

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



Swiss⁺ABILITY

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear donors, members, partners, collaborators and friends,

The war in Ukraine and the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria are in our minds daily at this time. Many thoughts and prayers, but also donations, are directed to these areas and to the people who really need them.

However, we must not forget that there are needy people in other parts of the world as well, both on our doorstep and in the most vulnerable countries in the Global South.

When we founded SwissABILITY in September 2022, we thought especially of such needy people. Thus we created our three pillars: sustainable ENABLEMENT for physical rehabilitation, infrastructure construction, and self-sufficiency. Both the present projects, as well as those in the planning stages, are born from real needs, which is the basis of our objectives.

However, to achieve these goals we need people who believe in us

For this reason, in this first annual report, I would like to thank everyone for their support.

To you, dear donor, because without you we would not have even started.

To you, dear collaborator, because without you all these projects would not have been realized.

To you, dear partner, here and on site, because without you our projects would not be sustainable and long-lasting.

But I would also like to express my gratitude to everyone who has invested their thoughts, help and prayers, because each one is a brick in the building of SwissABILITY.

Thank you.



TOMISLAV MATIEVIC

President

THE OPERATING TEAM



ROBERTO AGOSTA
Executive Director

Roberto is the founder of SwissABILITY and has over 30 years of experience in cooperation and development in more than 20 countries in Africa, where he lived for 12 years.

“ Every day we are confronted with people who are victims of wars, natural disasters and diseases, also those forced to live in absolute poverty due to serious disabilities. SwissABILITY was born because we have solutions that can improve the lives of these people. Spreading those solutions around the world is not simply a good thing to do, but - dare I say - a responsibility!
I am delighted to be part of such a dedicated team of collaborators, friends, and supporters who share this desire to work together to see real change. ”

Nicole is an expert in cooperation and development and political science, with years of work experience as a communications officer and in philanthropy.

“ I decided to work for SwissABILITY because I strongly believe in its mission and that, by pursuing these projects, we can really improve people's lives. ”

After all, as a great writer said, 'The world is a beautiful place and worth fighting for.' This is also my philosophy in life. ”



NICOLE ROSSI
Regional Director



Alessandra is an expert in international relations and has several years of experience in the cooperation and development sector.

“ My decision to work for SwissABILITY is more than a career choice; it's a chance for me to see the world through different eyes. Often those we meet see the world differently as they have not had the same opportunities in life that we enjoy: living in a house with water and electricity, or studying and finding a job which matches our abilities. Every day working for SwissABILITY is stimulating and enriching. ”

ALESSANDRA ARIES
Program Manager

2022 IN BRIEF

In September, the dreams of an enterprising team came true and the SwissABILITY Association was born, with the aim of fighting poverty and disability.

Our mission? To enable as many people as possible in the Global South the ability to regain mobility and lead a dignified and self-sufficient life.

