



REHABILITATION SUMMIT 2025

Date:

September 10th-12th, 2025

Venue:

Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre
(JNICC), Dar es Salaam



WELCOME TO THE 3RD REHABILITATION SUMMIT 2025



It is with great enthusiasm that we gather once again to mark another important chapter in our shared efforts to enhance rehabilitation **services and improve the quality of life for those we care.** This year's summit, themed **"Partnership and Collaboration is Key in Strengthening Rehabilitation Service Delivery,"** builds on the success of last year's 2nd Summit and our ongoing commitment to advancing the field of rehabilitation.

As we continue our journey, this year's event features more workshops, increased participation—including beneficiaries of rehabilitation—and the presence of esteemed international delegates. Collaborating with the Ministry of Health and the East, Central and Southern Africa-Health Community (ECSA-HC), Rehab Health is proud to organize a gathering of this magnitude.

This summit remains a unique platform in our country, bringing together rehabilitation professionals, healthcare providers, policymakers, researchers and stakeholders united by a common vision: to foster partnerships, address challenges and create collaborative solutions that strengthen rehabilitation service delivery. It offers an excellent opportunity to engage in dynamic panel discussions, participate in interactive workshops and witness scientific research and success stories.

Our health forums will facilitate vital conversations on best practices, the roles we all play and how partnership and collaboration can be harnessed to strengthen rehabilitation services across Tanzania and beyond. This gathering is not merely an event but a catalyst for transformative change—aimed at enhancing outcomes for individuals across all demographics.

As we embark on this inspiring journey, I encourage each of you to participate actively, share your insights and build meaningful connections. Together, we can shape a future where rehabilitation services are accessible, effective and impactful through partnership and collaboration.

Thank you for being here. Let us work to advance rehabilitation for a lasting difference in the lives of many!

Remla M. Shirima

Together with the Organising Team

DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Participants will have the opportunity to explore hot topics and engage in dynamic and interactive discussions led by experts in the field. These sessions are designed to encourage sharing of insights, experiences, and best practices. Attendees will have the opportunity to contribute their perspectives, and engage in meaningful dialogue.

The main discussion topics during the 2024 Rehabilitation Summit included:

Plenary Session: REHABILITATION ADVOCACY

S/N	TOPIC
01.	SUSTAINABILITY OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS
02.	EARLY DETECTION AND REHABILITATION REFERRAL
03.	DIGITAL REHABILITATION
04.	WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AS MAIN CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
05.	REHABILITATION RESEARCH
06.	UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC) AND EXPANDING REHA- BILITATION SERVICES
07.	INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION
08.	ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY

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SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATION

The scientific presentations will feature the latest research and innovations in rehabilitation. Researchers will present their findings, followed by a Q&A session to delve deeper into the implications and application of their work. These sessions aim to enhance knowledge and inspire new research directions.



WORKSHOPS



Our workshops offer hands-on training and practical skills development. Attendees will participate in interactive exercises and practical demonstrations to gain actionable skills relevant to their professional practice. The workshops are designed to provide a comprehensive learning experience in a supportive environment.

HEALTH FORUM

The health forum will include a series of expert presentations on critical rehabilitation topics. Each presentation will be followed by an open discussion, allowing participants to engage with the speakers and explore the presented ideas further. This forum aims to foster a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in rehabilitation, promoting collaborative solutions.



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DAY1: WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

VENUE: RUAHA

TIME	EVENT	RESPONSIBLE
08:00AM - 12:00 PM	Registration	All Participants
12.00 PM - 1.00 PM	Guests Seated	All
1.00 PM - 1.05 PM	Arrival of Guest of Honor	Protocol
1.05 PM - 1.25 PM	Exhibition Booths Visit	Guest of Honor and Delegation
1.25 PM - 1.35 PM	Welcome Note	Remla M. Shirima - Executive Director Rehab Health
1.35 PM -1.42 PM	Keynote Speech	Dr. Galbert T. Fedjo - WHO Country Office
1.42 PM - 1.47 PM	Testimonial from Beneficiary	Sharifa Mohammed Mbarak - Ali Kimara Rare Disease Foundation
1.47 PM - 1.57 PM	Keynote Speech	Prof. Emeritus Karim Manji - MUHAS

