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Who We Are

KAWE was established in Nairobi in 1982 by Mrs. Caroline Pickering to address the problem of epilepsy in Kenya. She became interested in the condition after her daughter developed epilepsy at the age of twelve and it was quite apparent to her that there was very little knowledge about the extent of the problem of epilepsy in Kenya; social support for people with epilepsy was inadequate and there was a lack of appropriate medical care.

From an organisation with an initial staffing of one person in 1982, KAWE has grown into a national entity governed by a voluntary Board of 6 directors, two of them parents of children with epilepsy. The directors have different professions and backgrounds.

The Chairman, Dr Osman Miyanji, is a respected child neurologist with vast knowledge in epilepsy management. He was also one of the founding directors in 1982 and he started the first KAWE epilepsy clinic. The Board Secretary is Mr. Maurice K'Anjejo, formerly the Corporate Affairs Manager at Total Kenya.

The Board Finance Director is Mr. Paul Anthony Spence a UK Chartered Accountant who is a former Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK).

The other 3 Board members are Mr. Lawrence Rweria who works at CBK and is a parent of a child with epilepsy, Mr. Samuel Mwaniki, an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Mrs Diana Kuria a senior executive with Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Our Vision

People with epilepsy living
their lives to full potential

Our Mission

To facilitate improved quality of
life for people with epilepsy

Our Philosophy and Core Values

At KAWE we believe that people with epilepsy have a right to quality care, inclusion and equal opportunities. We strive to replace ignorance and fear about epilepsy with understanding and care. We are committed to ensuring that no person's life will be limited by epilepsy. We do all this by providing information and advice about epilepsy, facilitating access to quality healthcare, as well as opportunities and voice to people with epilepsy. KAWE is guided by the following ideals that shape how we create value and relate with key stakeholders, including standards for our operations, practice and performance.

1. Compassion: We are passionate about enhancing the wellbeing of persons with epilepsy.
2. Commitment: We are dedicated to the success of our clients and their families, employees and stakeholders, through value creation, support and care.
3. Teamwork: We believe in subordinating the personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole.
4. Integrity: We uphold public trust by adhering to moral and ethical principles as well as maintaining open and prudent administration of, and accountability for, all resources entrusted to us.
5. Excellence: By embracing excellence, we consistently challenge ourselves to execute flawlessly and to deliver the highest quality to our clients.

Our Capacity and How We Work

1. KAWE is a not for profit organisation that was registered by the NGOs Co-ordination Board in 1994 and maintains good standing submitting annual returns as required.

KAWE has a strong organisational structure supported by various documented policies and procedures including the KAWE constitution, a five year strategic plan that is reviewed periodically, the Personnel and Finance policies among others. KAWE is transparent in its undertakings, handling finances in a compliant way making sure all our donations are put into good use.

2. Over the past 36 years KAWE has implemented a comprehensive integrated epilepsy management program impacting the lives of over 50,000 people with epilepsy besides their caregivers and families.

The KAWE Model of care has been internationally acclaimed. KAWE collaborates with local and international partners in executing its mandate and is the Kenya chapter of International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE).

3. Access to quality affordable epilepsy management services continues to be a public health challenge. According to the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy over 90% of people living with epilepsy (PWE) in resource poor countries do not receive appropriate treatment for their condition, a phenomenon that is called the 'epilepsy treatment gap' and is defined as the percentage of people with active epilepsy not on treatment or on inadequate treatment. Local researchers have estimated the treatment gap in Kenya at 60 to 80%. KAWE regards the reduction of the treatment gap as its prime goal.

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Conducting a Medical Training*