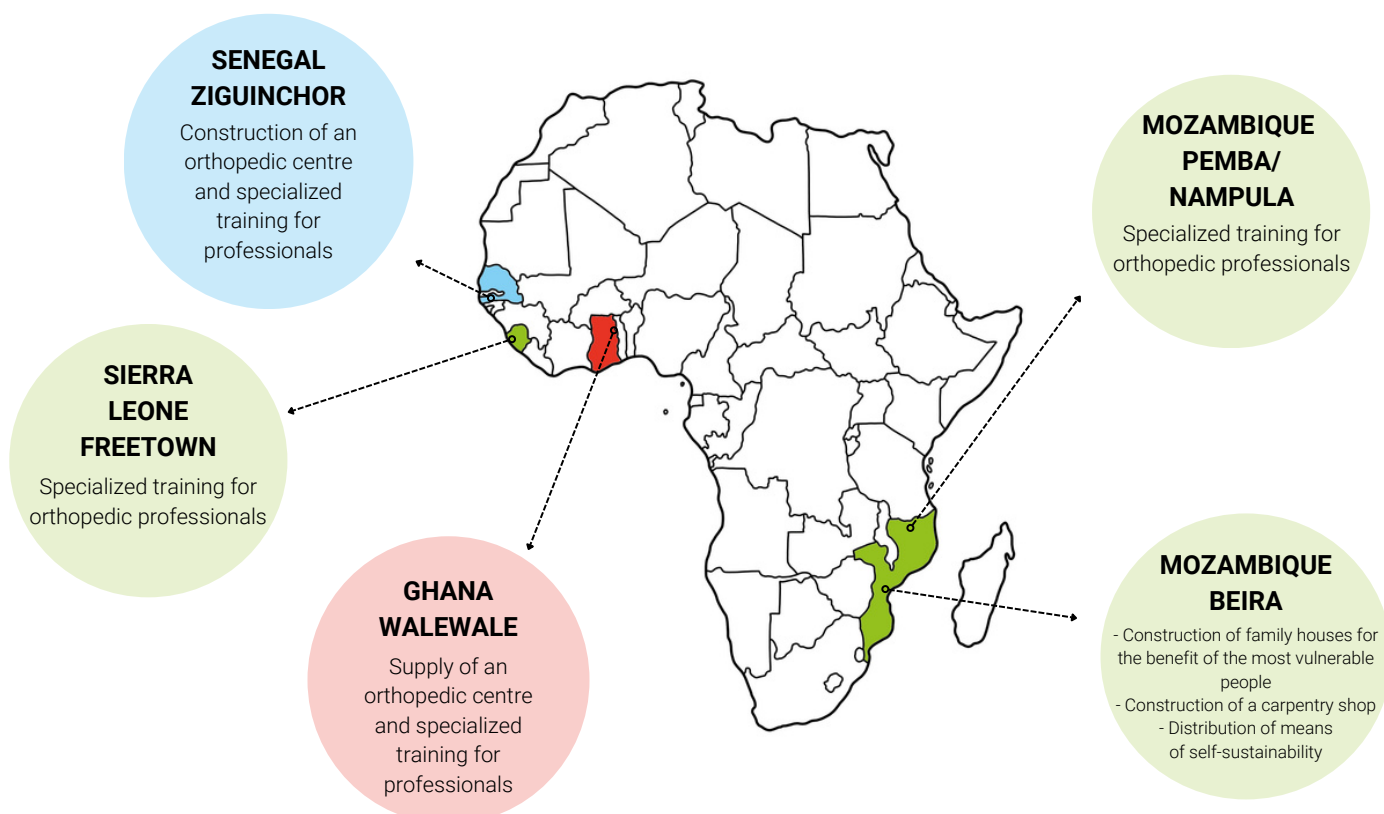
Therefore in 2022 we laid the foundations for the association to be as efficient and effective as possible, thanks to the implementation of development projects that will mark the beginning of the concrete work of SwissABILITY.

In Mozambique, we are involved in the construction of family houses able to withstand the impact of natural disasters; the distribution of means of self-support; the creation of a carpentry shop, and the rehabilitation of spaces in an orphanage for children with disabilities. In Senegal, an orthopedic centre is being created, while in Ghana we will supply a centre that is presently under construction, with orthopedic machinery and materials.

Besides these projects, we also facilitate training for professionals in the field of rehabilitation. In 2022, the entire SwissABILITY team traveled to Mozambique on an exploratory and training mission. Four training missions have also been organized to be held in 2023 in Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Ghana and Gambia, as well as two exploratory missions in Senegal and Haiti.

In December, SwissABILITY obtained an important recognition: it was awarded the third prize by "Business Ethics", which is promoted by the Christian Union of Ticino Entrepreneurs. The award aims to give visibility and reward the candidate who has proven to be more ethically and socially responsible. It was an honor for us to collect the award, which attests to how the path undertaken by the association is going in the right direction.

This was a year with a lot of successes and satisfactions, but also hard work. Our desire is that each year the people who benefit from our projects will multiply.



THE STRATEGY

SwissABILITY's strategy is to **ENABLE** people in the Global South through:



PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

We bring rehabilitation services, orthopedic training, prosthetic solutions and auxiliary means to people with reduced mobility.



INFRASTRUCTURE

We build and rehabilitate infrastructure that is used for public health and education, and homes for vulnerable people and victims of disasters.



