



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR WEZESHA MTOTO PROGRAM

Basic Project Information

Country	TANZANIA
Region	Mara (Musoma Municipal, Tarime Districts Council and Musoma District Council
Project Name	WEZESHA MTOTO PROGRAM
Organization	St. Justin Foundation
Period Covered by this Report	January to June 2025
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Beneficiaries Targets and Achievements

Direct Beneficiaries	200 children and Youth with disabilities Male: 115 Female: 85
Indirect Beneficiaries	600 Adult (Caregivers, stakeholders) Women: 420 Men: 180

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1. Executive Summary

St. Justin Foundation is a non-governmental, and not-for-profit national organization registered under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act of 2002 (Act No. 24 of 2002), on **15th day of August 2024**, with registration number **00NGO/R/6820**. The organization is dedicated to empowering children and youth with disabilities, promoting equitable, inclusive and quality education in Tanzania, and advocating for their rights.

Since its **inception in 2006**, the Foundation is providing its services through Community-Based and Centre-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) approaches, which is participatory and community-driven, ensuring that the needs of children and youth with disabilities are addressed from both the grassroots and national levels. This approach fosters community involvement and empowerment, creating sustainable change and improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

St. Justin Foundation, in partnership with Beyond Inclusion with the support from Liliane Foundation, is implementing Wezesha Mtoto Program to promote the rights, inclusion, and empowerment of children and Youth with disabilities in Mara Region in Three District Councils namely Musoma MC, Musoma DC and Tarime DC.

This report highlights the key activities carried out by St. Justin Foundation from January to June 2025, the report presents the progress achieved under each program outcome, documents the lessons learned, outlines the challenges phased during implementation and outlines the next steps to be undertaken in the upcoming implementation phase.

2.0 Project Implementation Overview

2.1 Planned Activities per Project Objectives and Outcomes

Outcome 1: Enhanced Effectiveness of the CBR network

Output 1.1 The Wezesha Mtoto Program Introduced at Regional and Council Levels and Regional CBR Mapping carried out.

Activities & Results:

Introduction of the Program: The program was officially introduced at the Regional and Council levels in Musoma MC, Musoma DC, and Tarime DC. This created awareness among local government leaders, stakeholders, and partners. The program was introduced at regional level on 13th Day of May 2025. On 15th May the Program was introduced in Musoma Municipal Council. On 20th May 2025, the program was introduced in Tarime District Council, and on 30th May 2025 the program was introduced in Musoma District Council. The exercise was carried out from June 11th, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

The purpose of this activity was to attract involvement of different Stakeholders and community members to collaborate in implementation of Wezesha Mtoto Program in Mara Region. It also aimed to increase Community engagement, and public participation. Stakeholders are the people and groups impacted by and/or interested in Wezesha Mtoto project or work and those who have an influence on it.

Stakeholder collaboration means working with these people or groups to get their input on the project. Their involvement will include sharing feedback, offering skills, contributing knowledge, sharing resources, and more. It means working together towards the broader project goals, or sub-goals.

At Regional level a total of 6 government officials were reached. A team of 7 St. Justin staff visited the Mara regional office, the programs manager of St. Justin Foundation outlines to the Regional Administrative secretary (Mr. Gerard M. Kusaya) and the regional

team which included the head of community development department, the Regional Medical Officer, The Regional Education Officer, The regional Special Education Officer, and the Regional Social welfare officer. The Regional team was introduced to the concept of Wezesha Mtoto Program, which included but was not limited to the objectives of the Program, activities to be implemented and the expected outcomes. More over they were introduced to the coverage areas of the project.

After the Presentation, the regional team was given an opportunity to ask questions for more clarity of the program and give advice that will help proper implementation of the project and ensure the project activities are achieved. The regional officers first thanked St. Justin Foundation for coming with such idea to support children and youth with disability and the unique idea of capacity building to the existing government institutions for sustainability of the project, they also asked questions for more clarity and admitted that they give every required support to facilitate smooth implementation of the project.