TIME	EVENT	RESPONSIBLE
1.57 PM -2.05 PM	Greetings from the Ministry of Health	Dr. H.J. Nyembea - Director of Curative Services MoH
2.05 PM -2.10 PM	Greetings from RMO Dar Es Salaam	RMO Dar es Salaam
2.10 PM -2.30PM	Speech by the Guest of Honor	Guest of Honor
2.30 PM - 2.35PM	Awards	Guest of Honor to Present Awards
2.35 PM - 2.50 PM	TARA Launch	Summit Organizers
2.50 PM - 3.00 PM	Photos with Guest of Honor	Summit Organizers
Entertainment		
3.00 PM - 3.50 PM	Panel Discussion: Rehabilitation Advocacy	
	Moderator: Brenda Msangi - CCBRT	Panelists
		Edith Van Wijngaarden - Humanity & Inclusion
		Alberta Amissah Nyarko - World Rehabilitation Alliance (WRA)
		Sophia Mbeyela - Peace Foundation
		Brenda Shuma - African Disability Collaboration
		Hilda Nkabe - LuAF
3.50 PM - 4.00 PM	Vote of Thanks	Prof. Lawrence Museru - Board Chairman Rehab Health
4.00 PM - 5.00 PM	Refreshments and Networking	All
END OF DAY 1		

DAY 2 : THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

VENUE: MT. MERU

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Panel Discussion 1: Sustainability of Rehabilitation Programs	
	Chair: Dr. Wonanji V. Timothy - MoH	Panelists
		Dr Mwinyikondo Amir - MoH
		Assoc. Prof. George M. Ruhago - MUHAS
		Dr. Marieke Dekker - KCMC Hospital
		Seline Ngoye-Mwaigomole - CCBRT
		Yohana Sali - Beyond Inclusion
		Dereck Chitama - Kampala International University
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	TEA BREAK	

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Panel Discussion 2: Early Detection and Rehabilitation Referral	
	Chair: Sophie Knott - Kafka House	Panelists
		Wambura L. Kizito - PMO-LYED
		Prof. Emeritus Karim P. Manji - MUHAS
		Hilda B. Nkabe - Lukiza Autism Foundation
		Jaclyn Lekule - Kafka House
		Dr. Timothy Mushi - CCBRT
		Sense International
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
02:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Panel Discussion 3: Digital Rehabilitation	
	Chair: Jean Damascene Bigirimana Ngamba - JAMK Rehabilitation	Panelists
		Florah Mwenezera - Physitrack
		Henry Ngogo - CCBRT
		Dr. Felix Sukums - MUHAS
		Zainabu A. Sengeri - MoH
		Isack Sahera - Wezesha
		Careen Mbatl - Tai
		Mkata Nyoni - TANZMED

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
03:40 PM - 05:00 PM	Panel Discussion 4: Women Empowerment as Main Carers of Children with Disabilities	
	Chair: Rhoda Ndakwe - CCBRT	Panelists
		Prof. Emeritus Karim P. Manji - MUHAS
		Aireen Ulomi - Kafika House
		Fides P. Uiso - Tanzania Epilepsy Organization
		Elly Kitaly - Chadron’s Hope Foundation
		Brenda D. Shuma - Gabriella Children Rehabilitation Centre
END OF DAY 2		

SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

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DAY 2 : THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

