

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Swiss<sup>+</sup>ABILITY

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# President's greetings

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## **Dear donors, members, partners, collaborators and friends**

2024 was a year full of hope, determination, and extraordinary achievements for SwissABILITY. This was made possible thanks to the dedication of each of you and the trust you placed in our mission. In this annual report, we want to revisit together the most significant milestones of a year that brought new hope and tangible changes to the lives of people in the Global South.

As an association, we have continued to focus on our three fundamental pillars: physical rehabilitation, infrastructure development, and the promotion of self-sufficiency. These principles guided our actions in every project, mission, and event; reaffirming our commitment to lasting and sustainable change. Thanks to you, SwissABILITY has been able to strengthen our impact and create new opportunities for those in need.

A particularly significant example is the story of little Blessing, a 5-year-old child who received a Mono-limb prosthesis. With his courage and determination, Blessing has become a symbol of hope for all of us. Seeing him stand up, walk, and smile was the moment that encapsulated the value of our work and the potential we can achieve together. It is for him and for many others that we commit ourselves every day, driven by the passion for our cause. (See page 14)

During 2024, we carried out seven missions that reached various countries, including Senegal, Uganda, Mozambique, and Kenya. Each mission helped improve the quality of life of the beneficiaries through technical training; the construction of orthopedic infrastructure, and the supply of resource for physical rehabilitation. Additionally, we organized significant events such as the Fundraising Day for Senegal with Sarani Diatta and the conference on Bequests and Legacies (see page 21), which strengthened our connection with supporters and the community.

We regularly kept you informed and engaged through our newsletters, sharing updates about our activities. These communications highlighted our progress, acknowledged challenges, and demonstrated the direct impact of every contribution on our mission.

Lorenzo and Federico's journey along the Camino de Santiago also reminded us of the importance of celebrating every step toward change. As an association, every step counts toward building a better future, and their initiative was an inspiring example of solidarity and commitment.

I cannot conclude this message without expressing my profound gratitude to each of you. Dear donors, your generosity is the lifeblood of SwissABILITY. Dear members and partners, your collaboration gives us the strength to carry out ambitious projects. Dear collaborators and friends, your support and trust are the beating heart of our association. Every thought, every donation, and every action is an important building block in creating a better world.

We look to the future with determination and hope, ready to continue this extraordinary journey. 2024 was just one chapter in a story that continues to be written with you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being part of this mission.

Together, we can make a difference.

With gratitude,  
**Tomislav Matiević**  
*President*



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# 2024 Overview

## OUR STRATEGY

### 1. Training

We present training programmes for local orthopedic technicians to strengthen their ability and introduce innovative technical solutions to their skillset.

### 2. Resources

We supply indispensable materials for the production of prostheses, orthoses and assistive devices.

### 3. Infrastructure

We build orthopedic centres in areas where there is an urgent need for rehabilitation services.