SELF-SUFFICIENCY

We provide the most vulnerable people with means and tools to work and earn a living for themselves and their families.

We focus on these three areas as it is where the need is greatest, enabling the work of SwissABILITY to be most efficient and effective.



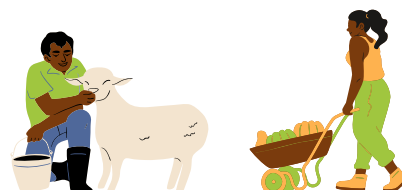
Globally, 80% of people with disabilities (over 400 million) live in the Global South.



About 460 million people in Africa live below the poverty line, earning less than \$2 a day.

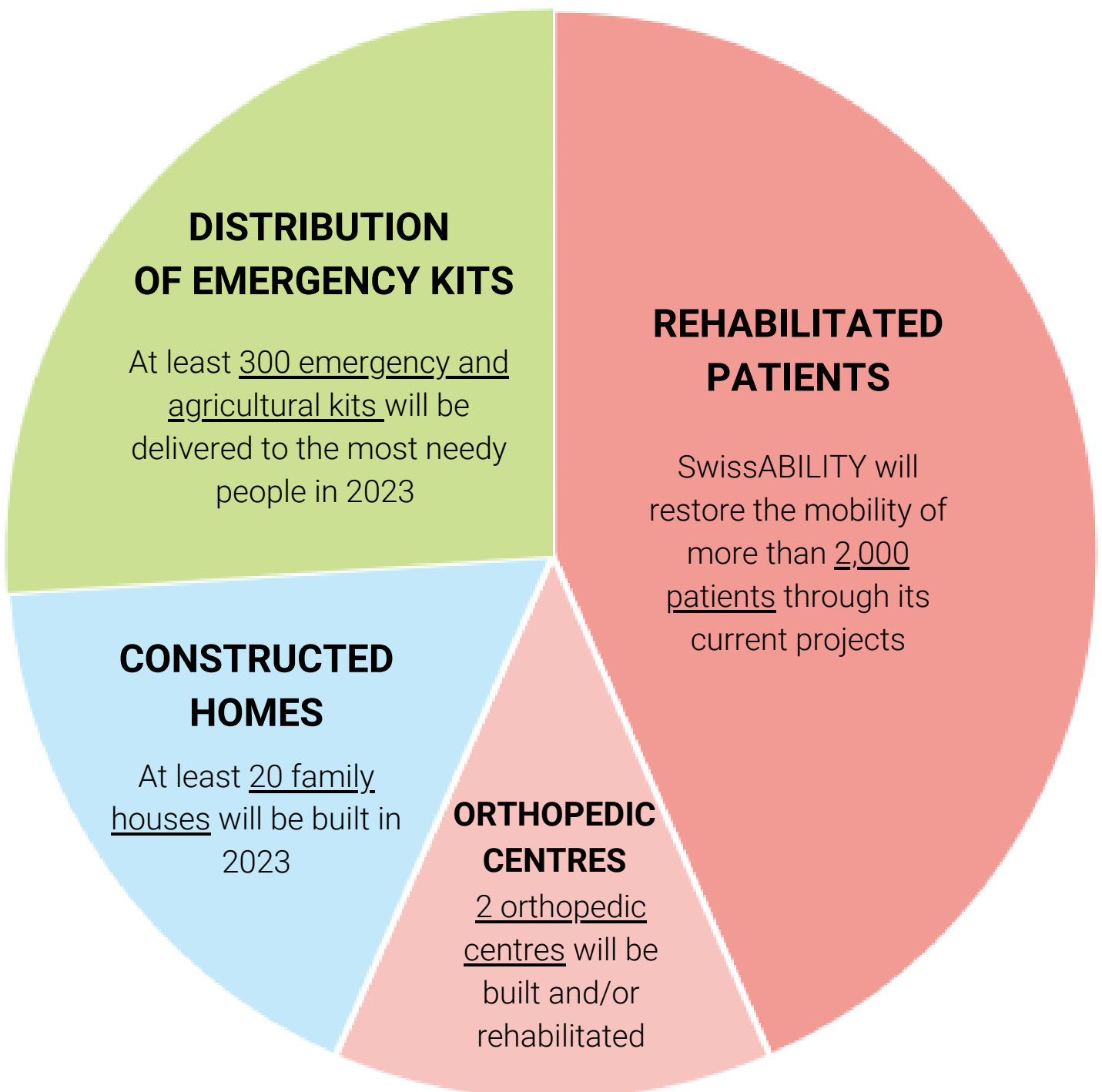


72% of the population in Africa live in slums and makeshift homes. 48% do not have guaranteed access to health care and 98 million of the youth between the ages of 6 and 18 are not enrolled in school.



PROJECTS AND NUMBERS

SwissABILITY wants to provide rehabilitation solutions to issues that afflict the most vulnerable disabled people in the nations in which it operates. In 2022 it launched a series of projects that will take several years to complete. Although the majority of projects focus on physical rehabilitation, some facilitate the construction of family homes and training centres, as well as the distribution of emergency and agricultural kits for the people who were hardest hit during recent environmental disasters.



MOZAMBIQUE

SUPPORT FOR REHABILITATION AND HELP FOR THE VULNERABLE

Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in southern Africa. Natural disasters such as floods and cyclones frequently hit the country, slowing economic growth and keeping the population in a vicious cycle of poverty.



Due to past conflicts, disease and accidents, Mozambique has a high concentration of people with disabilities. It is therefore only natural that SwissABILITY directs its efforts towards this need. The team already has experience in the country, along with long-standing partnerships and a dense network of contacts that ensure effective results throughout the region.

SwissABILITY's projects in this country cover a variety of critical areas. In 2023, in the Sofala Province, we will facilitate the construction of at least 20 family houses able to withstand the onslaught of extreme weather events as well as the construction of a carpentry shop as a place of training and employment for young people. At least 300 families will be provided with either; emergency food or agricultural kits, a means of transport and/or a small herd of husbandry farm animals. In Maputo, SwissABILITY is helping the Obra Dom Orione Institute in the rehabilitation of the infrastructure and in the purchase of essential equipment for the care of the 40 children with severe disabilities who are hosted there.