Figure 1: Project staff in a group photo with the Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) and other officials from the Regional Commissioner's Office

the Reginal Administrative secretary (Mr. Gerard M. Kusaya) thanked St. Justin Foundation, The Beyond Inclusion Tanzania and The Liliane Foundation for coming up with very creative initiative. He instead there is very little investment done by the government and other stakeholders in Mara region to

children and youth with disabilities. So Wezesha Mtoto Initiative is unique and of its kind. He promised to give any support required, and shared his business card for communication. Moreover, he requested to visit the St. Justin Foundation with his regional Team and give support to children and youth who are under St. Justin Centre for Children with Disabilities.

The project was also introduced at District Council Levels with same purpose as at regional level. Moreover, at the district council level it involved decision on the specific areas where the project will be implemented in 16 wards in all three District Councils. In Musoma Municipal, it was agreed the project will be implemented in 6 wards; namely; Makoko, Mwisenge, Mkendo Kitaji Nyasho and Bweri. In Tarime District Council the Project was agreed to be implemented in 3 wards namely Nyarero, Binagi, and Nyamwaga wards. In Musoma District Council, it was agreed the project will be implemented in 7 wards, Namely Mgango, Nyambono, Nyakatende, Bugwema, Kiriba Ifulifu and Nyegina.

CBR Mapping Exercise: Conducted to identify all CBR service providers in the region, their services, and locations. The expected outcome of this activity was to ensure The Network of Program actors is well coordinated, effective and sustainably discharge its mandate. The aim of the mapping exercise was to improve referrals, enhance collaboration, and avoid service duplication. The exercise was carried out from June 11th, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

The mapping exercise was conducted in all district councils of Mara region. More than 122 stakeholders participated in the mapping exercise.

Different tools were used to collect data, these included questionnaires, observation checklists, and Key informants. Secondary data were used to improve the



Figure 2: The project manager conducting a face-to-face interview with village chairman of Nyegina Village during data collection for the CBR mapping exercise in Mara Region.

mapping report where documents of Regional CBR services were reviewed and useful information were extracted to enrich the mara Region CBR mapping Report.

This mapping exercise provided a comprehensive understanding of existing structures, enabling the foundation and partners to align efforts, avoid duplication, and enhance collaboration. It will also inform future interventions and support evidence-based decision-making.

The mapping exercise went through the following stages; Stakeholder engagement meetings, Key informant interviews, Field visits and data collection from CBR service providers, Data analysis, report preparation, Stakeholder validation and feedback session. (A full report will be released next term).

Outcome 2.0: Enhanced access and quality of health/rehab services (therapy, AT, personnel, supplies, insurance, SRH, etc.)

Output 2.1: Identification of underserved area that require mobile Health Clinics

This report presents the findings and insights gathered from the preliminary assessment and engagement activities conducted by St. Justin Foundation in collaboration with Musoma Districts Council, under the WEZESHA MTOTO PROGRAM. with a core activity being the Identification of underserved area that require mobile Health Clinics to improve healthcare access for children and youth with disabilities in Musoma District Council (Musoma DC).

In the initial phase, a key meeting was held at the office of the District Medical Officer (DMO) to strategies and identify in need locations for the mobile clinics. This meeting initiated the process of identifying four wards with critical needs for mobile clinic services. The wards proposed for assessment included Bukumi, Bugwema, Kiriba, and Nyegina. The exercise was carried out from June 30th, 2025 to July 06, 2025