**78**

association members

**6**

training missions

**2**

containers of materials delivered

**1**

new orthopedic centre inaugurated

**135**

new technicians trained

**2024**

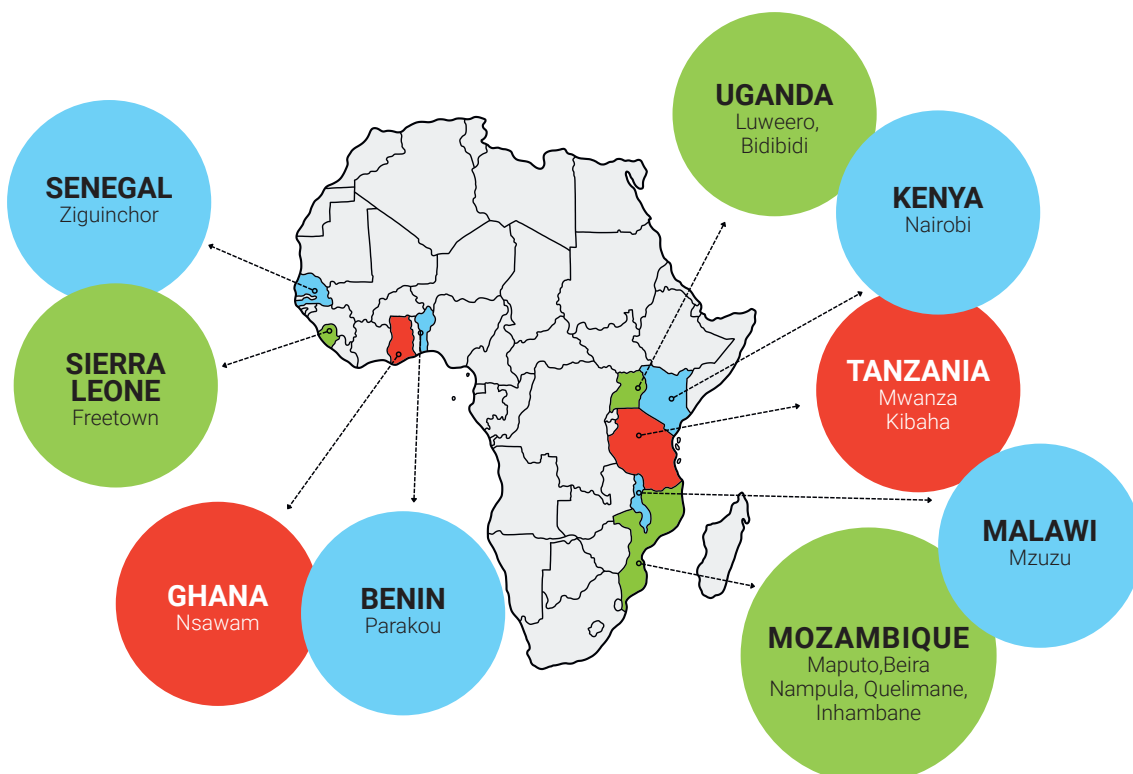
**+1200**

beneficiaries received mobility and rehabilitation services

**298**

rehabilitation professionals networking across 33 countries

These are the tangible results we achieved to strengthen the access of orthopedic services to the most vulnerable areas.





# Objectives

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The United Nations wrote the **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** in September 2015 when more than 150 world leaders met to outline a common agenda to promote global development, human well-being and environmental protection. SwissABILITY embraces them with conviction, fully integrating them into its own vision and activities.

Almost 10 years has passed since this historic event. Despite the progress made, there is still a long way to go. **Particularly, four of these goals guide our daily operations:**

- **Goal 1:** Eliminate poverty
- **Goal 3:** Good health and well-being
- **Goal 4:** Quality education
- **Goal 8:** Decent work and economic growth

Through our projects, we concretely contribute to create a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable future.

## “END MATERIAL POVERTY”

In making mobility more accessible to all, our greatest contribution is undoubtedly **the ‘Monolimb’ tibial prosthesis**. This technological innovation continues to be our strongest weapon in the fight against poverty and exclusion. It is a simple yet extremely effective solution that was developed with those on a low income in mind. **However, to ensure a long-term sustainable impact, it is essential that the materials needed to produce it are locally available.**

Unfortunately, one of the main reasons why many amputees in Africa do not have access to rehabilitation services is the combination of a shortage of specialised personnel and, even more so, the chronic unavailability of components and materials needed to produce prostheses. The reason? The costs remain prohibitive, not only in terms of the materials but also those related to logistics and transport. **Making these materials accessible remains a crucial challenge to promote inclusive and equitable rehabilitation.**

In response to this challenge, in 2024 we launched the first phase of a project we called ‘End Material Poverty’. **The initiative started by sending two containers - one destined for Tanzania and one for Uganda - loaded with enough orthopedic components to produce at least 1,300 prostheses.** (For more information see pages 11 and 13)

Results in such places as Ziguinchor, in the conflict zone of Casamance in Senegal, confirm that we are creating a tangible and lasting impact. Motivated technicians, self-sufficient orthopedic centres, and communities become an active part of the solution.

**We invest in the future of the orthopedic sector of entire nations through solid relationships, practical approaches and organic growth, driven by a profound mission: to restore dignity and independence to those who have lost their mobility.**

# The Monolimb

**Mobility is a right, not a privilege.**

Since its introduction in 2013, Monolimb has remained true to its goal: to be a quality prosthesis that is accessible to those living in economically fragile contexts. In the countries in which we operate, the cost of a Monolimb prosthesis is no more than the equivalent of one week's salary even for those on a low to medium income. **For less than 100 dollars, an amputee can walk again**, regain their independence, explore employment opportunities and take care of their family.

It is the ultimate low-cost prosthetic solution: innovative, functional and affordable. Our goal is to make it available everywhere in Africa - and beyond.

**We strongly believe that disseminating this technology is more than a good idea: we consider it our responsibility to make it available to people living without access to adequate rehabilitation services.**



## The Monolimb is

### Affordable

costs approx. 100 USD

### High mobility

for ease of walking and running  
con facilità

### Precise

integrated alignment  
and design

### Fast production

only 3 hours from  
mould to fitting

### Light

total weight. 1.5Kg  
(-40% than normal)

