Kyazanga Discovery and Learning Center

Removing barriers, opening opportunities

ORGANISATION PROFILE **2026**

A non-governmental organisation for vulnerable children in rural Lwengo District, Uganda





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WHO WE ARE

Every child has potential.

Kyazanga Discovery and Learning Center (KDLC) is a non-governmental organisation working to create better opportunities for vulnerable children in rural Lwengo District, Uganda.

We believe that every child has potential. But children do not all start from the same place, and some face barriers that make learning, development and participation much harder.

KDLC works with vulnerable children, especially children with disabilities and Deaf children, while remaining responsive to other children whose circumstances place them at risk of exclusion or limited opportunities.

We work with children, families, schools and communities to remove barriers, strengthen support and open opportunities for children to learn, grow, participate and thrive.

TYPE
Non-governmental organisation

WHERE
Kyazanga, rural Lwengo District, Uganda

FOCUS
Children with disabilities, Deaf children and other vulnerable children



The areas of support that surround a child

THE CHILDREN WE CARE ABOUT

Vulnerable children at the centre of our work

Kyazanga Discovery and Learning Center puts vulnerable children at the centre of its work. **Vulnerability can look different from one child to another.** A child may face barriers because of:

- Disability
- Communication needs
- Poverty
- Family circumstances
- Health
- Exclusion
- Limited access to education
- Other challenges to wellbeing and opportunities

Deaf children and children with other disabilities are an important priority for KDLC.

We also support other children whose circumstances make them vulnerable.





THE BARRIERS

What gets in the way?

Children have potential. But the circumstances around them can create barriers that make it harder for them to learn, grow, participate and thrive.

> **KDLC believes that the child is not the problem. It is the environment around the child that is the problem.**

So we work to remove those barriers around the child.

HOW WE CREATE CHANGE

The right support, all around the child

We believe children thrive when the right support surrounds them. This is what we do to create a better future for them.



1

Understanding barriers

We listen to children and families and understand the barriers affecting them.

2

Providing support

We provide or connect children and families to the support they need.

3

Strengthening family and community

We work with teachers, families, communities and other partners to make support stronger and more inclusive.

4

Opening opportunities

We create pathways for learning, participation, skills, technology, wellbeing and future opportunities.

5

Children thriving

Children are better able to learn, grow, participate and thrive.

OUR FIVE-YEAR JOURNEY

Five connected pillars, 2027 to 2032

From 2027 to 2032, KDLC will focus on five connected areas of work. Together, these five pillars create a more complete pathway for vulnerable children to learn, grow, participate and thrive.

Inclusive Education and Child Development

Helping vulnerable children participate in learning, make progress and develop their abilities.

Family Wellbeing and Economic Resilience

Strengthening families so they can better support children's wellbeing and future.

Disability Inclusion and Community Empowerment

Building communities where children with disabilities and other vulnerable children are included, respected and able to participate.

Health, Rehabilitation and Wellbeing

Connecting children and families to health, rehabilitation and wellbeing support.

Skills, Technology and Future Opportunities

Opening pathways for children and young people to develop skills, use technology and pursue future opportunities.

2027 — *A more complete pathway for vulnerable children* — **2032**

IN THE COMMUNITY

Our work in pictures

With learners, families and communities across Kyazanga and Lwengo District.



Families in Kyazanga


A community meeting in Kyazanga


Children writing during a lesson


One-to-one support for a parent



Parents and caregivers listening

OUR INNOVATION

Sign Educator

Many Deaf children cannot easily talk with their own families when no one at home signs. KDLC has developed **Sign Educator**, an app to help Deaf children, their families and teachers to learn context-based conversation in Ugandan Sign Language.

Learn

Short lessons, to be filmed with fluent Deaf signers and voiced, so hearing parents learn alongside their child.

Sign

Two-way conversation: the device speaks the child's phrases aloud and shows a speaker's words, with signs as each video is added.

For schools

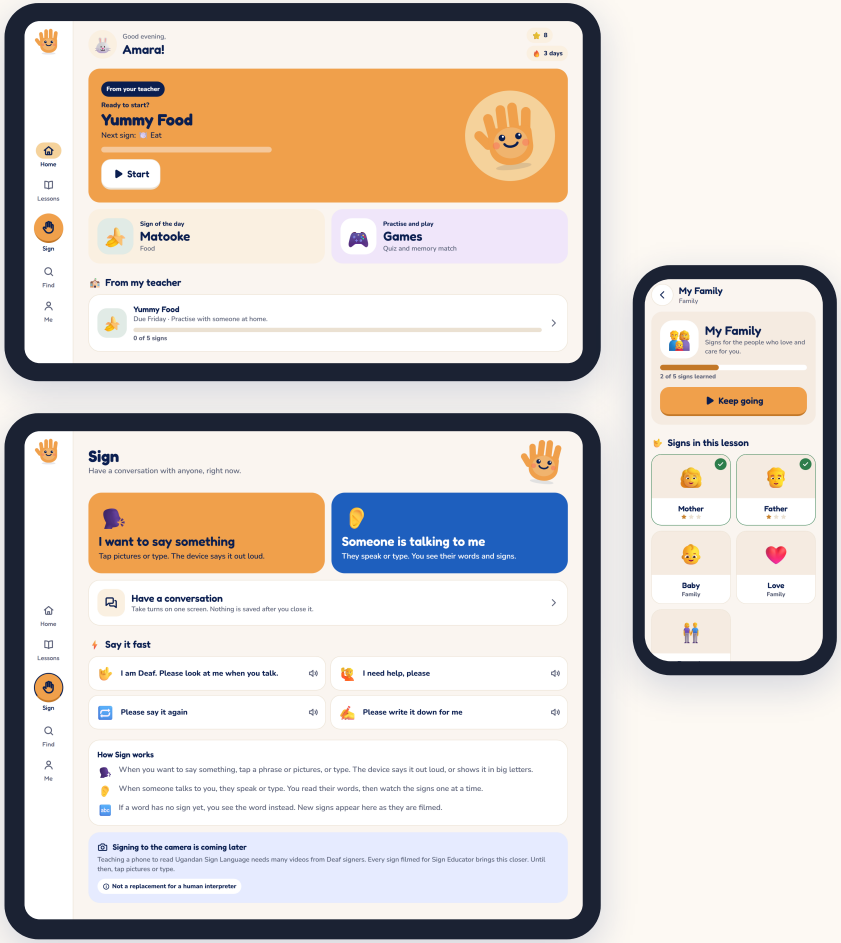
Teachers assign lessons by class code and follow each learner's progress.

Built for Uganda

Android and iOS app with a web platform; lessons work offline on little data.

Where it stands. The software is built. Next, we will film the lessons with Deaf signers and pilot the app in Lwengo District schools.

Our vision. A national app for education and learning across different sectors.



Screens from the working app, shown with sample data. Sign videos are still to be filmed with Deaf signers.

WORK WITH US

Together, we can remove the barriers around every child.

We work with teachers, families, communities and other partners to make support stronger and more inclusive. These are some of the ways you can walk with us.

Schools and teachers

Use Sign Educator in class and help us pilot inclusive learning.

Deaf signers and the Deaf community

Guide and review the signs so every lesson is right.

Health and rehabilitation partners

Help us connect children and families to the care they need.

Government and development partners

Share guidance, linkages and platforms that help us reach more children.

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