Table 1: Comparative Analysis and Site Recommendation

NO.	Ward	Disability trend and population	Health facility access service capacity	Geographical challenges	Population density	Service capacity
1.	Bukumi	According to DMO, this is among the wards with a big number of children and youth with disabilities. The predominant disability is physical.	One dispensary (Bulaga) With an estimated attendance of maternal health 200, the actual attendance is between 160 to 170.	It is an area bisected with fishing activities, therefore population is highly mobile, the villages are sparsely located with only one health centre. Hilly terrain.	high	Moderate
2.	Bugwema	According to DMO, this is second among the wards with a big number of children and youth with disabilities. There are all types of disabilities, but the ward is highly affected by cerebral malaria.	The ward has one health centre (Bugwema) with an estimated attendance of maternal health 160, the actual attendance is between 120 to 140.	The ward is mediumly populated with scattered villages and one island.	Moderate	Lower
3.	Kiriba	The ward has a big number of children and youth with disabilities. Physical disabilities and a big number of people with skin/albinism.	The ward has one health centre (Bwai) and one dispensary with limited facilities. The Council's estimated attendance of maternal health 160, the actual attendance per month is between 200 to 220.	It is an area bisected with fishing activities, therefore population is highly mobile, the villages are sparsely located with one health centre and one dispensary. The ward has four islands without health facilities.	High	Very Lower
4.	Nyegina	The ward has a reasonable number of children and youth with disabilities. Physical, the ward has a big number of children and youth with sickle cell disease.	The ward has one health centre (Nyegina) with limited facilities. The Council's estimated attendance of maternal health 120, the actual attendance per month is between 70 to 80.	It is an area bisected with fishing and mining activities, therefore population is highly mobile, the villages are sparsely located with one health centre. The ward has.	Moderate	Moderate

From the assessment above, St. Justin Foundation Has Identify Kiriba Ward which is the underserved remote area that require mobile health service. Kiriba Ward, specifically Bwai village, is recommended as the primary location for piloting the mobile clinic due to its large population, big number of fishing Islands without health facilities, higher concentration of children with disabilities, and existing healthcare gaps. Kiriba ward remains the preferred location for initiating mobile clinic services based on the following key factors:

- Higher population density and disability prevalence.
- Low council estimates compared to big number of maternal services provided.
- Big number of fishing islands with no health facilities.
- Centralized location for easier access by surrounding communities.
- Comparatively more structured administrative engagement and existing target population

The Mobile Health Clinic services will take place in the upcoming term (July to December, Quarter 4) in collaboration with the District Medical Officer's (DMO) of Musoma Districts Council.

Outcome 3.0: Increased capacity of health workers, (eg CHWs & rehab personnel) to provide disability-inclusive health services

Output 3.1: Training to 20 Community Health workers (CHWs) on CBR & Rehabilitation Practise

St. Justin Foundation organized and conducted a 2 Day Training to 20 Community Health Workers on inclusive Community based Rehabilitation (CBR) health Practice and rehabilitation Techniques. The training contributes to Increased attainment of set milestones, functionality & ADL+ Reduced Burden of Cares & morbidity. The training took place from June 04, 2025 to June 05, 2025.

The trained CHWs are expected to have increased capacity on providing CBR services to Children and Youth with disabilities and their families in Mara Region 20 Community Health Workers (CHWs) were invited from their villages and sub villages of 7 Tarime DC,

7 Musoma DC and 6 Musoma MC and are employs of the government. Their role is to identify children with disabilities and refer them to CBR coordinators within each ward. we also involved CHW coordinators at council level. They are coordinating all CHWs activities conducted within the ward and if they find the complex case, they refer to specialist for technical support. CHWs. We also trained 3 additional St. Justin Staff