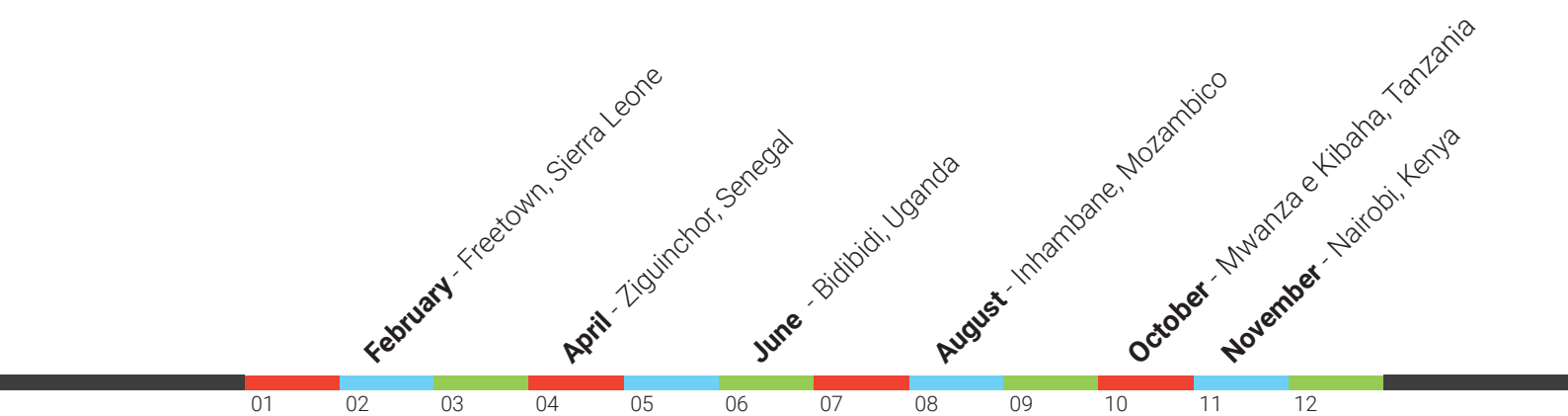
### Local production

manufactured by small,  
specially trained local teams



# 2024 in numbers

2024 was a very busy year, particularly regarding training activities in orthopedic centres in Africa. We carried out six training missions, taking skills and essential technological innovations to improve the quality of services offered by orthopedic technicians.