Many projects are made possible thanks to a collaboration with local associations and institutions. SwissABILITY believes in the value of partnership as a fundamental element to successfully carry out its projects. As a well-known African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." And SwissABILITY wants to go far.



**Discover more about
SwissABILITY's
projects in
Mozambique!**



MOZAMBIQUE

THE FIRST MISSION IN THE HISTORY OF SWISSABILITY

In December SwissABILITY carried out its first mission. The entire team went on an exploratory and educational mission to visit projects, consolidate collaborations and, at the same time, organize training for professionals in the orthopedic and rehabilitation sector.

The team traveled to the capital Maputo and the cities of Beira and Pemba in the north, where SwissABILITY will implement its projects.



In Maputo, the team went to the Obra Dom Orione institute, a centre that cares for children with severe disabilities. Together with the centre's management, SwissABILITY evaluated and identified their most pressing needs to determine the most urgent response.

In Beira SwissABILITY met some of the future beneficiaries of the three projects developed in the Sofala Province in collaboration with the partner OLAPA Wa Moha, a local non-profit association. This visit helped the team understand the context in which the projects will be executed and observe the felt needs of the most vulnerable, who live in precarious conditions with almost no means for self-sustainability.



In the city of Pemba, SwissABILITY organized specialized training for orthopedic technicians which focused on innovative technologies in the field of rehabilitation. Six technicians attended the training, during which time 15 amputee patients had their mobility restored. They also presented wheelchairs to 9 severely disabled children. These devices were gifted by Obra Dom Orione Institute thanks to a donation from an Australian non-profit organization Wheelchairs For Kids.



**Read the Mission
Report of the
November 2022
mission**



GHANA

REHABILITATION OF AN ORTHOPEDIC CENTRE AND TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS

Despite the many people in need of rehabilitation services, there are only four functioning orthopedic centres in Ghana. This made it an obvious choice for SwissABILITY to focus on.



