ISPO RWANDA-ISPO SWEDEN TWINNING PROGRAM

...moving beyond physical disability
Background Information

- Rwanda is a country in East African region with about 12 millions of population.
- After the tragedy of 1994 genocide against Tutsi, Rwanda got a huge statistics of physically disabled peoples.
- Very few Rwandan technicians were available and most of them were not professional as this domain was not developed enough.
- It is of recent that Rwanda has got a number of professionals and rehabilitation centers to help physically impaired people.
Why ISPO Rwanda?

- ISPO Rwanda was founded in 2011
- To offer technical support in different hospitals and Specialized rehabilitation Center in Rwanda
- To promote clinically relevant research and evidence based practice
- Conducting high quality continuing education program among professionals in Rwanda
- To foster cooperation and exchange of ideas worldwide.
  - ISPO Rwanda Members have largely contributed to the establishment of a Prosthetics & Orthotics Department.
Targeted activities

- Initially, mainly consisted of establishing the basics of its existence.
- The Society intention’s to support the already established P&O program.
- Establish cooperation with local and international organization/societies.
- Supporting patients in need of P&O devices.
- Conduct seminar and workshops /CPD among P&O professionals
- Advocacy and awareness raising to ensure that PWDs are fully integrated in the society.
Attempts made

- The attempt started immediately after its creation.
- Only few members were able to pay the contribute for some ISPO Rwanda activities.
- A number of organizations were consulted to support ISPO Rwanda (ISPO international, ISPO Sweden, ISPO Germany, ISPO Canada and ISPO UK).
- In collaboration with INKURUNZIZA orthopedic Hospital, we received prosthetics components from physician for Peace in US.
- A number of P&O devices have been donated free of charge to some patients.
Availed financial support

• ISPO Germany supported ISPO Rwanda Delegate to attend ISPO congress in Hyderabad India (Euro 400)
• ISPO Canada contributed with 900 Euro to Support ISPO Rwanda Workshop in March 2014
• In July 2013, ISPO Rwanda received a financial support of 5000 SK approx; 740 USD from ISPO Sweden to hold a workshop.
• In October, 2013, through ISPO Sweden, ISPO Rwanda received 6 copies of professional books
• In February 2014, ISPO Rwanda received Euro 500 from ISPO Sweden to hold a workshop on manufacturing of IC socket.
Photos in different events.
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Future planned activities

- In November, 2015 ISPO Rwanda and the university will host ISPO Short course.
- Together with The national association, CPDs and other education activities will be organized.
- ISPO Rwanda is planning to do research on Quality of life of prosthetics and Orthotics users in Rwanda.
- BIG Dream: to Start a regional member society of ISPO.
- to make sure that Rwanda as a pilot country has held successful advocacy campaign Through #ISPOWER initiative.
Appreciation

- ISPO Rwanda is grateful to ISPO international and MS that contributed to successful implementation of its activities.
- ISPO Rwanda is equally looking forward to collaborate with more other MS in the future.

Thanks for your kind attention!