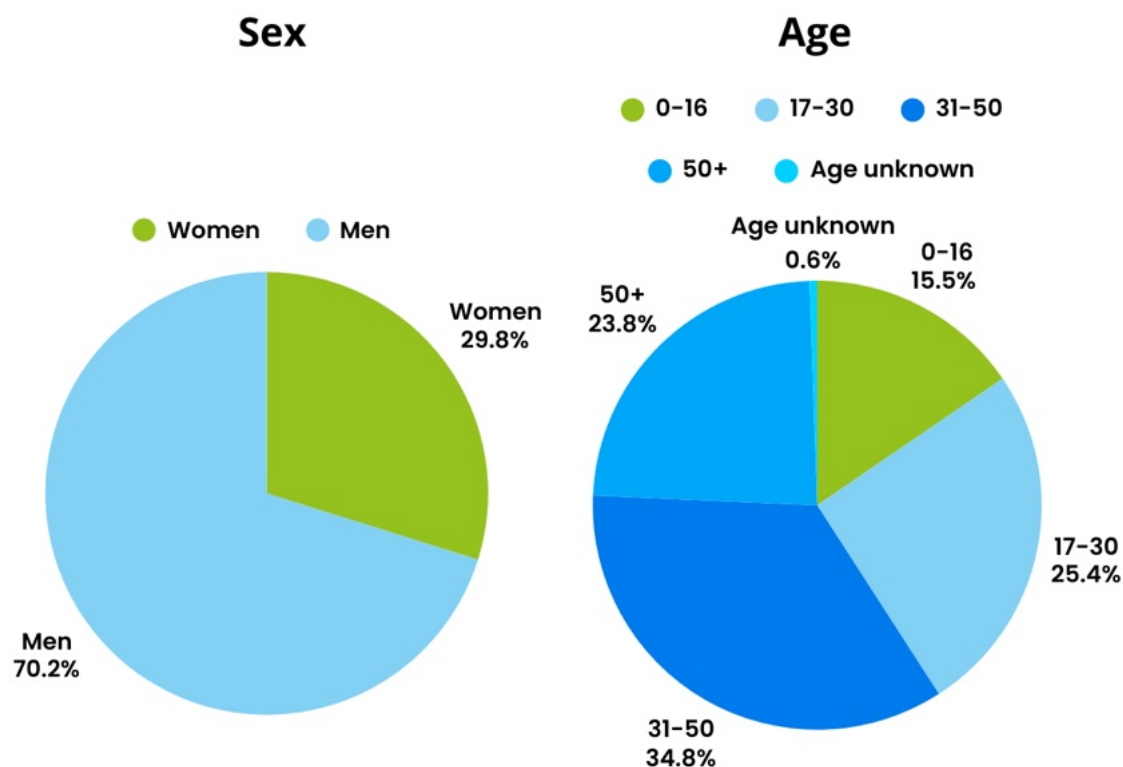


## DIRECT IMPACT OF OUR TRAINING

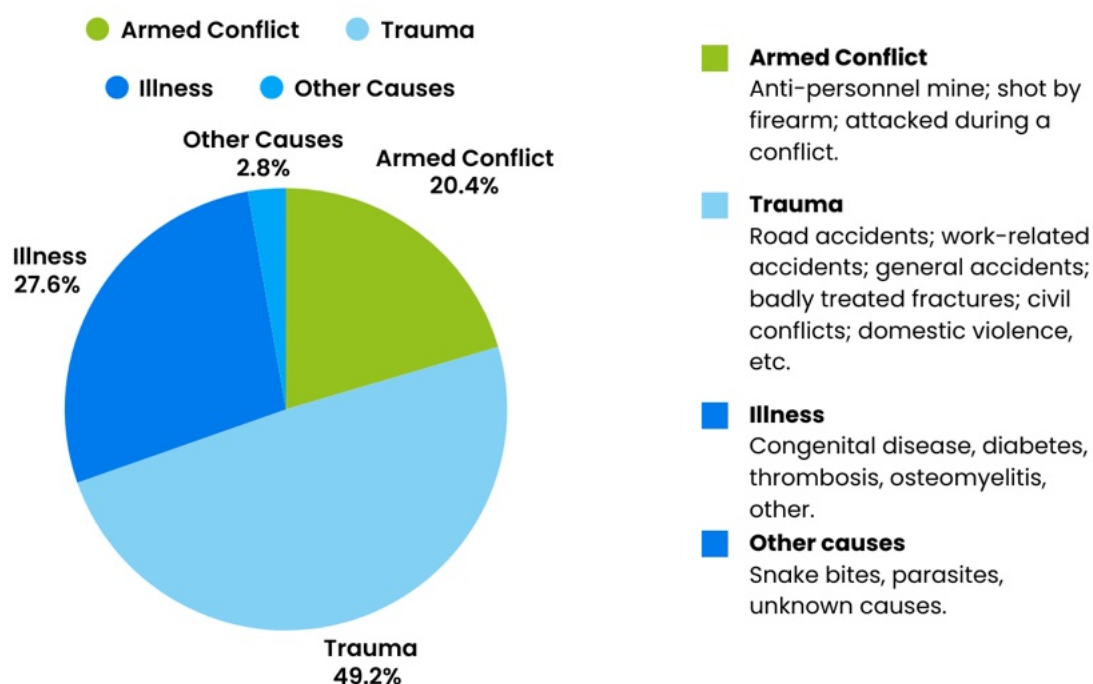


# Statistics

Prostheses provided by SwissABILITY to beneficiaries by gender and age group.



## Reasons of amputation in the 9 countries where SwissABILITY operates





# Projects in 2024



## SIERRA LEONE

A new training strengthens the technical capacity in the nation.

Sierra Leone: a country that still bears the scars from one of the most horrid wars Africa has experienced in the recent past. Most people we speak to have a story about a loved one they lost during the war. **This is one of the countries worldwide with the highest percentage of amputees.**

SwissABILITY continued its annual visit to Sierre Leone in February 2024. Each visit deepens the relationship and cooperation between its partners. It's always a pleasure to work with Rev. Mambud Samai who leads the Single Leg Amputee Sport Association (SLASA) and Dr. Ismaila Kebbie who is the Director of the National Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) in Freetown.

Every year, we train a cohort of technicians presenting a range of orthopedic technologies focusing on the Mono-limb, which has been accredited to be one of the best solutions for the local context. During this time, **20 patients regained their mobility**, 18 received new prostheses, and two had their existing prostheses repaired.



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### TESTIMONY



#### SIERRA LEONE

##### Ibrahim - 4 years old from Uganda

Ibrahim is a lively 4-year-old, able to provoke a smile out of anyone. He was born with a congenital malformation: he is missing some fingers, a part of a leg on one side, with a club foot on the other.

Upon arrival at the orthopedic centre, the expression on the face of Ibrahim's mother was one of cautious hope. She knew very well the seriousness of his situation but dared to expect a small miracle for her little boy.

After his initial examination of Ibrahim, Nelson did not hesitate to respond to the challenge before him. He assured Ibrahim's mother, "We will definitely help this child walk!" Together with the team at the orthopedic centre, he designed a special ortho-prosthesis for his club foot and a prosthesis for the other leg.

Ibrahim immediately began to walk, then broke into a run, overflowing with joy he could no longer contain. He stomped his feet on the ground with force, as if to declare, "Look what I can do!" Everyone watched, but no one's gratitude matched that of Ibrahim's mother.

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# SENEGAL

A new orthopedic centre in the region of Casamance.

On 29th April this year representatives from SwissABILITY were in Senegal for the **inauguration of the 'Centre de Réadaptation Physique de Ziguinchor'**. This orthopedic centre was constructed in collaboration with **ISAD (Initiative Solidaire des Actions de Développement)**. The opening ceremony was attended by numerous Senegalese authorities, supporters, friends and beneficiaries. Spe-

eches were given by Roberto Agosta and Sarani Diatta, as well as Madame Arame Pop Sene, National Director of Social Services at the Ministry of Health and Social Services, and representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Humanity & Inclusion, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the American Jewish World, and the Catholic Relief Service.

The orthopedic centre, strategically located in Senegal's Casamance region, provides services to the many people with disabilities resulting from a long-standing civil conflict. **To this day innocent individuals are still being injured by hidden landmines in the area.**

Sarani Diatta, who visited us in Switzerland in June 2024 did an amazing job coordinating the project on the ground with SwissABILITY, who partnered with him in this vision by raising the needed finances. (Read more about Sarani on page 19)



## ZIGUINCHOR, ORTHOPEDIC CENTER

### From vision to reality



With the centre complete, SwissABILITY was able to run the first of many training cycles to a group of 19 participants who travelled from Dakar, The Gambia, Liberia and Guinea Bissau, thus underlining its strategic importance as the only functional rehabilitation facility in the region.





# UGANDA

In the heart of refugee settlements.



The training week in Uganda this year was hosted at the **New Hope Bidibidi Rehabilitation Centre** in the far north of Uganda, inside one of the largest refugee settlements in the world, spanning over more than 600km. The majority of patients serviced there come from South Sudan.

The event saw the participation of **nineteen orthopaedic technicians, coming from orthopedic centres across Uganda**, as well as from Juba (South Sudan) and Bujumbura (Burundi), all united by the desire to acquire new skills with a particular focus on learning how to produce the now-famous Monolimb tibial prosthesis.

