christian values to establish a connection with Jesus Christ as their savior. Moreover, we collaborate with Churches to host training workshops focused on deaf children's ministry.



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## Our programmes

### Introduction and background

#### Deaf Sign Alliance (DSA)

formerly Deaf Children and Youth Alliance, is a non-profit public benefit organization that supports Deaf Persons in Uganda to live dignified lives. The organization was founded in 2016, is legally registered with the Government of Uganda.

#### Vision:

Deaf persons are respected, access opportunities and live dignified lives

#### Mission:

To support and empower Deaf persons to live a dignified life through education, livelihood, human rights advocacy and related programmes, and network support approaches

#### Values

- Transparency
- Team work
- Innovation
- Quality
- Hard work
- Respect for the people we work with and serve
- Nothing for us without us

#### Deaf Culture and Sign Language Promotion

We support and promote understanding of Deaf culture among communities to bring about acceptance recognition and respect of the rights of Deaf persons. Under this programme, we also promote sign language as a mode of communication between the Deaf and the public mainly through sign language training.

We are offering the work experience placements and Internship places for international students and volunteers.



#### Inclusive Deaf Education

Deaf Children are not only substantially less likely to be in school but also even where they are in school they are less likely to complete their primary education and make a successfully transition to other levels. We support quality inclusive education for Deaf children and young persons through direct sponsorship for schools' fees, school materials and policy change.



#### Sustainable livelihoods

Deaf persons live in abject poverty due lack of access to formal and informal employment arising out of lack of adequate education, training and capital coupled with the historical negative attitudes by society. Those involved in some work earn peanuts and have no job security. Our livelihoods programme supports Deaf persons (especially the young) to acquire marketable business and vocational skills, and start up to start their own businesses and invest in their existing businesses. We empower Deaf persons with vocational and business skills to engage in income generating activities (IGAs) to be able to earn a living. This way they are in position to lead independent lives, since they are in position to decide on their own and contribute to decisions in the communities where they live.