VENUE: OLDUVAI

TIME	ACTIVITY		PRESENTER
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	ABSTRACT PRESENTATION: PATIENT/CLIENT CARE		
	Chair: Dr. Elia Swai - KCMC University	Accessibility to rehabilitation services for children with physical disabilities in the Kilimanjaro region, northeastern Tanzania	Godbetter F. Bassana
		Vision-related quality of life among University students with low vision at the University of Dar es Salaam: A qualitative study.	Henry Ngogo
		Promoting Disability-Inclusive Physiotherapy in Kasama District, Zambia: Reducing Service Disparities for Greater Equity	Edmond Chisanga
		Systematic Narrative Review: ICF in Physiotherapy	Simon Ernest
		Empowering Women as Main Caregivers of Children with Disabilities	Beatrice Shayo
		Assessment of the availability of rehabilitation services and generation of information in public hospitals of Pwani region, Tanzania	Zainab K Said

TIME	ACTIVITY		PRESENTER
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	TEA BREAK		
11:00 AM - 12:00 AM	ABSTRACT PRESENTATION: PATIENT/CLIENT CARE		
	Chair: Dr. Innocent Mboya - AAPH	Clinical panorama of patients with spinal cord injury at Benjamin Mkapa Central Zone Hospital in Tanzania	Alex P. Okama
		"Health professionals' awareness and involvement in oropharyngeal dysphagia management among inpatients in a Kenyan National Hospital, Nairobi City County, Kenya"	Ndiema Dalphine
		Knowledge, attitude and practices of physiotherapy services among postpartum women attending maternal and child health clinic at Muhimbili National Hospital.	Estom Uvambe
		"Caregivers readiness and factors influencing rehabilitation attendance for children with epilepsy: A qualitative study in Ifakara, Tanzania."	Ally Mwambela
		Prevalence and Associated Factors of Physical Rehabilitation Needs Among Hospitalized Patients at Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute, Tanzania	Noria Stephen Vahaye

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
12:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Health Forum 1: MSD-Essential List of Rehabilitation Products	
1.00 PM: 2:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Health Forum 2: MDH - Enhancing data informed EDR and treatment of clubfoot through multisectoral collaboration	
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Health Forum 3: JAMK UNIVERSITY-Implementation of Digital Rehabilitation	
END OF DAY 2		

WORKSHOP

SEPT- 11TH AND 12TH 2025 | VENUE: BAGAMOYO

Bridging the Gap: A Skills-Based Approach to Essential
Emergency and Critical Care in Tanzania

Lead Educator: Dr Masuma Gulamhusein

TIME	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBLE
08- 08:30	Welcome and Groups Registrations	
08:30- 10:00	Session1: Assessment of a patient needing help- Station Practice station: ABCD of CFAR <i>Testing station: Demonstration of Assessment skills</i>	Dr. Masuma Gulamhusein Dr. Theresia Lutufyo Dr. Sylvester Faya
	Session 2: Assisting a patient in cardiac arrest CPR Skills and use of AED	Dr. Hyuna Gimbo/ Dr Carolyne Omboto
10: 30- 11: 00	Health break, Networking	
11:00- 14:00:	Session1: Assessment of an acutely Ill patient- Station Practice station: ABCD of CFAR <i>Testing station: Demonstration of Assessment skills</i>	Dr Masuma GulamHussein, Dr Hyuna Gimbo
	Session 2: Assisting a patient in cardiac arrest CPR Skills and use of AED	Dr Theresia Lutufyo Dr Carolyne Omboto/ Sylvester Faya
14: 00- 15: 00	Health break, Networking	
15:00- 17:00:	Session 1: Assessment of an acutely Ill patient- Station Practice station: ABCD approach of CFAR <i>Testing station: Demonstration of Assessment skills</i>	Dr Masuma GulamHussein/Michael Mgonea
	Session 2: Assisting a patient in cardiac arrest CPR Skills and use of AED	Dr Carolyne Omboto/ Ramadhan Chunga

