

MISSION REPORT – TANZANIA

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- ✓ **TRAINED 24 Orthopaedic Technicians in 5 Locations in Tanzania**
- ✓ **RESTORED mobility to 142 satisfied patients with 167 O&P services**
- ✓ **INTRODUCED THE NEW SwissLimbs Myoelectric Hand**

IMPLEMENTOR: SwissLimbs Association, Mendrisio, Switzerland

DONORS: Medicor Foundation - Liechtenstein, Kammea Association - Switzerland, Fondation de Bienfaisance du Groupe Pictet - Switzerland

PARTNER: Ministry of Health of Tanzania with Regional Hospital

5 LOCATIONS IN TANZANIA:

- **Njombe** – Ikonda Hospital
- **Moshi** – Tanzanian Training Center for Orthopedic Technologist (TATCOT)
- **Dar es Salaam** - Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute (MOI)
- **Zanzibar** - Mnazi Mmoja Hospital.
- **Dodoma** - Dodoma Regional Referral Hospital

SwissLimbs is a not-for-profit organization based in Switzerland, specialized in capacity building of local professionals and organizations in the ortho-prosthetic field. We restore advanced mobility to disabled people who have unfavorable options and resources to secure their own rehabilitation.
We believe that **“mobility is a basic human right that should be accessible to everyone everywhere.”**



In September this year **SwissLimbs** celebrated its 100th satisfied patient in Tanzania! This was a great achievement considered that the first mission was only one year ago. Through the first training of two prosthetists and the first satisfied patients, the word spread through the other Orthopedic centres, all wanting to adopt the **SwissLimbs** technology.

This month, we finished the third mission to Tanzania, which was a great success, elevating Orthopedic training to a higher level with the introduction of the new addition to the **SwissLimbs'** range of services: the innovative myoelectric hand.

In just three weeks, 20 Orthopedic technicians in 3 new locations received professional enhancement training in various services. The services have now grown from offering one lower limb prosthetic solution (the "Monolimb™") to a complete range of ortho-prosthetic options including:

- The Monolimb™
- The Modular Transtibial Prosthesis
- The Above Knee Prosthesis with a selection of different knee joints
- All range of Orthoses (including ortho-prostheses)
- The Myoelectric Hand

THE MYOELECTRIC HAND



Mrs Durya, upper limbs technician takes the cast of the hand stump and fits her first hand



Mr Stanlaus assembling his first hand



Helvio Conti Rossini, SwissLimbs' 3D technician teaches the hand assembling

This myoelectric hand was developed especially for upper limbs amputees in fragile nations where the access to a prosthetic hand, if available at all, has prohibitive costs reaching the tens of thousands of dollars. Thank to our 3D printed components and a simplified electronic mechanism, our hand can be offered at a cost of less than 1000 US\$!



Mr Shukudru is most proud of his athletic achievements, but even more so, about his new prosthetic hand received at MOI in Dar es Salaam at the **SwissLimbs** training workshop in October 2017.

TRAINING IN TANZANIA



Mr Kalanzi, SwissLimb's Trainer from Uganda with trainees

The main objective of the training sessions was to habilitate local orthopedic technicians to fit the **SwissLimbs** prostheses. Each of the 20 participants received a certificate endorsed by the Ministry of Health. This is a significant improvement to Tanzania's Health Care system. Technicians are become more specialized and the end users (the amputees) have better quality devises at much lower costs. This too, benefits our donors, who can reach more beneficiaries with the same resources.

GRADUATIONS



Dar es Salaam



Zanzibar



Dodoma

The past mission saw the training of 21 technicians, now habilitated to provide all of the **SwissLimbs** range of services.



President of **SwissLimbs**' Filippo Nishino lecturing at Dodoma Regional Referral Hospital

The Tanzanian government has welcomed the collaboration of **SwissLimbs** with the Ministry of Health with the aim of spreading the technology and know-how for the greater benefit of amputees and the health sector as a whole.

Excited journalists from a local TV station (Tifu TV) came to interview **SwissLimbs**. The event was broadcasted during their evening news program.



