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Restoring Mobility: Affordable Prosthetic Care for Amputees in Ghana

Bridging healthcare gaps for communities in Ghana
through the provision of high quality prosthetic limbs

Duration: 1 year

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Summary

This project will refurbish and deliver 750 prosthetic legs from the UK to two key rehabilitation centres in Ghana. By reducing the cost of high-quality prosthetic limbs, it will drastically increase access for amputees in need. Delivered in partnership with the *Orthopedic Training Centre (OTC)* Nsawam and Walewale, and with support from *Smiles of Hope*, this initiative will provide mobility and hope to hundreds of men, women and children with limb-loss in Ghana, while contributing valuable data to inform policy and research.

Who we are

STAND is a UK-based charity pioneering the reuse of discarded prosthetic limbs to restore mobility, dignity, and independence to amputees in sub-Saharan Africa. We collect high-quality prosthetic components, otherwise destined for landfill, from NHS hospitals and clinics across the UK and partners in Europe, North America, and Australia. These limbs are dismantled, rigorously refurbished and delivered free of charge to rehabilitation centres across eight African countries, which removes the financial burden on users to cover the cost of expensive imported components.

What we do

Collect & recycle: We recover discarded prosthetic limbs from the UK, EU, North America, and Australia. Each year, we divert over £1 million in components from waste.

Refurbish: Our Bristol-based team of trained professionals dismantle, clean, and inspect limbs, ensuring they are safe and functional.

Deliver & support: We ship tailored component kits to partner clinics in eight African countries, where local prosthetists build limbs for those in need.

Train & strengthen: We fund training for prosthetic technicians, especially women and individuals with limb loss. We also invest in upgrading clinics, community outreach, and peer-counselling.

Context Analysis

In Ghana, major barriers to access appropriate assistive technology (including prosthetic legs) stem from a convergence of high costs, shortages of trained professionals, limited materials and infrastructure, poor supply chains, and systemic funding gaps. In many low- and middle-income countries only about one in ten people needing mobility devices actually receive them. Our proposal seeks to bridge this gap by providing good quality refurbished prosthetic components, and supporting clinics to deliver quality, low-cost prosthetic care. By increasing accessibility and reducing financial barriers, we empower amputees to regain independence and participate fully in their communities.

Project Outputs

- Refurbish 750 prosthetic legs in the UK through volunteer teams and staff experts
- Ship 750 prosthetic legs to Ghana
- Collaborate with OTC teams for fittings and record keeping, collecting data to show prosthetic legs fitted to a minimum of 500 people
- Conduct monitoring and evaluation and patient follow-up through community partner Smiles of Hope
- Contribute data to research with partners like University of Southampton

Expected Outcomes

Within funding period

- 500 amputees are fitted with prosthetic legs
- Data showing repairs & replacements demonstrates access to follow-up care.

Longer Term

- Follow-up data shows sustained use of devices and increased mobility in 90% of patients.
- Follow-up interviews show increased amputee participation in education, employment and community life in 70% of sample.

Our partners



Orthopedic Training Centre (OTC)

Founded in 1961, the OTC provides physical rehabilitation, support and assistive devices to adults and children in Ghana across their two physical locations, as well as running regular mobile clinics around the country.



Smiles of Hope

Smiles of Hope promotes amputee rehabilitation through peer counselling, community education and economic empowerment activities. Their work complements this project and maximises its impact, as well as supporting the team with ongoing monitoring, evaluation and learning



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Project Budget

Category	Description	Amount (£)
Direct Project Costs		
Materials & Supplies	Workshop tools, equipment and materials for prosthesis refurbishment, packing materials	3420
Travel & Transport	International site visits, volunteer mileage	8430
Communications & Outreach	Printing, digital outreach, awareness materials	405
Logistics and shipping	Shipping collected components to Bristol workshop, 2 annual shipments to Ghana, customs clearance, domestic shipping	10274
Subtotal - Direct Project Costs		22529
Staff Costs		
Programme Lead	Designs and oversees project and supply chain, supplier relationship management, collections, refurbishment and impact data management. 27% of FTE	12151
Project Manager	Direct delivery of prosthesis collection, refurbishment and shipping activities, relationship management, monitoring and evaluation. 73% of FTE	21750
Subtotal - Staff Costs		33901
Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEAL)		
Data Collection Tools	Surveys, feedback forms, data software	1003
Community feedback mechanisms	Venue hire, refreshments, transport for annual beneficiary focus group	495
Subtotal - MEAL		1498
Core/Organisational Support Costs		
Office/Utilities	IT, rent, software, HR	4005
Management & Governance	Management oversight, safeguarding, policies, accounting	2079
Finance/Admin Support	Finance/admin processing and reporting	2362
Subtotal - Core Costs		8446
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET		66374