RESEARCH WORKSHOP

DAY 1: 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025 | VENUE: AMBONI

Manuscript Writing for Rehabilitation Professionals

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
09:00-09:15	<i>Welcome & Objectives of the workshop</i> Overview of workshop goals and participant introductions	Gideon Kwesigabo
09:15-10:00	<i>Understanding the IMRAD Structure</i> Brief lecture on manuscript structure; Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion	George Kiwango
10:00-10:45	<i>Framing the research question and gap</i> Small group exercise: refining research question, title and objectives	Nathanael Sirili/Manase Kilonzo
10:45-11:15	<i>Writing the Introduction Section</i> Tips and examples; begin writing a rough draft.	Francis August
11:15-12:00	<i>Peer Feedback & Guided Discussion</i> Share introductions in pairs/small groups and provide feedback with facilitator guidance.	Francis August

BLOOM WELLNESS: HEALTH AND WELLNESS SPACE

02ND DAY:

11TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

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GOMBE

A space for:



Health Talk



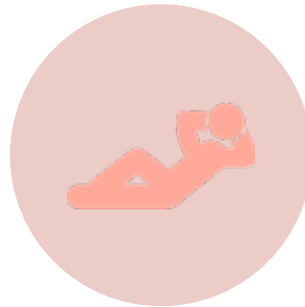
Yoga



**Stretch &
Exercise**



Meditation



Relaxation



Zumba

DAY 3 : FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

VENUE: MT. MERU

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Panel Discussion 5: Rehabilitation Research	
	Chair: Dr. Haleluya Moshi - KCMC University	Panelists
		Dr. Nyanda Elias Ntinginya - NIMR
		George Kiwango - MUHAS / EMPOWER TZ
		Dr. Eunice Kombe - KCMC University
		Elias Assey - CCBRT Moshi
		Dr. Innocent B. Mboya - AAPH
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	TEA BREAK	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel Discussion 6: Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Expanding Rehabilitation Services	
	Chair: Dr. Heri Marwa - PharmAccess	Panelists
		Silvery Maganza- PMO-LYED
		Dr. Hamad Nyembea - MoH
		Dr. David Mwenesano - NHIF
		Dr. Matilda Rusibamayila - WCF
		Dr. Mugisha N. Nkoronko - Medical Association of Tanzania
		Dereck Chitama - Kampala International University
		Tabia Massudi - Assemble Insurance

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Panel Discussion 7: Inclusive Education and Rehabilitation	
	Chair: Zahida Chagani - Al Muntazir Islamic International School	Panelists
		Dr. Magret Matonya -Ministry of Education
		Dr. Swaleha G. Mohamedali - Jaffery Academy SEN Unit
		Hilda Nkabe - Lukiza Autism Foundation
		Frank P. Materu - Ekklesia Special Needs School
		Frank Kikoti - Gabriella Children Rehabilitation Centre
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Panel Discussion 8: Assistive Technology Accessibility	
	Chair: Colman Ndetembeya - Kyaro Assistive Tech	Panelists
		Nelsha Haji - R4D
		Elias Masumbuko Katani - MSD
		Dr. Kyangwe A. Wambura - WCF
		Dr. Eunice Kombe - TruCare Limited
		Shammah Wema - Circleg
		Clinton Health Access Initiative
03:00 PM	CLOSING OF DAY 3	
CLOSING CEREMONY		
03.00 PM	Guests Arrival	
03.30 PM	Closing Speech	
04.00 PM	Guests Departure	

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8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration		
Scientific Sessions			
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	ABSTRACT PRESENTATION		
	Chair: Dr. Elia Swai - KCMC University	DIGITAL REHABILITATION	
		Assessing the feasibility of integrating stroke rehabilitation services within the national telemedicine platform in Tanzania: a mixed-methods study	Margareth Chuwa
		How do digital rehabilitation programs impact stroke rehabilitation in Africa compared to conventional methods.	David Ngwai
		Advancing rehabilitation access in Uganda: how use of digital tools can create a difference.	Akatukunda G. Lindah
		REHABILITATION INTERVENTIONS	
		Empowering Mothers, Transforming Care: A context-specific and culturally grounded Health Education Intervention on Cerebral Palsy in Magba, Cameroon	Hellen Ionn
		Assessing Adherence to Home-Based Cardiac Rehabilitation Exercise Among Post-Cardiothoracic Surgery Patients Attending the Physiotherapy Outpatient Clinic at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute, Tanzania	Khadija A. Hussein
		Assessment of the Accessibility of Assistive Devices for People with Physical Disabilities at CCBRT Hospital, Dar es Salaam	Elisha D.Mollel

