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SIERRA LEONE

## ORTHOPEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM IN SIERRA LEONE

Training in innovative low-cost technologies for rehabilitation professionals



Orthopedic technician during the training at the Government Hospital in Bo, Sierra Leone

**Duration:** A training week each year

**Location:** Sierra Leone

**Beneficiaries:** 10 orthopedic technicians and 15 patients for each training week

**Partner:** SLASA-Single Leg Amputee Sport Association

**Area of intervention:** Ability in physical rehabilitation

**Budget:** CHF 17'000 per training

12'000 people in Sierra Leone live without one or more limbs and need physical and psychosocial rehabilitation, and social integration.

Despite the high number of people with disabilities, there are only five orthopedic centres in the whole country: one in Freetown, one in Bo, two in Makeni and one in Koidu. Furthermore, there is a lack of materials for the production of prostheses and orthoses and the staff employed is not qualified.

SwissABILITY organizes training modules for orthopedic centres in Sierra Leone, with the aim of providing new skills and knowledge to professionals and contributing to the donation of prostheses to amputees in the country.