To remedy this lack, the most prominent rehabilitation center in Ghana, the OTC (Orthopedic Training Centre) of Nsawan, has been running a mobile clinic. Every year they offer various services to patients in 43 villages: an examination and evaluation of an appropriate prosthesis, or to have their device serviced with adjustments or modifications.

After many years, the OTC recognised that the mobile clinic is no longer able to reach the number of patients residing in northern Ghana and so decided to build a new centre in Walewale. The OTC team reached out to SwissABILITY with a invitation to start a joint venture that will allow the centre to be operational and sustainable.



SwissABILITY's goal will be to supply the centre with machinery and materials for the manufacturing of prosthetic and orthotic devices. SwissABILITY will also train local technicians in a range of innovative and low-cost technologies. Pending the completion of construction at Walewale, the first of three training sessions will be held at the Nsawan OTC centre in July 2023. The aim of the training is to showcase an overview of technologies to technicians from throughout the region so that they might choose the best option for their patients.



**Discover
SwissABILITY's
projects in Ghana!**



SENEGAL

CONSTRUCTION OF AN ORTHOPEDIC CENTRE AND TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS

The project in Senegal was born from an idea by Sarani Diatta, coordinator of ISAD (Initiative Solidaire des Actions de Développement). Roberto and Sarani met during a training course in Guinea-Bissau. Their conversations led to a collaboration that will continue until completion of the project to construct an orthopedic centre in Ziguinchor, in the Casamance region.



Ziguinchor is a small town located in an area with a high concentration of amputees due to a 30 year-long series of armed conflicts that left copious numbers of dormant landmines scattered across the region. People there have almost no access to orthopedic services and so Sarani proposed that SwissABILITY build an orthopedic centre to meet the needs of the innocent casualties of war.



The project includes the construction of the centre; the supply of machinery and materials; the training of rehabilitation professionals in innovative and low-cost technologies, and the provision of a mobile clinic to respond to the needs of people with disabilities in rural locations.

The first training session is planned for August 2023 in The Gambia (in the orthopedic centre supported by a SwissABILITY partner, Legs4Africa) and will also include technicians from Senegal and Guinea-Bissau, thereby creating a network of colleagues from across these West African nations.



Read about all the
SwissABILITY projects
in Senegal!



TESTIMONIALS

PAULO: BAD TURNED WORSE, THEN REDEEMED

In 2013, while working on a construction site in Pemba, Mozambique, the tractor Paulo was driving overturned. Unfortunately he was trapped underneath the vehicle, the weight of which broke his right leg.

Although he wanted to be taken to the hospital, Paulo was persuaded by those around him to go to a traditional healer, as is the custom in the region. The lack of adequate medical care caused gangrene to set in. As he no longer had any sensitivity around the injury, Paulo amputated his own injured leg with a razor blade and then set out for the hospital to receive adequate treatment.

During the SwissABILITY orthopedic training in Pemba, Paulo received a Monolimb, an innovative low-cost prosthetic leg, which is much lighter and more comfortable than the prosthesis he had previously, making it possible for him to move with greater agility.



SARAH: VICTIMIZED BY FAMILY, RESCUED BY A FRIEND

Sarah, a woman with severe cognitive disabilities, lives in the Sofala Province of Mozambique. She is both deaf and dumb. When Sarah meets a new person she rushes to hug them, driven by her deep-seated desire for love and affection.

After losing her parents, Sarah moved in with her aunt who then also passed away. Unable to find help, she was trapped in a spiral of physical and sexual harassment at the hands of her uncle.

But not everyone had turned a blind eye to her situation. Piter, a beneficiary of one of our projects, was able to help Sarah escape from her abyss of violence and isolation. Despite her own poverty, she welcomed Sarah into her home, demonstrating that the richness of life is found in the most basic acts of kindness.