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11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	ABSTRACT PRESENTATION: REHABILITATION INTERVENTIONS		
	Chair: Dr. Innocent Mboya - AAPH	Community-Based Physiotherapy for Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis in Kasama District, Zambia: A Local Response to an Increasing Global Burden	Richard Siwila
		Promoting Disability-Inclusive Physiotherapy in Kasama District, Zambia: Reducing Service Disparities for Greater Equity	Edmond Chisanga
		"Integrating School-Based Rehabilitation within Inclusive Education: The Josephian Schools Model"	Alex Msofe
		Wheelchair Accessibility to Public Buildings in Songea Municipality	Thadei Mgya
		26. Strength in Community: Building Sustainable Care and Support for Children with Cerebral Palsy in Rural Cameroon through Parent Support Groups.	Hellen Ionn
11:3 AM - 1:00 PM	PRESENTATION: TANZANIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION		
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK		
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Health Forum 5: WCF-Rehabilitation Package		
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Manuscript Writing for Rehabilitation Professionals

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
09:00-09:15	<i>Recap and Q&A</i> Recap of yesterday events and any questions from participants	George Kiwango
09:15-10:00	<i>Methods and Results Writing Tips</i> How to write a methods and results section. Highlight broad differences between qualitative and quantitative research	Francis August
10:00-10:45	<i>The Discussion Section</i> How to interpret results, discuss implications, and acknowledge limitations	Nathanael Sirili/Manase Kilonzo
10:45-11:15	<i>Choosing Journals & Submission Process</i>	Francis August

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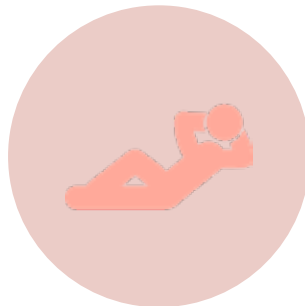
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Meditation



Relaxation



Zumba

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PANELS



REHABILITATION ADVOCACY

Session Summary:

Effective advocacy is key to ensuring rehabilitation is prioritized in national policies, budgets, and public discourse. This panel will explore how advocacy can mobilize communities, influence decision-makers, and create systemic change. It will highlight

strategies for rights-based advocacy, working with the media, building coalitions, and engaging civil society to strengthen rehabilitation visibility and accountability across sectors.



Key words;

Policy Advocacy / Rights-Based Approach / Stakeholder Engagement / Civil Society / Media Influence / Strategic Communication / Cross-Sector Collaboration / Accountability / Community Mobilization

PLENARY SESSION

REHABILITATION ADVOCACY



Brenda Msangi
CCBRT

Brenda Msangi is a visionary Healthcare Business Executive, Governance Leader, and Social Impact Advocate with two decades of experience transforming healthcare delivery and championing sustainable development in Tanzania and the UK. As CEO of Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT), one of East Africa's largest specialised healthcare providers, she has led its growth into a high-performing, mission-driven social enterprise, ensuring operational excellence, financial sustainability, and expanded access to quality care for underserved populations.

A certified corporate director (Harvard Business School), Brenda serves on the boards of World Vision Tanzania & World Vision International, Exim Bank Tanzania, and the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania, and has served with MSD and ATE. She is Founder of Dear Girl Child BMK, empowering women and girls, and Chairperson of CAP, preparing the next generation of executives. A sought-after speaker and thought leader, Brenda holds an MBA in Healthcare Management and a Master of Pharmacy, and is pursuing a Doctorate in Business Administration.