After the training, the SwissABILITY team travelled to various institutions, orthopedic centres, and non-profit organizations in **Kajo Keji and Juba in South Sudan**. They also met with Johan Gély, the head of Swiss International Cooperation for South Sudan, to offer solutions to address the lack of rehabilitation personnel, resources and facilities in the country.



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## TESTIMONIAL



### Majorine – 9 years-old

At 9 years old, Majorine has already endured a lifetime of difficulties. Her father died, leaving her and her unemployed mother to get by as best they could.

One day, to earn some pocket money, her mother purchased a stock of sweets to sell by the roadside. Suddenly, a passing car struck Majorine who was playing close by. Her leg was severely fractured.

Trying to avoid unaffordable hospital costs, her desperate mother took her to a traditional healer, but with each passing day Majorine's condition worsened. Eventually, she was taken to a hospital, where her now gangrenous leg had to be amputated.

Despite her situation, Majorine has a smile that radiates pure joy. She seems to have a natural fountain of positivity that touches the hearts of those around her. We are grateful to those whose generosity allows children like her to regain their lost mobility, which in turn increases their opportunities to have a full life.

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# MOZAMBIQUE

Competent orthopedics and assistance in every province

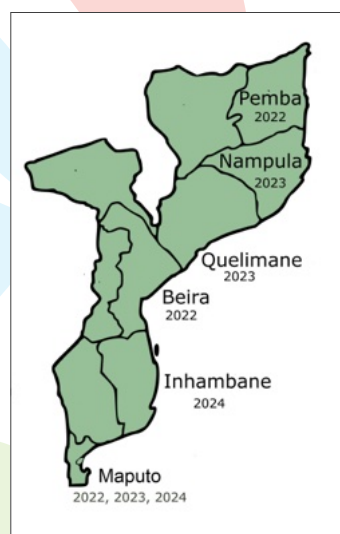
Mozambique: In 2024 SwissABILITY undertook its 4th visit to Mozambique. On previous missions we presented training workshops in **Pemba, Nampula and Quelimane**. The difference of this mission to **Inhambane** was that participants came from as far as South Africa to attend the training in prosthetic manufacture. Over the two and a half years that SwissABILITY has been operating, we have trained **a total of 35 technicians and given mobility to 59 patients** ranging in ages from 1 to 60 years old. We have also distributed 20 wheelchairs adapted to the needs of severely disabled children whose parents did not have the means to provide them themselves.

Although there are many unassisted disabled people in the country, we conclude that this is a good beginning to achieving our goal in reinforcing the effectiveness of the rehabilitation sector in Mozambique.

2024 also marked the completion of the project, "**A Dream for Tomorrow**" in support of the Dom Orione centre in Maputo. Its objective: improvement of the conditions for the more than **100 children with disabilities**. In addition to the 40 residents, it also provides day-care assistance to over 60 others. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we were able to make significant improvements to their operational needs through the purchase of a vehicle adapted to transport wheelchair-bound children. We also installed an industrial washing machine to ease the daily management of laundry, and improved the paving of outdoor areas, which has made the common spaces more accessible even during the rainy season.



**These improvements have made the centre more functional, welcoming, and suited to the needs of the children; representing a step forward in ensuring them a more dignified life.**







# TANZANIA

Training and resources to beat 'Material Poverty'

In October of 2024, SwissABILITY further strengthened its roots in Tanzania when the team facilitated **two training events in separate locations**. They also presented their work and especially the "Monolimb" to the annual National Conference of the Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists of Tanzania (APOT).



The first training event was at the **Mwanza** Prosthetics and Orthotics Workshop (MPOW), in Mwanza, and the other at the Desire Charitable Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre (DCHRC), in **Kibaha**. Thanks to our valued orthopedic technicians and trainers based in Tanzania, **Nsen-giyumva Magogwa and Claude Mushi**, we were able to train **32 technicians**.



As part of our long-term vision – to make rehabilitation accessible to all and help eradicate poverty of orthopedic components – SwissABILITY sent **a container** filled with materials for the production of at least 650 prosthetic limbs. These supplies provide crucial support to **19 rehabilitation centres across the country**, with the goal of ensuring that even the most disadvantaged amputees can receive a prosthesis and regain their mobility.

Thanks to the generous donation of the **Swiss Dentist Association and the Ente Cantonal Hospital of Ticino**, SwissABILITY was also able to send top-of-the-line dental equipment and an X-ray machine for the DCHRC in Kibaha, a longstanding partner of SwissABILITY.







# KENYA

A strategic training, the beginning of new collaborations

In November, Roberto was at the **Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC)** in Nairobi meeting old friends and making new ones while he led a training week in prosthetic manufacture. He and Marnie-Jane had been there for the same reason in 2020, before SwissABILITY had been established.

It was a busy week training **our largest group of participants yet**, due the fact that the KMTC is located next to the Kenyatta National Hospital, one of Africa's largest medical centres. Under the expert training of Bernardo Gomes, **22 orthopedic technicians were trained**, fitting **18 beneficiaries** with new prosthetic limbs in the process.