Table 2: List of CHWs Attended Training

TARIME DISTRIC COUNCIL			
S/N	NAME	PLACE OF WORK	PHONE
1.	Consolata John Kibure	Soroneta- Nyarero Ward	0756741217
2.	Gabriel Daniel	Nyarero –Nyarero Ward	0754436052
3.	Suzana Mwita Kichere	Nyarero –Nyarero Ward	0683958771
4.	Stella John Motela	Rosana-Nyarero Ward	0752037437
5.	Monica Charles Josiah	Kemakorere-Nyarero Ward	0764496954
6.	Samson Chacha Mwita	Soroneta –Nyarero Ward	0766476583
7.	Joachim A.Mganga	DCHW Coordinator-Tarime	0687833079
MUSOMA DISTRICTS COUNCIL			
1.	Joyce Mgeta Nyarusawa	Mugango ward	0744425844
2.	Paulo Abrogast Nyamkoro	Nyegina Ward	0743394258
3.	Merinda K. Manyerere	Kigera Etuma-Etaro ward	0763473149
4.	Mispina Manyama	Nyakatende Ward	0785488988
5.	Alice Mugeta Mashauri	Mugango ward	0764618096
6.	Nyangige Iganja	Saragana- Nyambono	0765148447
7.	Godfrey Emily Ngurube	DCHWs Coordinator	0754227679
MUSOMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL			
1.	Ruth M. Naftali	Mukendo-MMCH	0764332388
2.	Diana Joel Lukure	Nyasho Cop Hc	0762265249
3.	Maria Ghati Saakumi	Kwangwa Ward	0766621444
4.	Gloria Atieno Joseph	Makoko H/C	0769658301
5.	Leockadia Masatu Msagasa	Bweri H/C	0745864420
6.	Consolatha Makomelo	MCHWs Coordinator	0765194080



Figure 3: Participants in group works getting clarification from the facilitators.

Figure 4: CHWs sharing their experience on how they support children and youth with disabilities.



Outcome 4.0: Enhanced teaching, learning environments and accessibility in schools and educational institutions.

Output 4.1: Training to 20 Teachers on Inclusive Education Methodology

During this Reporting period we successful to conduct on day Training for 20 Teacher from different school of Tarime Dc, Musoma Dc and Musoma Municipal on Inclusive education methodology, training workshop focused on inclusive teaching methodologies for learners with special educational needs (SEN). The training was held at the headquarters of St. Justin Foundation, located at Ziواني-Makoko, Musoma Municipal Council. A total of 20 teachers from Musoma Municipal Council, Tarime District Council, and Musoma District Council attended the session. This training took place on 3rd June 2025, at St. Justin Foundation Premises. The training aimed to enhance teachers' understanding and equip them with practical strategies to support children with disabilities in inclusive classrooms. The workshop was conducted under the WEZESHA MTOTO PROGRAMME, implemented by St. Justin Foundation in collaboration with Beyond Inclusion. The session was also supported by six staff members from the Foundation and the Special Needs Education Officer from Musoma Municipality.

The training brought together 28 participants comprising:

- 20 primary school teachers directly involved in teaching or managing inclusive



Figure 5: Mwl. Kabeba Cahrls Maiga facilitating Special Education Teachers on Inclusive education methodologies.

education for learners with disabilities. These teachers were carefully selected from various schools across three local authorities to ensure diversity in experience and teaching contexts where by 7 teachers from Tarime Dc, 6 Teachers from Musoma Municipal Council and 7 Teachers from Musoma Districts Council.

- 7 staff members from St. Justin Foundation,
- 1 Municipal Special Needs Education Officer from Musoma Municipality, who represented the government and provided institutional support and commitment to inclusive education policy implementation.



Figure 6: Ms. Anna Ng'unda Musoma Municipal Council Special Education Officer insisting trainees of inclusive education methodologies.

Table 3: List of Primary Teacher Attended Training

TARIME DISTRICT COUNCIL			
S/N	NAME	PLACE OF WORK	PHONE
1.	Stephano Mirumbe Richard	Nyamwanga P/S	0625814264
2.	Humphrey Godluck	Kwihore P/S	0755926775
3.	Marwa Pger Motera	Kwihore P/S	0752175969
4.	Emiliana Gideon Gihaniye	Nyamwanga P/S	0745634003
5.	Wamzita M.Mgodo	Nyamwanga P/S	0746568183
6.	Frank Francis Ondiro	Kwihore	0755702623
MUSOMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL			
1.	Hawa Ramadhani Mohamed	Buhare P/S	0752596950
2.	Patricia Mwita Marwa	Kwangwa P/S	0782772893
3.	Adelina Donath Owiso	Nyarigamba A P/S	0767933682