Edith van Wijngaarden
Humanity & Inclusion

Regional Technical Head of Program – Humanity & Inclusion (HI)

Edith is a strategic, values-driven leader with more than 35 years of experience in humanitarian and development programming across Africa and Asia. As Regional Technical Head of Program at Humanity & Inclusion (formerly Handicap International), she fosters professionalism, innovation, and collaboration while advancing inclusive, rights-based approaches.

She contributes to programme strategy and operational frameworks aligned with HI's global priorities, promoting cross-sectoral synergies and inclusive approaches. Edith plays a key role in business development, leading fundraising strategies, expanding partnerships, and coordinating the design of complex, multi-country initiatives.

Working closely with MEAL and technical teams, she strengthens project performance, supports learning, and ensures evidence-based decision-making. She also actively represents HI in key networks and forums, advocating for improved access to services for vulnerable populations. Edith holds a bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy and is widely recognized for her ability to align strategy, partnerships, and impact to drive sustainable development outcomes.



Alberta Amissah Nyarko
World Rehabilitation
Alliance (WRA)

Alberta Amissah Nyarko is Co-Chair of the Emergencies Sub-Committee of the WHO-hosted World Rehabilitation Alliance (WRA). She holds a BSc in Physiotherapy and an MSc in Disability, Rehabilitation and Development. A Ghanaian-trained physiotherapist, she gained specialist experience in Burns Rehabilitation at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Scotland.

Since 2007, Alberta has worked as a Burns Rehabilitation Specialist at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana. She has supported burn services and training in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and the UAE, and coordinated the management of over 100 survivors of the Sierra Leone tanker explosion in 2021. In 2023, she launched the maiden Burns Support Group in Korle Bu.

Alberta has facilitated trainings with Resurge Africa, Interburns, and UKMED, contributed to strengthening education in Ghana and Sierra Leone, and provided voluntary rehabilitation services in Sierra Leone since 2010. She reviewed the Burns Chapter of Early Rehabilitation in Conflicts and Disasters and shared her expertise at the EMT Conference in Armenia.

Currently, Alberta is pursuing a PhD in Paediatric Burns at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, and serves as Vice-President of World Physiotherapy Africa Region.

PLENARY SESSION

REHABILITATION ADVOCACY



Sophia Mbeyela
PLPDF

Sophia Mbeyela is the Executive Director of Peace Life for Persons with Disability Foundation (PLPDF) and a Secondary School Teacher. She holds a Master's degree and is a passionate advocate for disability inclusion, women and youth empowerment, and social justice. Living with a physical disability herself, Sophia has become a change-maker, dedicating her life to ensuring equal opportunities in education, health, and economic development for persons with disabilities.

Through PLPDF, she has led impactful initiatives, including accessible toilets for students with disabilities, assistive device campaigns, parent awareness programs, and entrepreneurship training for women and youth with disabilities. She also promotes gender equality, combats gender-based violence, and empowers children with disabilities to pursue their dreams.

Sophia is a Board Member of ActionAid International and ActionAid Tanzania, and has collaborated with global partners including UNESCO, UNFPA, UN Women, and SHIVYAWATA. Her work has earned her several awards, including the ICT Technology Award (Egypt), EFM Tanzania's Mwanamke wa Shoka, and the Message of Hope Award (USA, 2024).

A social mobiliser, mentor, and entrepreneur, Sophia uses media and community platforms to inspire resilience, proving that disability is not a limitation but a strength for driving inclusive development.



Brenda Shuma
African Disability Collaboration

Brenda Deborah Shuma is a senior pediatric occupational therapist in Tanzania with over two decades of experience supporting children with autism and developmental disabilities. She serves as the executive director of the Gabriella Children's Rehabilitation Centre (GCRC) in Hai, Tanzania—a center she co-founded to provide early assessment, intervention, inclusive education, vocational training, and community outreach for children with physical, cognitive, and neurodevelopmental challenges. In addition to her role at Gabriella Centre, Brenda is also a co-founding member of the African Disability Collaboration (ADC), a regional coalition of NGOs, disabled persons' organizations, and advocacy groups across sub-Saharan Africa working to advance disability rights, inclusion, and systemic change for children with disabilities.



