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# **Activity Report 2016**

Dear Supporters, donors and friends,

We would like to thank you for all the support, dedication and trust given to **SwissLimbs**. No matter in which way or with how much you supported us, whatever you did, you accomplished a significant action that matters in our patients' life.

During 2016, **SwissLimbs** achieved remarkable results:

- 1. **SwissLimbs** was incorporated as an official recognized Swiss non-profit organization in July 2016. This is an important milestone for our project that started late 2012;
- In Jordan: SwissLimbs signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Committee of Demining and Rehabilitation of Jordan to improve the rehabilitation services to amputees including those from Syria;
- 3. In Tanzania: **SwissLimbs** built an entire orthopaedic workshop at the Ikonda hospital and launched the SwissLeg<sup>™</sup> monolimb technology in cooperation with our friends from Kammea Association;
- 4. In Uganda: **SwissLimbs** launched the SwissLeg<sup>™</sup> technology in collaboration with the Gulu Referral Hospital, AVSIi foundation and the Ministry of Health.

So far over 500 patients received a prosthetic limb or orthotic devise and over 2900 hours of specialized ortho-prostethic training were delivered through these projects.

No matter how much or how many we did, we certainly accomplished our main objective: making "mobility a basic human right affordable to everyone, everywhere".

We believe that every life is worth walking the extra mile. Together we can make the difference.

Thank you very much and join forces with us in 2017 again.

Yours sincerely,

Filippo Nishino - President

Roberto Agosta- Executive Director

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## Prostheses and orthoses, Training hours and Patients overview by Project

Donors / Partners	IOM	Foundations / NCDR / Private / NGO	IOM	Foundations / Private / NGO	AVSI / Private		-
Patients main profile	Conflict victims	Conflict victims / accidents / Trauma	Conflict victims / accidents	Trauma / accidents	Conflict victims / accidents		
Training / Country	Iraq	Jordan	Syria	Tanzania	Uganda	Total	
Technicians	10	19	4	2	8	43	
Hours of training	980	923	480	180	392	2,955	
of which in 2016		530		180	360	1,070	
Nr Patients / Country	Iraq	Jordan	Syria	Tanzania	Uganda	Total	Or prost
Double amputees	1	66	3	1	0	71	1
Single amputees	20	358	65	6	15	464	4
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Total	21	440	68	16	15	560	6
of which in 2016		34		16	13	63	é

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prostheses				
142				
464				
25				
631				
67				







### **Implemented Projects during 2016**

A) Capacity building by restoring advanced mobility to amputees affected by conflict in Syria. Al-Bashir Hospital in cooperation with NCDR and MoH of Jordan.

Missions May and August 2016

- We recruited 34 patients of which 11 males and 23 females. The average family size counted 4 members in total from 4 different nationalities (Jordan, Syrian, Egyptian, Palestinian).
- Total prostheses donated were 37, of which 3 bilateral below knee, 20 left below knee and 11 right below knee amputees.
- The first main causes of amputations were war conflict and landmines (11 patients), 8 amputees due to congenital diseases, 6 due to accidents, 5 due to diabetes and 4 due to other causes (infections etc).
- Total 13 technicians were trained for a total of 500 hours.
- We performed extraordinary machinery maintenance.









B) Capacity building by restoring advanced mobility to amputees affected by trauma and launch of SwissLeg<sup>™</sup> technology in Uganda. Partners: Gulu Referral Hospital in cooperation with AVSI Foundation.

#### Mission September 2016

- We recruited 13 patients of which 8 males and 5 females. The average family size was 6.5 members from Uganda with an average age of 41 years.
- Total prostheses donated were 13, of which 6 left below knee and 7 right below knee amputees.
- The first main causes of amputations were war conflict and landmines (11 patients) and 2 amputees due to road accidents.
- Total 6 technicians were trained for a total of 360 hours.







C) Capacity building by restoring advanced mobility to amputees affected by trauma and launch of SwissLeg<sup>™</sup> technology in Tanzania. Partners: Ikonda Hospital in cooperation with Kammea Association.

#### Mission 2016

- We provided the local main hospital in Ikonda with a complete orthopedic wing, fully equipped for the manufacturing of prostheses and orthoses. The hospital adopts innovative technologies like SwissLeg<sup>™</sup>.
- We recruited 13 patients of which 8 males and 5 females. The average family size was 3 members from Uganda with an average age of 27 years.
- A total of 14 ortho-prosthetic services were provided: 1 bi-lateral below knee prosthesis, 3 left below knee, 8 orthoses and one right above knee prosthesis.
- The main causes of amputation were cancer (3 patients) and road accidents (2 patients).
- A total of 2 technicians were trained for a total of 180 hours.