**More than 150 people** attended, including students from the national ministry of rehabilitation. There was a special moment during the graduation ceremony where one of the beneficiaries of a prosthetic leg, **Esther Rosalid**, expressed her gratitude by presenting SwissABILITY with a **certificate of appreciation on behalf of herself and all the other** amputees who benefitted from the program.

We expect that this will not be our last interaction with the KMTC because, along with the National Association of Orthopedic Technologists (N.A.O.T.), great enthusiasm was expressed for future collaboration with SwissABILITY to spread effective rehabilitation services further and deeper in the country.



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## TESTIMONIAL



### The Story of Blessing – 5 years old, Kenya

Amputated at six weeks old.

Blessing's mother was grateful to be able to tell her son's story to someone who understood the depth of the tragedy their family has faced through their situation.

Just five days after his birth, Blessing was diagnosed with hepatitis. The doctors immediately started treatment. However, a few hours after an injection, little Blessing's leg began to swell and he was wracked with convulsions. Days turned into weeks while the situation worsened from an infection to gangrene. At only six weeks old, Blessing had his leg amputated below the knee.

Today, despite everything, Blessing is a confident, lively, and sociable child, always ready to strike up a conversation. For him, the missing leg is little more than a nuisance. Thanks to his prosthesis, he can walk, run, and climb trees—free and happy, just like children his age should be.

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# MALAWI, BENIN AND GHANA

## Collaboration with our orthopedic technicians in Mzuzu, Parakou and Nsawam.

Over the years we have built a solid working relationship with these three orthopedic centres. These partnerships have proven to be essential in strengthening local skills and improving the lives of hundreds of people in a tangible way.

**We send materials to produce prosthetics**, in particular for the MomoLimb, which subsidises the final cost that is passed on to the patient. The mobility gained improves the lifestyle of the patients both at home and in the workplace.

Over the years, the technicians we have trained have applied their skills to better serve the needs of their communities. The result is concrete: more than 300 amputees have received a prosthesis, regaining autonomy and a better quality of life.



# Comings and goings

At the end of the year, we bid farewell to **Nicole Rossi and Alessandra Aries**, who had been with us on this journey from the very beginning. They were real pioneers, helping to lay the foundations of a rapidly growing association which has developed over the past two and half years. It is with great gratitude that we thank them for the courage and passion they showed, both while working in the office and in Africa, where they helped coordinate our missions and projects. We wish them both fulfilling careers in the social and humanitarian fields; a passion they have always carried in their hearts.

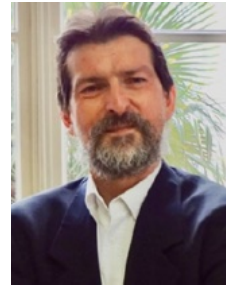
**Paolo Rossi** left the committee this year and we would like to thank him kindly for his commitment, time and dedication to our association.



*Alessandra Aries*



*Nicole Rossi*



*Paolo Rossi*

After many years of working behind the scenes and sharing our vision and passion, **Marnie-Jane Agosta** was the natural choice to take on the administrative roles needed to provide strong support for both our home-based and field activities. Her experience in similar roles with other organizations ensured she had the skills and expertise required for this position

Two new committee members were elected during the year: **Paola Eicher-Pellegrini** and **Riccardo Ronchi**.

Paola is a promoter of the fight against poverty in Switzerland as director of Soccorso d'Inverno Ticino (Winter Relief in Ticino) and a long-standing friend of our work in rehabilitation in Africa. As an energetic person with many ideas, she is a true ambassador for SwissABILITY.

Riccardo has been a great addition to our association. A long-time friend of our vice-president Dr. Julian Lair, he brings with him solid experience in managing complex processes in the medical supply chain. He is one of the most creative problem solvers we know, and his expertise is a valuable asset for SwissABILITY.



*Marnie-Jane  
Agosta*



*Paola  
Eicher-Pellegrini*



*Riccardo  
Ronchi*



# Dr. Julian Lair

The origins of the project in Sierre Leone from our Vice President.



This is how we met Roberto Agosta and his association at the time, which has now become SwissABILITY. Thanks to their experience and organisational skills, the next year we were able to provide training to some technicians and cure for their patients.

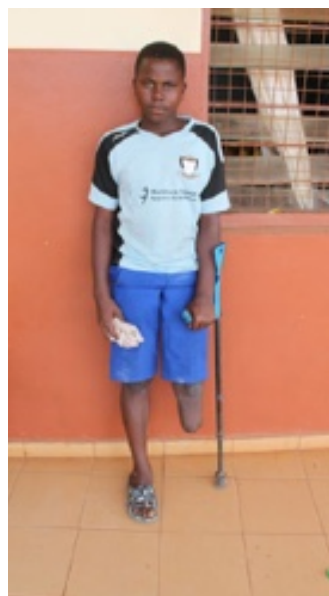


Our first visit to Sierre Leone, in February 2020, left a profound impact on myself and my wife Judith's lives.

Our interest in this country was sparked by Dr. Donata Elsenbroich, who introduced us to her project, 'Football Gardening,' whose goal was to enable SLASA's amputee athletes (Single Leg Amputee Sports Association) under the leadership of Rev Mambud Samai, to be self-sustainable. Before I was an orthopedic surgeon, I was an orthopaedic technician. For this reason, I was particularly interested to understand the reality of the amputees in Sierra Leone. I asked Dr. Donata to research the conditions of prosthesis supply in the country on her next trip.

