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LET'S GIVE DISABILITY A KICK

From Ghana to Uganda, SwissABILITY aims to train as many orthopedic technicians in Africa as possible, contemporarily restoring mobility to ampute patients whose disability cost them their independance.

During the first week of August, SwissABILITY facilitated an orthopedic training in Uganda, at the Nkolo Orthopedics Rehabilitation Services (NORS), in the Luweero District.

The training was organized and taught by our partner Nelson Mubiru, an orthopedic technician, trainer and Manager at CoRSU in Kisubi and Technical Director at NORS. This valuable opportunity for SwissABILITY, enabled us to expand our projects for the first time in Uganda, a country with a high demand for rehabilitation services by people who are eager to return to living an independent and dignified life.

Ten patients benefited from the orthopedic training, each receiving a new transtibial prosthesis. Seven of them are members of the <u>Federation of Uganda Amputee Football</u> <u>Association (FUAFA)</u>, with whom SwissABILITY has established a fruitful partnership thanks to Nelson Mubiru. During the training, 5 professionals in the sector were trained, including: the Manager of the Nkolo orthopedic center, an orthopedic assistant, an orthopedics student, a volunteer and an occupational therapy student.





Federation of Uganda Amputee Football Association (FUAFA) team

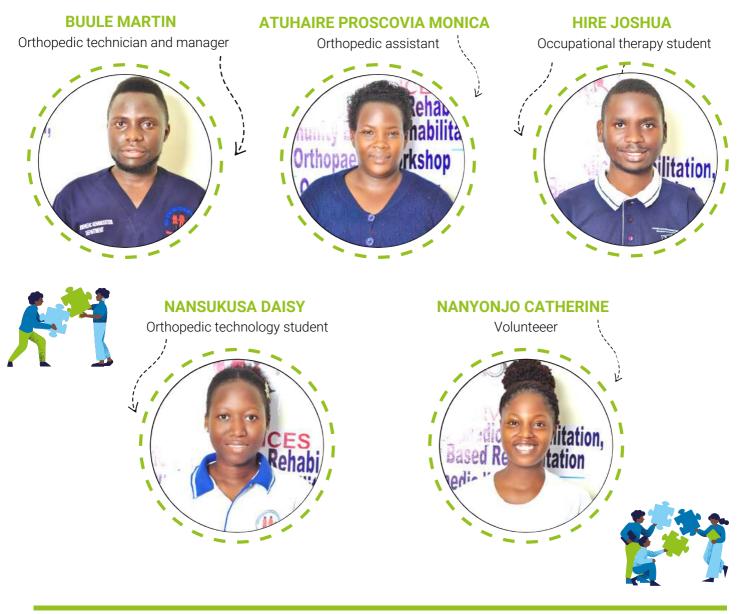


FIVE PROFESSIONALS TRAINED TO HELP VULNERABLE PEOPLE



NELSON MUBIRU - SENIOR TRAINER

Nelson holds a Diploma in Orthopedic Technology and a Higher Diploma in Leadership and Health Management in Tanzania. He is a dedicated and passionate professional, providing prosthetic and orthotic services to people with disabilities. SwissABILITY is grateful to have him as a technical trainer in our Project countries, especially in Uganda, where he was the sole organizer and senior trainer of the mission. Thanks to him, five other professionals in the sector have been trained.



A NEW LEG THAT RESTORES INDEPENDENCE





Nayigga is 21 years old and is from Kazo, a city in the western region of Uganda. She lives with her mother, Nannozi, who separated from her father when she was still a child, leaving Nannozi to raise Nayigga and her 5 siblings on her own.

When she was just three years old, Nayigga was attacked by a mentally disturbed man who broke into their house and hacked off her leg. The man escaped before her parents could return, by which time Nayigga had lost a lot of blood. The only solution was to permanently amputate her leg in the hospital.

Nayigga is a smiling and happy young lady. Her positive spirit got her through life which improved even more when she started playing amputee football. She plays defense for the Federation of Uganda Amputee Football Association (FUAFA) team, whose president encouraged her to attend SwissABILITY's training to receive a new prosthesis.

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