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New Vision story lands Busia special needs school

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Busia district will get a modern primary school for children with disability, following a story published in *New Vision*, in the Teacher's Making a Difference pullout.

Mission for Disability, a Korean non-governmental organisation NGO, has agreed to construct a \$2m school in Masaba sub-county in Busia.

The facility will also serve adults living with disability and children without disability. A special clinic for the disabled will also be put in place.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the project was signed on Wednesday in Chango Machyo Hall at the district headquarters, between Masaba sub-county and Mission for Disability.

According to Richard Oundo Okada, the NGO's programme manager for Busia area, the construction of the school is the first phase of the project, which will be followed by the construction of a vocational school for the disabled.

James Wandera, the area district special needs education officer, attributed the project a

story featured in the *New Vision* last year. The story highlighted Wandera's passion for helping children with disability and he soon became a talking point both within at the region and the ministry headquarters in Kampala.

He said, Busia has 18,000 people living with disability with a big percentage being children who he said the district has tried to educate in the schools without disability.

Wandera expressed happiness and confidence that with the new facility, the district will be in position to handle both children and adults, including those from the neighbouring districts.

"Despite operating under difficult conditions, we referred some disabled children to Madera in Ngora district," he said and appealed to the community to support the project.

Vincent Adea, the principal assistant secretary who presided over the signing of the MoU, commended the people of Korea and the Government for investing in the area, which he said the Government was still grappling with. He also thanked Bukedi Diocese, the founding body of Masaba Primary School, which is hosting the project for offering land and appealed to residents to own the project.