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Tifu TV



Filippo Nishino interviewed by Tifu TV, Tanzania, explaining the innovation of the myoelectric hand

THE BENEFICIARIES

Since the project started in September 2016, the Tanzanian beneficiaries number reached 142 patients which received a total of 167 devices (see list of beneficiaries in Annex 1), that is: legs, above and below knee, orthoses, and below elbow hands. Those who had the good fortune of receiving a free device were most thankful and full of renewed hope for the future. For some of the patients it was the first time to receive a leg or a hand, although they have been amputated for quite some time. The selection criteria was applied by the hospitals based on their income (very low income or highly dependent) which makes it impossible to purchase the device with their own means.

A second list is being compiled: it's the **waiting list** for a growing number of amputees that are also in need and are waiting for the next mission to take place.

Summary:

Training / Country	Tanzania	
Technicians	24	
Hours of training	1,012	
Type	Nr Patients	Nr Devices
Double amputees	6	12
Single amputees	59	59
Upper Limbs	13	13
Orthoses	64	83
Total	142	167

Pics of some BENEFICIARIES, with many THANK YOU's!



Dramatic life changes! *“Restoring Mobility and Renewing Hope”* is not just a catch phrase - for **SwissLimbs** is a reality.

These beneficiaries, and so many others, who were in hopeless conditions just a month ago, can now look to a brighter future.

Thank you for partnering with us.

SwissLimbs achievements so far:

- ✓ *Restored mobility to ca 700 satisfied patients with O&P devices*
- ✓ *Increased range of services: O&P Centres, Training, Legs, Hands*
- ✓ *Introduced the new **SwissLimbs** Myoelectric Hand*

Appendix 1- Patients

Nr	Country	Region	Name	Surname	Gender	Age	Type of O&P	Limbs
1	Tanzania	Moshi	Dickson	Malle	male	70	LBK	1
2	Tanzania	Moshi	Tamimu	Tamimu	male	65	Double BK	2
3	Tanzania	Njombe	Lugano	Mwakatumbura	male	32	Double BK	2
4	Tanzania	Njombe	Abraham	Sanga	male	51	LBK	1
5	Tanzania	Njombe	Traset	Kilimanjaro	male	3	AFO	2
6	Tanzania	Njombe	Estelina	Emanuel	Female	15	KAFO	1
7	Tanzania	Njombe	Issa	Iddi	male	26	AFO	1
8	Tanzania	Njombe	Chesco	Ngailo	male	43	AFO	1
9	Tanzania	Njombe	Said	luwanga	male	78	LBK	1
10	Tanzania	Njombe	Ally	Mwile	male	3	AFO	1
11	Tanzania	Njombe	Blandina	Mashaka	Female	2	AFO	2
12	Tanzania	Njombe	Faraja	Sanga	Female	6	AFO	1
13	Tanzania	Njombe	Neema	Nguka	Female	3	AFO	2
14	Tanzania	Njombe	Betina	Mdota	Female	19	RBK	1
15	Tanzania	Njombe	elizabeth	Changa	Female	23	RBK	1
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17	Tanzania	Njombe	Rahimu	Haidhulu	male	14	AFO	1
18	Tanzania	Njombe	Emily	Mdunge	male	30	RBK	1
19	Tanzania	Njombe	Linus	Sanga	male	58	RAK	1
20	Tanzania	Njombe	Sephola	Msigwa	Female	27	AFO	1
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23	Tanzania	Njombe	Zamda	Mbambamba	Female	25	AFO	1
24	Tanzania	Njombe	Lugano	Mwakyusa	male	18	AFO	1
25	Tanzania	Njombe	Husein	Falah	male	70	AFO	1
26	Tanzania	Njombe	Richard	Mwakibete	male	45	LBK	1
27	Tanzania	Njombe	Furaha	Ghambi	male	39	RBK	1
28	Tanzania	Njombe	Delisa	Kampuni	Female	49	LBK	1
29	Tanzania	Njombe	Maklina	Mwanandeje	Female	14	AFO	1
30	Tanzania	Njombe	Ezekia	Kaulogo	male	25	LBK	1
31	Tanzania	Njombe	Idaya	Sanga	Female	32	RBK	1
32	Tanzania	Njombe	Festo	Mgina	male	7	AFO	1
33	Tanzania	Njombe	Severin	Sambala	male	45	AFO	1
34	Tanzania	Njombe	Baraka	Mwakalukiwa	Female	16	AFO	2
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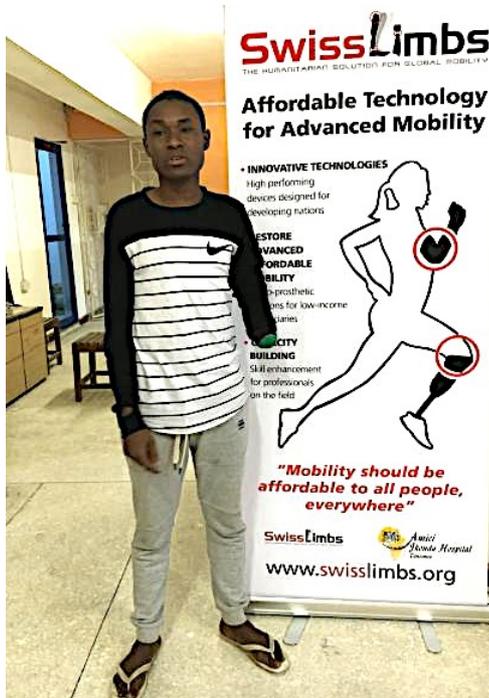
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128	Tanzania	Zanzibar	Said	Khamis	male	41	LBK	1
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139	Tanzania	Dodoma	Dominic	Mbelle	male	26	Double BK,RB Elbow	2
140	Tanzania	Dodoma	Alex	Mhando	male	45	L Below Elbow	1
141	Tanzania	Dodoma	Dominic	Mbelle	male	26	R Below Elbow	1
142	Tanzania	Dodoma	Hussein	Msuri	male	23	RAK	1

