

MISSION REPORT

UGANDA

11 - 21 NOVEMBER 2025



Swiss⁺ABILITY

A TRAINING MISSION AND A CONFERENCE

First, last and largest

Chiara Beneventi came with us on her **first** trip to Africa with SwissABILITY, although this was certainly not her first time on the continent.

This was also our **last** training mission for 2025. It was also the **largest** number of participants we had at a training event.

It was the **first** time Roberto Agosta had represented SwissABILITY at the National Association of Orthopedic Technologists (NAOT) conference in Kenya



Our 3rd training cycle in Uganda



Luweero, Uganda 2023

5 technicians trained, 10 patients fitted.

It was a pleasure to reconnect with some of the technicians we had met during our two previous missions in Uganda.



Bidibidi, Uganda 2024

19 technicians trained, 15 patients fitted.

This year we trained 21 technicians at the Orthopedic workshop of the **Mulago National Referral Hospital** in Kampala.

As it is also home to their training centre, 40 students in their 2nd and 3rd year of training to obtain their P&O certification also participated in the training.

There was a remarkable synergy between the energy of the youth and the experience of the technicians, many of whom had graduated from the same training centre.



A special guest

Apart from reuniting with some of the technicians who had attended the trainings in 2023 and 2024, **Mr Emmanuel Kalanzi** visited us.

Roberto Agosta has a working relationship with Mr Kalanzi since 2016. He was one of our first trainers and it was wonderful to see him again after remaining in contact over the years.

As he says, he is *'retired but not tired'* and could not help but get involved and help the trainees perfect the MonoLimbs they were moulding for our 15 patients.



Mr Emmanuel Kalanzi

A passionate trainer



Nelson Mubiru

This was the seventh occasion on which **Nelson Mubiru** served as the lead trainer for a SwissABILITY workshop on MonoLimb technology. Nelson has also lead training workshops in Sierra Leone and Ghana and this was the third time he has trained participants in Uganda.

He is the founder of **Nkolo Orthopaedics Rehabilitation Centre** located in Luweero. From there he provides orthopedic and physiotherapy services to the entire district, assisting those who struggle to pay for their necessary rehabilitative services.

Next year, Nelson and his team will move out of their rented space into a newly constructed centre build in partnership with SwissABILITY.

See page 5 of this report for more details.

Two efficient assistants

Stella Kemigisa and Marvin Ssemambo both work with Nelson at the **Nokolo Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation Center** in Luweero, Uganda.

Stella is the receptionist and Marvin is the physiotherapist/Store Manager.

During this mission **Stella** and **Chiara** (from SwissABILITY) kept cool heads as they recorded the registry for both our technician participants and beneficiary patients.

Amidst the busiest workshop we have ever presented training in, **Marvin** kept track of the tools and equipment.



Stella Kemigisa



Marvin Ssemambo

21 Participating Technicians



Abaasi Ssebadduka
Alhur Orthohub



Augustine Kozala
Mulago N.R.H



Ben Lwanga
Mulago N.R.H



Denis Luswata
Mulago N.R.H



Emmanuel Bigirwa
The Mobility Masters



Francis Oduchu
Mulago N.R.H



Geoffrey Aceng Okidi Ocen
Lira R.R.H



Henry Gizamba
Mulago N.R.H



Innocent Tumushime
Mulago N.R.H



James Kisambira
Mulago N.R.H



James Opolot
Mulago N.R.H



John Bosco Nuwagira
Fort Portal R.R.H



Seith Sossy Mafabi
Mulago N.R.H



Tom Baguma
Gulu R.R.H



Patrick Malan Ojok
Soroti R.R.H.



Raphael Amodoi
Lira R.R.H



Rashid Irumba
Mulago N.R.H



Ronald Kyaligonza
George Buckley Memorial Hospital



Keith Kamoga Kisakye
Nkolo Orthopaedic Centre



Nicholas Ben Kiiza
Orthotech & Physical Rehabilitation



Zackary Azuruku
Yumbe R.R.H

N.R.H. National Referral Hospital
R.R.H. Regional Referral Hospital

A selection of the 15 beneficiaries



Stephen Tigawalana
Hit by a car at 3 years of age



Jane Kabuwo
Train accident



Shadia Nakato
Train accident



Godfrey Ssemate
Motorbike accident



Isa Kisige
Struck by a car while walking



Ediriisa Mwanje
Motorbike accident



Richard Sserwanda
For the 20 years after his amputation Richard was unable to afford the cost of a prosthetic and so managed to get by using crutches. He lost his low right leg after after a motorcycle accident. He is married with 7 children and manages a small farm with the help of his wife.



Fred Makonzi
Cancer



Nathan Prosper Kazozil
Congenital Condition



Francis Kamy
Infection after a fracture

Graduation

As usual the graduation was a cheerful event attended by all the participating technicians, most of the beneficiaries of the MonoLimbs they produced, guests of honour and the team. The 19 trained technicians received their certificates of attendance.



Visit to the new Nkolo Rehabilitation Centre

On the following day, Roberto and Marnie-Jane Agosta, accompanied by Mr Kalanzi, visited Luweero to assess the progress of SwissABILITY's ongoing project in Uganda. At present, the Nkolo Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation Centre operates from a rented facility. Throughout 2025 a larger and purpose-built facility has been under construction and they expect to relocate there in 2026.



The Nkolo team with Roberto Agosta and Mr Kalanzi outside the present centre



Mr Kalanzi, Roberto Agosta and Nelson Mubiru outside the new centre



The interior taking shape



The outside walls are still to be painted



Congratulations Nelson on a job well done

NOAT Conference, Kenya

Roberto and Nelson travelled from Uganda to Kenya to attend the National Association of Orthopedic Technologists conference (NAOT) in Eldoret, planned by their president **Mr Kenneth Meli**, who is also SwissABILITY's country representative in Kenya.

During the conference, Nelson made a MonoLimb for the beautiful **Diana Nanjala**, who holds the titles of Miss Amputee Kenya 2024 and Miss Inclusive Kenya in 2025. Diane uses her platform as a beauty queen to raise support for amputees and promote hope and inclusion for disabled people.



The SwissABILITY Team

Team leader



Roberto Agosta
Executive Director



Marnie-Jane Agosta
Office Manageress



Chiara Beneventi
Marketing &
Fundraising

Along with each patient we fit and technician we train, we are grateful to the donors that make these training events possible.