Dear Ambassador,

This is a non-commercial humanitarian pilot initiative that may align with your Africa cooperation portfolio—particularly your priorities in inclusive innovation, children’s rights, and disability inclusion.

In that spirit, I am pleased to share further details of this rights-based, humanitarian technology initiative and kindly request that it be directed to the appropriate officer or section within the Embassy responsible for development cooperation, innovation, or public-interest programming.

My name is Jeon Gyu-min, and I serve as Project Coordinator of the AI Necklace for Child Safety Initiative, an independent, non-governmental effort based in the Republic of Korea. Rooted in a rights-based and ethics-driven approach to inclusive technology, our initiative seeks to support the daily functioning and safety of children with developmental and physical disabilities living in humanitarian, refugee, or resource-constrained settings.

This proposal may align with Sweden’s long-standing development cooperation portfolio in Kenya—particularly your shared priorities in inclusive innovation, disability inclusion, and children’s rights. Sweden has maintained a strong bilateral presence in Kenya through support for democratic governance, inclusive education, and health equity. In parallel, Sweden has emerged as a global leader in responsible AI, digital inclusion, and rights-based humanitarian innovation through mechanisms such as Sida, the AU–EU strategic partnership, and the Digital for Development (D4D) Hub. Kenya, in turn, plays a vital role in East Africa’s digital transformation and regional refugee protection under the African Union and IGAD frameworks.

Despite important progress, many children with disabilities in Kenya—particularly those in informal settlements, refugee communities, and underserved rural areas—remain excluded from assistive services due to stigma, infrastructural limitations, and affordability barriers. In response, our initiative proposes the pilot deployment of the **AI Necklace for Child Safety**: a low-cost, fully offline wearable device designed to support the safety and daily autonomy of children with developmental and physical disabilities in such settings.

The device provides real-time verbal prompts to assist with daily routines and alerts caregivers via a paired offline mobile interface in cases of distress or unexpected behavior. It collects no personal data, functions entirely without internet connectivity, and adheres to the highest international standards for data protection and ethical AI, including GDPR, COPPA, and the Council of Europe’s guidelines on children’s rights in digital environments.

A fully operational prototype can be assembled and field-tested for approximately **1,000 USD**, and I am fully prepared to personally cover this cost for the Kenya pilot.

The device’s modular, locally adaptable design enables decentralized assembly and repair, creating meaningful work opportunities for community caregivers, refugee technicians, and unemployed youth. In this way, the initiative not only supports children with disabilities, but also contributes to community resilience and livelihoods. The project aligns directly with **UN SDGs 3, 9, and 10**, the **African Union Digital Transformation Strategy**, and Sweden’s regional priorities in ethical innovation and inclusive development.

For local collaboration, we have identified the following potential partners:

**Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE)**, a national institution leading inclusive education and training for educators and caregivers of children with disabilities;

**Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK)**, a respected legal and psychosocial service provider active in refugee settlements and urban refugee communities, with a strong focus on child protection.

Both organizations share a rights-based, community-anchored approach consistent with Sweden’s development values and the mission of our initiative.

This is a **non-commercial, self-funded pilot initiative** developed entirely outside of government and submitted for international public benefit. I serve as both founder and primary technical lead. To assist your review, I have prepared a **260-page technical dossier** and a **2-page executive summary**. I would be pleased to share the summary first, and can provide the full dossier in secure, non-editable **PDF/A format** upon request. The files contain no commercial content, embedded links, or active scripts.

If the Embassy sees alignment or interest, I would welcome the opportunity to provide further materials, respond to any inquiries, or participate in a virtual consultation. We believe this pilot offers a practical, low-risk opportunity for Sweden to demonstrate global leadership in ethical, inclusive innovation—while supporting children with disabilities in Kenya and beyond.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Warm regards,  
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