FINANCIAL REPORT

SwissABILITY Association

BALANCE SHEET

Accounting closure 31.12.2022

All amounts are expressed in CHF

ASSETS		2021	2022
A	Current assets		
	Cash	-	694'927.03
	Debtors	-	6'797.43
	Accounts receivables	-	6'041.59
	Total current assets	-	707'766.05
B	Fixed assets		
	Furniture and equipment	-	-
	Properties	-	-
	Total fixed assets	-	-
	TOTAL ASSETS	-	707'766.05
LIABILITIES		2021	2022
C	Short-term Third parties capital		
	Accounts payable	-	-
	Short-term debts	-	2'459.60
	Accrued liabilities	-	391.70
	Total third parties capital	-	2'851.30
D	Restricted Funds		
	Restricted income funds ADM	-	276'245.36
	Restricted programs funds MOZAMBIQUE	-	-690.00
	Restricted project funds YWAM	-	-
	Restricted project funds MAPUTO	-	35'000.00
	Restricted project funds OLAPA	-	246'604.42
	Restricted project funds PEMBA	-	-
	Restricted project funds SENEGAL	-	50'000.00
	Restricted project funds GHANA	-	117'500.00
	Restricted project funds HAITI	-	-428.84
	Restricted project funds SIERRA LEONE	-	17'500.00
	Total restricted funds	-	741'730.94
E	Organizational capital		
	Fund capital	-	-
	Reserves	-	-
	Elaborated capital	-	-
	Annual financial result profit (+) loss (-)	-	-36'816.19
	Total Organizational capital	-	-36'816.19
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	707'766.05

SwissABILITY Association

INCOME STATEMENT

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OPERATING INCOME		2021	2022
A1	Donations Received		794'977.87
a1	Non-restricted	-	7'951.45
a2	Restricted donations	-	498'506.42
a3	Other grants and donations	-	288'520.00
A2	Membership fees	-	1'630.00
A3	Income from Fair trades and events	-	-
A4	Other income	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		-	796'607.87

OPERATING EXPENSE		2021	2022
Direct operational expense			
B1	Projects expense	-	-55'717.97
B2	Administrative expense	-	-33'862.12
B3	Awareness and information expense	-	-
Total direct operational expense		-	-89'580.09
Fundraising expense			
B4	General fundraising expense	-	-1'693.10
B5	Specific fundraising expense	-	-290.00
Total Fundraising expense		-	-1'983.10
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE		-	-91'563.19

Intermediate result		-	705'044.68
Financial result		-	-129.93
Result before variation in funds capital		-	704'914.75
Net variation in funds capital		-	-741'730.94
Annual result before allocation to organizational capital		-	-36'816.19
Reserves		-	-
Other uses		-	-
Annual result		-	-36'816.19

The Annual financial report was prepared according to the Swiss GAAP RPC 21 which have been audited by an external recognized auditing company.

The full annual accounts report is posted on our web site www.swiss-ability.org complete annexes and the audit report.



WITH GRATITUDE

At the end of our first year of activity as SwissABILITY, we would like to sincerely thank all those who believed in our project and generously supported us. Without you, none of this would have been possible. It is thanks to you that we are able to conduct our projects and continue growing and supporting more beneficiaries while expanding our range of action. It is an honor and a pleasure to be able to collaborate with such generous and passionate foundations, institutions, associations and private individuals. Together we work to build a better world.

We extend special thanks to our valued donors who prefer to remain anonymous but who have contributed to our work in the most extraordinary and generous of ways.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERYONE

PARTNERSHIP

A2D SERVICES - BENIN
ASSOCIATION OLAPA - MOZAMBIQUE
HOPE HEALTH ACTION - UGANDA
ISAD - SENEGAL
LEGS4AFRICA - UNITED KINGDOM
OTC - GHANA
SAVE A SEED FOR THE FUTURE - UGANDA
THE ACCESSIBILITY INSTITUTE - KENYA





Swiss⁺ABILITY

SwissABILITY is a Ticino-based NGO that provides comprehensive support to people with disabilities and offers an opportunity for all to live a dignified life, in Africa and around the world.

Our mission is to **ENABLE** people in the countries of the Global South, through physical rehabilitation, the creation of infrastructure and the provision of means, to ensure that everyone is able to lead a self-sufficient life.

SwissABILITY operates mainly in Mozambique, Ghana and Senegal and is committed to creating synergies between the Global North and South to the benefit of its beneficiaries.



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