Upon her return, it was immediately obvious to us how serious and urgent the need for prostheses was. The next year, my wife and I coordinated a trip to visit the project with Reverend Mambud and the only orthopedic technician, Abdullahrahman Dumbuya. We met with the Minister of Health and visited the few orthopedic centres that existed. The picture that emerged was bleak: a shortage of trained staff, a lack of materials, machinery, and essential instruments that made it almost impossible to provide adequate care to patients with disabilities. Upon our return, we started looking for partners who could help us develop a project to relieve this situation in Sierra Leone.





Despite constant challenges, such as the interrupted supply of electricity and water, and the lack of materials and tools, the results were encouraging. Many patients received prosthetic limbs and, with them, regained some hope, dignity and quality of life. With the support of SwissABILITY and friends of the Lions Club, we were able to give the project a solid base of sustainability with the objective to create an independent orthopedic centre in Sierra Leone that enables the local population to have reliable access to rehabilitation services. The centre will be built on the SLASA premises. The necessary machinery, tools and materials will be sent in early 2025.

Despite a past marred by civil war and the Ebola epidemic, the people of Sierra Leone now live in peace and look to the future with hope.

I would especially like to thank my wife Dr Judith Wörnhart for initiating the project, and Dr Donata Elsenbroich and Rev Mambud for their tireless efforts. Finally, I would like to thank all those who have supported us, especially our President Tomislav Matiević and our Executive Director Roberto Agosta, for their trust and dedication.

Dr. Julian Lair  
Vice-president





# Sarani Diatta

Finding ways to revive hope for landmine victims.

Sarani was first a patient, then a friend, and today he is a valued partner of SwissABILITY in West Africa.

Sarani lost his leg to a landmine while playing in the schoolyard as a child. Now an adult, Roberto first met Sarani **in November 2021 during a training mission in Guinea-Bissau where he received a Monolimb prosthesis**. While waiting for the prosthesis - which he still wears today - he shared his concerns and vision for the rehabilitation sector in his region in Senegal.

The following months were devoted to figuring out how to turn that vision into reality. From there, a project was born that has had a concrete impact on numerous other amputees in Senegal, Gambia and Guinea-Bissau (see page 10).

**Sarani is the founder and coordinator of ISAD** (Initiative Solidaire des Actions de Développement), an association based in Ziguinchor, Senegal, which for over ten years has been dedicated to restoring mobility, dignity and employment opportunities to war victims and vulnerable amputees.

As an anti-personnel mine survivor and committed activist, Sarani was invited to speak at the conference of the **International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL)** in Geneva in June 2024. During his time in the country, we took the opportunity to invite him to Ticino for a special fundraising event supporting his project—a delightful barbecue in Bioggio held in his honor.

It was a significant occasion for our members and supporters, who were able to meet Sarani in person and learn more about the soul of this initiative.



# StraLugano

A wonderful group of 50 supporters



For the second consecutive year SwissABILITY participated with a stand at StraLugano, an annual sporting event in the city.

Accompanying us was a wonderful group of **50 friends who enthusiastically** took part in the 3km Run4Charity.

This is always a fun event that allows the public to get to know our association.



## World in the Park

A day of solidarity and cooperation at Parco Ciani

On Saturday, 31st August SwissABILITY had a stall in **Ciani Park in Lugano**, along with fifty other associations and non-governmental organisations who have projects in the countries of the Global South. This, the 21st edition of the event, was dedicated to solidarity, integration and cooperation in development by the organisers, the Federation of NGOs of Italian Switzerland (FOSIT).





# Leaving meaningful legacies

## For the future

On 26th October, in collaboration with **Soccorso d'Inverno Ticino** and **SOS Villaggi dei Bambini**, SwissABILITY organised an interesting meeting at the **Dante Hotel in Lugano**.

Many people wish to leave a donation to a charity after their death, but do not know how to plan this gesture.

During the informative afternoon, an expert local lawyer, Mr Marco Lucheschi, an expert in inheritance law, explained how to draft a clear and unambiguous will that faithfully reflects the will to divide one's assets.



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STUDIO LEGALE  
LUCESCHI  
MASCHERONI



# Christmas sales

## That make a difference

Every year our members, friends and partners surprise us with their wholehearted participation in our fundraising activities during the Christmas season.

Once again, the **Kammea Association of Riva San Vitale**, gave us some of their delicious home-made biscuits. This year they gave us **90 packets**, which we had no trouble selling at all.

Another initiative that had great success was the sale of raffle tickets for a lovingly refurbished Vespa. Each year, Mike, of **'Mike Barbershop e Hairstyle' in Bioggio** who also has a passion to restore vintage Vespas, offers the profit of such a recreation to charity. **This year he decided to donate the profit from the proceeds of the ticket sales to SwissABILITY.**

The winning ticket draw took place on 27 December: congratulations to the lucky winner!

We would have liked everyone who bought a ticket to be able to take home such a beautiful red vintage Vespa.