4.	Benjamin I. Manyama	Buhare P/S	0748749281
5.	Hassan China Ally	Mwembeni B P/S	0787714390
6.	Phily John Mamu	Kwangwa P/S	0758000266
7.	Anna J. Ng'unda	MSNEO –Musoma MC	0754589916
MUSOMA DISTRICTS COUNCIL			
1.	Rustica Michael Kiraka	Kwibara B P/S	0686529694
2.	Major A. Juma	Kwibara B P/S	0789831671
3.	Patricia P. Sumaye	Nyegina P/S	0688070725
4.	Biego Marogoi Awinyo	Nyambono B P/S	0786046563
5.	Gerald M. Wanyaka	Nyegina P/S	0784783941
6.	Abeid Itozya Paul	Nyambono B P/S	0764974458
7.	Musika Joseph Maingu	Kambarage P/S	0788250076

Outcome 5.0: Enhanced access to disability-inclusive SRHR services

Output 4.1: Training to 15 healthcare providers on disability-inclusive SRHR

To ensure continued support and services for children and youth with disabilities in Mara Children and youth with disabilities often face barriers in accessing SRHR services due to stigma, lack of provider awareness, and inaccessible healthcare systems. This training



aimed to build the capacity of healthcare professionals to deliver inclusive and respectful SRHR services. It aligns with the broader objective of enhancing participation and rights awareness among youth with disabilities. The training took place on June 06, 2025, at St. Justin Foundation Premises.

To respond to these setbacks, St. Justin Foundation in Collaboration with Beyond inclusion with the support from Liliane Foundation organized and conducted a one-day Training to Healthcare Professionals on Disability-Inclusive sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) from 5 Ward of Musoma Municipal which are; Makoko, Nyasho, Kitaji, Mukendo and Mwisenge. Workshops held at St. Justin Foundation Headquarter

Healthcare workers in disability-inclusive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) refers to healthcare professionals who are trained and equipped to provide comprehensive, accessible, and non-discriminatory sexual and reproductive health services to people with disabilities, recognizing their equal rights and needs as everyone else. This involves understanding and addressing the unique barriers and challenges faced by individuals with disabilities in accessing SRHR information, goods, and services, and ensuring that care is delivered with dignity and respect, including informed consent and privacy.

The training enhanced community-level support for persons with disabilities through informed, inclusive, and effective health outreach.

Table 4: List of Nurses Attended Training

MUSOMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL			
S/N	NAME	PLACE OF WORK	PHONE
1.	Chacha Marwa	Musoma municipal council health	0673933715
2.	Blandina bwana	Nyasho health Center	0764254437
3.	Yohana laurent	Nyasho health Center	0627172850
4.	Yusuph francis mlembo	Nyasho health center	0764893973
5.	Mariamum hamisi shabani	Nyasho health center	0745989103
6.	Isack nkondo Ibrahim	Mwisenge Health Center	0744668499
7.	Joyce lucas kubebeka	Buhare Dispensary	0711739101
8.	Godliver Laurent magoti	Musoma municipal council health	0756030858
9.	Abubakari luvanga ally	Mussoma municipal council health	0655291010
10.	Juliana samwel ninga	Musoma municipal council health	0764932891
11.	Maria lucas walwa	Makoko health Center	0765650907
12.	Mariamum martin mwita	Musoma municipal council health	0766281744

13.	Moshi bushiri	Makoko health Center	0658145409
14.	Rajabu hamisi mlali	Makoko health Center	0629181165
15.	Sr. Magreth John	St. Justin-Makoko ward	0782135585

3. Summary of lessons learned and innovations.

- Participants' response in the filled in evaluation forms and their verbal comments during the training session revealed that training materials covered, knowledge and skills acquired are very useful for them to provide sexual reproductive health and rights to youth with disabilities and the community at large.
- It was disclosed that the 1 days training duration was not enough with regard to the relevance of the topics covered.
- They suggested the training to be conducted for 4 days to make the participants gain more knowledge and effective participation.
- The evaluation also revealed that there is a need to conduct this kind of training to Healthcare Professionals.

