

# Activity Report



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Radio talk show on inclusion of persons with disabilities government programs (PDM) in Kisoro District.



# Brief

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Date of Activity	April 12, 2025
Location	Kisoro District
Organised by	Ubuntu Disability Action for Development Uganda (UDAD Uganda)
Target group/Participants	Kisoro District Local government officials, Political leaders and citizens.



# Introduction

On April 12, 2025, Kisoro Metropolitan Radio Station aired a special edition of its "Amazima" talk show, focusing on the inclusion of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Uganda. The program aimed to shed light on the challenges faced by PWDs and discuss strategies to promote their inclusion in various aspects of society.

## Panelists

The talk show featured a diverse panel of experts and advocates:

- **Mr. Naphtali Rumazimisi:** Director of Programs, Ubuntu Disability Action for Development Uganda (UDAD-U)
- **Mr. Herbert Ngabo:** Parish Development Model (PDM) Focal Person, Kisoro District
- **Ms. Eunice Baganda:** District Female Councilor Representing Persons with Disabilities, Kisoro District





# Key Discussion Points

## 1. Importance of Disability Inclusion

Mr. Rumazimisi emphasized the necessity of integrating PWDs into all societal programs, particularly the Parish Development Model (PDM) emphasized by the Government of the Republic of Uganda. He highlighted that inclusion is not automatic and requires deliberate efforts by government technocrats during program design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation to understand its impact on the livelihoods of individuals. Mr. Rumazimisi pointed out that without intentional inclusion, PWDs risk being marginalized in initiatives like the PDM, which aims at grassroots socioeconomic transformation and has received significant government resources.

He further shared that PWDs have often not been engaged in the PDM and have been ignored, which is a matter of great concern. He informed listeners not to discriminate against PWDs due to their disabilities, emphasizing that disability does not equate to inability. He asserted that PWDs are capable individuals who can work like any other person.



## 2. Challenges in Accessing Government Programs

Ms. Baganda shared insights into the obstacles PWDs face, such as physical inaccessibility to public buildings, lack of assistive devices, and limited awareness of available services in Kisoro District. She pointed out that parents with children with disabilities have often neglected to take them to school like other children. She recounted visiting a home where a child with a disability was kept indoors and not allowed to play with others.

She called upon government officials to always include PWDs in government sensitization and engagement programs to positively impact their livelihoods.

## 3. Government's Role and Commitment

Mr. Ngabo discussed the government's initiatives to promote inclusion, noting that policies are in place but require effective implementation, particularly in the PDM, where he serves as a focal person. He acknowledged gaps in service delivery and called for collaborative efforts between government bodies and organizations like Ubuntu Disability Action for Development Uganda (UDAD-U) to bridge these gaps.

# Recommendations



The panelists proposed several strategies to enhance the inclusion of PWDs:

- ➔ **Policy Implementation:** Strengthen the enforcement of existing policies related to disability inclusion.
- ➔ **Capacity Building:** Train government officials and service providers on disability rights and inclusive practices.
- ➔ **Community Engagement:** Conduct awareness campaigns to change societal attitudes towards PWDs.
- ➔ **Infrastructure Development:** Ensure public facilities are accessible to individuals with various disabilities.

## Conclusion

The "Amazima" talk show provided a platform for meaningful dialogue on disability inclusion in Uganda. The discussions underscored the importance of collaborative efforts among stakeholders to create an inclusive society where PWDs have equal opportunities to participate in all facets of life.

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