



# **VOLUNTEERING IN PHYSIOTHERAPY / OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY / NURSING CARE IN SWISSLIMBS PROJECTS**



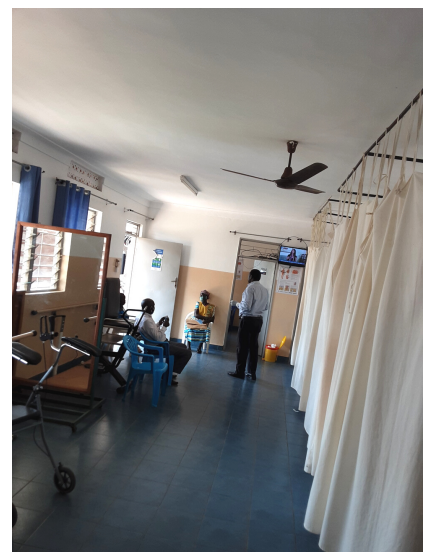
# Proposal 1: Physiotherapy at Gulu Referral Hospital in Gulu - Uganda

SwissLimbs has rehabilitated the physiotherapy department at the Gulu Referral Hospital in Uganda, refurbishing the premises and supplying them with new materials and machinery, in order to radically improve the services provided to the approximately 80 weekly patients. SwissLimbs has equipped the existing physiotherapy with more sophisticated devices and treatments such as - for example - the ultrasound therapy.

For this project, SwissLimbs collaborates with AVSI Uganda, its operational partner on the ground.

Eight students of SUPSI - University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland - have already left for Gulu as volunteers for a 3-month internship.

At this facility you can volunteer as a **physiotherapist, occupational therapist or nurse**.



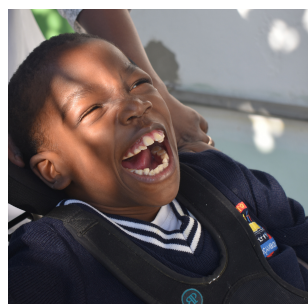


# Proposal 2: Physiotherapy at Obra Dom Orione in Maputo - Mozambique

Since 2019, SwissLimbs has started a project to rehabilitate an orthopedic workshop within the Obra Dom Orione Institute in Maputo, which has been caring for children with spasticity and severe motor and brain impairment for 10 years. Already, 40 children with disabilities have found permanent shelter and care at this center, while hundreds of them receive outpatient care each year. Thanks to the personalized and charitable therapies offered, the institute has begun to receive patients in need of day care, and children and adults find a place where they can spend the day in a dignified and therapeutic way instead of being locked in their homes.

The Obra Dom Orione Institute runs both a physiotherapy and an occupational therapy center, which provide services to the children who are guests at the center and outpatients. The staff - which is very limited - is extremely motivated and provides exceptional service despite of the little resources available.

At this facility you can volunteer as a **physiotherapist** or **occupational therapist**.

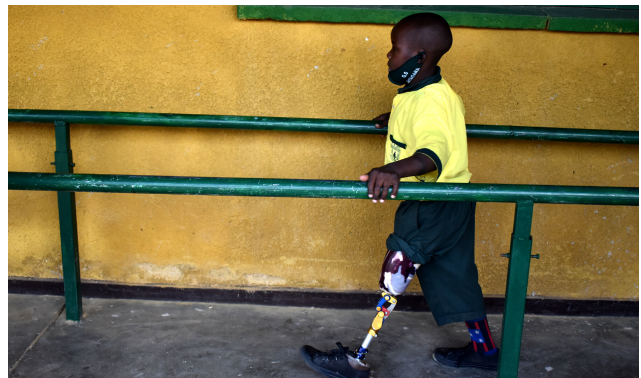




# Proposal 3: Physiotherapy at the HVP Gatagara Orthopedics & Rehabilitation Hospital Nyanza - Rwanda

SwissLimbs partnered with the HVP Gatagara Orthopedics & Rehabilitation Hospital in Nyanza, Rwanda during its first training missions in June and October 2021. This is a very large hospital, within which there are several areas, including an orthopedic workshop, physiotherapy and occupational therapy. There is also an inclusive school, which has many children with disabilities and amputations among its residents.

At this facility you can volunteer as a **physiotherapist**, **occupational therapist** or **nurse**.





# Proposal 4: Physiotherapy at the National Rehabilitation Center in Freetown - Sierra Leone

SwissLimbs partnered with the National Rehabilitation Center in Freetown, Sierra Leone, during its first training mission in May 2021. This is an inpatient hospital facility that also houses an orthopedic workshop, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

At this facility you can volunteer as a **physiotherapist** or **occupational therapist**.





# The proposals in brief

| Location                      | Volunteer activities  | Requirements   |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Gulu, <b>Uganda</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physiotherapy</li><li>• Occupational Therapy</li><li>• Nursing care</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diploma corresponding to the sector</li><li>• Good knowledge of English</li><li>• Ability to adapt</li></ul> |
| Maputo, <b>Mozambique</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physiotherapy</li><li>• Occupational Therapy</li></ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diploma corresponding to the sector</li><li>• Good knowledge of English</li><li>• Ability to adapt</li></ul> |
| Nyanza, <b>Rwanda</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physiotherapy</li><li>• Occupational Therapy</li><li>• Nursing care</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diploma corresponding to the sector</li><li>• Good knowledge of English</li><li>• Ability to adapt</li></ul> |
| Freetown, <b>Sierra Leone</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physiotherapy</li><li>• Occupational Therapy</li></ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diploma corresponding to the sector</li><li>• Good knowledge of English</li><li>• Ability to adapt</li></ul> |

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