# A pilgrimage with a purpose

From the Camino de Santiago to Ghana: meaningful and educational experiences to support disability worldwide



## A PILGRIMAGE WITH A PURPOSE

During the European summer, best friends Federico and Lorenzo turned their holiday into a gesture of solidarity in favour of SwissABILITY. Before leaving for Port Santiago they created a page on the 'givengain' Internet platform so that their friends and supporters might contribute to the cause of people with disabilities while they walked 300 km along the Camino de Santiago.



## SUPSI PHYSIOTHERAPY STUDENTS ON INTERNSHIP IN GHANA

SwissABILITY has an agreement with SUPSI - the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland - which offers students in the final year of their Bachelors degree in physiotherapy the opportunity to carry out an internship in one of our field projects.

This year, Tania and Ana spent three months as volunteers at the Orthopedic Training Centre (OTC) in Nsawam, Ghana. It was a transformative experience that allowed them to put their acquired skills into practice in an intercultural context.



# Financial Report 2024

## Balance sheet

### SwissABILITY Association

#### BALANCE SHEET

for the year ending on 31.12.2024

All amounts are in CHF

ASSETS		2023	2024
Bi.A	<b>Current assets</b>		
	Cash	147'335.74	628'771.65
	Debtors	1'630.00	-
	Warehouse	-	6'726.84
	Accounts receivable	-	218.75
	<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>148'965.74</b>	<b>635'717.24</b>
Bi.B	<b>Fixed assets</b>		
	Guarantee	3'200.00	3'200.00
	Furniture and equipment	-	-
	Properties	-	-
	<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>3'200.00</b>	<b>3'200.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>152'165.74</b>	<b>638'917.24</b>
LIABILITIES		2023	2024
Bi.C	<b>Third party short-term liabilities</b>		
	Creditors	-	-
	Other short-term liabilities	12'662.55	5'539.70
	Accounts payable	21'000.00	-
	Allocations	200.00	1'800.00
	<b>Total third party short-term liabilities</b>	<b>33'862.55</b>	<b>7'339.70</b>
Bi.D	<b>Liabilities of restricted funds</b>		
	<b>Total capital of restricted funds</b>	<b>97'047.14</b>	<b>572'260.74</b>
Bi.E	<b>Equity</b>		
	Capital	-	-
	Reserve	-	-
	Equity carried forward	21'256.05	21'256.05
	Current year result / Profit (+) Loss (-)	-	38'060.75
	<b>Total equity</b>	<b>21'256.05</b>	<b>59'316.80</b>
	<b>TOTALE LIABILITIES</b>	<b>152'165.74</b>	<b>638'917.24</b>

# Profit and loss statement

## SwissABILITY Association

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT  
for the year ending on 31.12.2024  
All amounts are in CHF

INCOME		2023	2024
CE.A1	Donations received	283'788.35	1'198'391.31
CE.A1.a	Unrestricted donations	27'359.33	35'627.71
CE.A1.b	Restricted donations	256'429.02	1'162'763.60
CE.A1.c	General donations association	-	-
CE.A2	Social fee	1'900.00	2'070.00
CE.A3	Income from manifestations and events	-	-
CE.A4	Other income	-	5'088.50
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>285'688.35</b>	<b>1'205'549.81</b>
EXPENSES		2023	2024
	<b>Direct expenses for projects</b>		
CE.B1	Project expenses	-592'280.78	-544'230.89
CE.B2	Administrative expenses	-254'038.39	-163'736.47
CE.B3	Awareness and information expenses	-	-
	<b>Total direct expenses for projects</b>	<b>-846'319.17</b>	<b>-707'967.36</b>
	<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
CE.B4	General fundraising	-3'150.45	-3'609.15
CE.B5	Specific fundraising	-2'473.83	-323.31
	<b>Total fundraising expenses</b>	<b>-5'624.28</b>	<b>-3'932.46</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-851'943.45</b>	<b>-711'899.82</b>
	<b>Intermediate result</b>	<b>-566'255.10</b>	<b>493'649.99</b>
	Financial result	-356.46	-375.64
	<b>Result before variation in fund liabilities</b>	<b>-566'611.56</b>	<b>493'274.35</b>
	Variation in fund liabilities	624'683.80	-455'213.60
	<b>Annual result (before allocation to equity)</b>	<b>58'072.24</b>	<b>38'060.75</b>
	Reserve	-	-
	Other uses	-	-
	<b>Operating result</b>	<b>58'072.24</b>	<b>38'060.75</b>



# Thank you!

You are our strength

We are a small team with a large network of extraordinary people behind us who gladly support us with resources, time, expertise and advice. SwissABILITY's existence and ability to help more people every year is thanks to the support from people outside of our core team of staff. It is an honour and a privilege to collaborate with individuals and institutions who share our vision and champion our mission.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those who have generously supported us, making our projects possible.

Special thanks go to our valued donors who, while choosing to remain anonymous, have contributed to our work in an extraordinary way, with truly unparalleled generosity.

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SwissABILITY is a Ticino-based NGO that provides comprehensive support to people with disabilities and offers an opportunity to live a life of dignity, 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 can lead a self-sufficient life.



**SwissABILITY** is mainly active in Mozambique, Sierra Leone and Senegal and is committed to creating synergies between North and South for the benefit of its beneficiaries.

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