Outcome 6.0: Increased community sensitization on social inclusion and harmful practices

Output 6.1: community sensitization campaigns on child rights and disabilities through Rise Campaign.

St. Justin Foundation, in partnership with Beyond Inclusion Together, is implementing



Figure 8: The team from St. Justin Foundation at Sachita FM Radio Station in Tarime.

the Wezesha Mtoto Program to promote the rights, inclusion, and empowerment of children with disabilities in Mara Region. As part of the program's St. Justin Foundation, conducted a community-based RISE Campaign event from 11th to 16th June 2025 as part of the Day of the African Child

commemorations. The activity was held at Kewamamba Primary School in Kewamamba Village, Kiore Ward, -Tarime District Council. The RISE Campaign aims to promote the rights, inclusion, and dignity of children with disabilities through community sensitization, advocacy, and empowerment. Theme: "Breaking Barriers and Building a Brighter Future for Children with Disabilities (Ondoa Vizingiti, Jenga Kesho Bora kwa Watoto Wenye Ulemavu, the event brought together approximately 500 participants, including People with Disabilities.

KEY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

The following activities were implemented during the event week at Kewamamba:

- Community Sensitization Meetings:
Conducted pre-meetings with Government local leaders, parents, teachers, and stakeholders.
- Disability Rights Education through Radio Session (Radio Sachita FM): Provided sessions on legal protections against child marriage and FGM.
- Final Community Sensitization Campaign (June 16): Conducted during the Day of the African Child to promote the rights of children and youth with disabilities, and to challenge harmful practices such as female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage.



Figure 9: Community members from Kiore Ward following the Day of the African Child commemoration

Outcome 7.0: Increased access to BDS support for trained youth with disabilities

Output 7.1: identifying and forming VSLA groups of youth with disabilities and Caregivers

The activity was conducted in the following wards:

- Matongo Ward
- Nyansincha Ward
- Bulinga Ward
- Kitaji Ward



Figure 10: Youth with disabilities receiving education on the importance of VLSA (Village Savings and Loan Associations)

Through this exercise, young people with disabilities were identified, sensitized on the importance of forming groups, and guided through the process of officially establishing their own groups that will enable them to engage in various income-generating

and developmental activities.

9 VSLAs formed during this reporting Period. Out of the 9 groups that were identified and formed three being parents' groups and six being youth groups for persons with disabilities it has been decided that we will initially begin with only 5 groups. These include one parents' group, which will be based in Musoma Municipal Council, and four youth groups, which will be distributed across the councils as follows:

- Tarime District Council – 1 group
- Musoma District Council – 2 groups
- Musoma Municipal Council – 1 group

This decision was made based on the fact that some members from the other groups, as well as some individuals, had already registered and received loans from their respective councils, and they have not yet completed repayment. Therefore, it was considered more appropriate to start with the groups that are currently free from such obligations.

Challenges and Constraints

- We had limited time of only 2 months to implement activities planned for 6 months.
- Our activities plans were interfered by government plans in the respective district councils, so we had to reschedule our plans according to their availability.
- Engaging youth in VSLA formation is ambit challenging, majority of youth with disabilities are not willing to be engaged in business. So time is needed to change their mind-sets.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

- Positive feedback from participants on all trainings, especially SRHR and inclusive education.
- SRHR training duration too short – a longer training (minimum 4 days) is recommended for deeper learning.
- Healthcare providers need regular, structured training on how to serve persons with disabilities.
- More community awareness activities are necessary to change negative perceptions and promote disability rights.
- The need for more sensitization and mindset-shifting initiatives among youth with disabilities.
- There is a need to conduct a strong awareness campaign to encourage young people with disabilities to take advantage of the interest-free loans available through local councils

Conclusion

Wezesha Mtoto Program successfully implemented multiple key activities in the first half of 2025, including healthcare Training on SRHR, training of professionals, community campaigns, and economic empowerment. These activities have already begun transforming service delivery and community attitudes toward children and youth with disabilities. The next steps will focus on rolling out mobile clinics, activating VSLA groups, and strengthening partnerships for sustainability