Legenda:

O&P	Orthotic and Prosthetic
L/R AK	Left or Right Above Knee Prosthesis
L/R BK	Left or Right Below Knee Prosthesis
AFO	Ankle-Foot-Orthosis
HKAFO	Hip, Knee-Ankle, Foot Orthosis
KAFO	Knee-Ankle, Foot Orthosis
L/B B-Elbow	Left or Right Below Elbow

Appendix 2 - Testimonials

TESTIMONIAL – Ali Juma Abdallah, 30 years old from Tanzania



Ali has a left hand amputation below the elbow

Ali used to be a goalkeeper for “The Negros FC”, a second division football team in Zanzibar. On a sunny afternoon in 2011 he and the team were returning from winning an away-match against Mgheri Hajiwith.

As they were travelling down the Piange Road near the town of Zanzibar, the driver lost control of the speeding vehicle. The mini-bus already with break problems but now all filled with team members flipped over before coming to a halt. Ali being closest to the passenger door, was flung through the open window. He was the only person who sustained severe injuries.

Ali's first memory is seeing his hand trapped in the minibus' door. The driver shouted for people to gather around and assist in freeing him. Once released Ali saw his wrist was severely wounded.

That night, despite all efforts to save as much of his hand as they could, doctors ended up amputating his hand at the radio level. Ali was discharged 9 days later. Once his wound was sufficiently healed, he was fitted with a mechanical prosthesis later that year but it broke after a few years of constant use. Before the accident, Ali was studying to become a plumber. The loss of his arm also drastically reduced his chances of getting a job and completing his studies in this field. With a heavy heart, Ali began to adapt to his new identity as a 'disabled' person.

His new myoelectric hand prosthesis has made him very happy because it has increased the number of activities he can perform, like riding his bike, carrying out small repair jobs but most of all it allows him a much higher level of independence. With his new prosthesis, he hopes to get a job and build his own grocery shop.

Ali was awarded a myoelectric hand prosthesis in Dodoma the 25th October 2017

TESTIMONIAL – Hussein Idrissa Msuri, 23 years old from Tanzania



In 2015 Hussein had a job repairing electrical lines near his home town of Candoa, near Dodoma in Tanzania. The live cables came too close together causing high voltage electricity to shoot through his body knocking him off his 4-meter-high ladder.

His assistant who was holding the ladder, together with his father took him to the local hospital. As the shock of his accident wore off after three days, the pain of his singed legs and chest caused him a lot of pain. A week later Hussein was transferred to a hospital in Dar es Salaam where they amputated his right leg above the knee. After 2 months of recuperation and rehabilitation Hussein was sent home to his wife and child but life was not at all as it had been before.

A new leg for Hussein means a new chance of life. His renewed mobility means he can be the man, father and husband he was before he got, quite literally, the shock of his life.

SwissLimbs gave Hussein a first prosthesis in November 2017