Hilda Nkabe
Lukiza Autism Foundation

Hilda B. Nkabe is the Founder and Executive Director of LUKIZA Autism Foundation (LuAF) and the pioneer of Africa's largest Autism awareness initiatives, including the RUN 4 AUTISM TANZANIA HALF MARATHON and the Autism Awareness Gala Dinner. A proud mother of two, including a child with Autism, she is passionately committed to advocacy, awareness, and inclusion.

She has been instrumental in promoting early intervention, Autism acceptance, and inclusive education across Tanzania. Through her leadership in mental health rehabilitation, advocacy, and training, Ms. Nkabe has influenced positive change for individuals with Autism and their families. With a background in Hospitality Management and over 18 years of international experience with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), she brings global expertise, professional integrity, and a strong sense of community service.

Her work has earned numerous awards, including the Africa Company of the Year Award (2025), the iChange Nations Dr. Betty Speaks Civility Imprint International Award (2024), and recognition by the Ministry of Education for promoting inclusive education. She was named a Mental Health Ambassador by the Ministry of Health Tanzania (2022) and received the CEO Not for Profit of the Year Award from the Top 100 Executives List Tanzania. She is also featured in Pivoting in Heel by Emelda Mwamanga, celebrating leading female CEOs.

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SUSTAINABILITY OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

Session Summary:

Sustainable rehabilitation programs are essential for long-term health outcomes and system resilience. This panel will explore strategies to develop, maintain, and scale rehabilitation services programme that are contextually appropriate and

resilient to funding or resource fluctuations. The session will cover policy integration, community engagement, funding strategies, workforce retention, and climate-conscious rehabilitation models.



Key words;

Program Longevity | Sustainable Funding | Grants | Budget Prioritization | Public-Private Partnerships | Donor Engagement | Policy Integration | Workforce Retention | Community Ownership | Cost-effectiveness | Climate-Resilient Models

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

SUSTAINABILITY OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS



Dr. Wonanji V. Timothy
MoH

Dr. Wonanji V. Timothy is a distinguished public health specialist with over 15 years of experience in Tanzania's healthcare system. He has held pivotal roles at the Ministry of Health, including Acting Director of Curative Services, Assistant Director of Public and Private Health Services, and Regional, District, and Hospital Medical Officer under the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government Authority. Dr. Wonanji has advanced rehabilitation services through leadership in the Systematic Assessment of Rehabilitation Situation (STARS) and the development and launch of Tanzania's first National Rehabilitation Strategic Plan in 2021. He has also contributed significantly to improving mental health services by fostering strategic collaborations with regional and international organizations. Currently, as head of the Health Sector Resource Secretariat within the Ministry of Health, he leads health sector coordination to enhance the quality, affordability, and accessibility of health products and services across Tanzania.



Assoc. Prof. George Ruhago
MUHAS

Experienced Health Economist with a demonstrated history of working as a lecturer and a consultant for international organisations in developing countries. Skilled in economic Evaluation, costing of health care programs, Health Financing and program evaluation. Holds a PhD focused in Health Economics and priority setting from University of Bergen (UiB)



Dr. Marieke Dekker
KCMC Hospital

Dr. Marieke Dekker is a Dutch neurologist for adults and children who has been working in KCMC Moshi since 2012, providing patient care, teaching and research in neurology and rehabilitation medicine with a focus on cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury and Parkinson's disease hence covering the full age spectrum of

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SUSTAINABILITY OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS



Seline Ngoye-Mwaigomole
CCBRT

Seline Ngoye-Mwaigomole is the External Affairs Manager at CCBRT, where she leads resource mobilization efforts to ensure the provision of critical healthcare, including physical rehabilitation, in Tanzania. A seasoned grants manager, Seline leverages her extensive experience across multi-year programs in education, livelihoods, and health to drive impactful change for vulnerable communities.



Yohana Sali
Beyond Inclusion

Yohana Sali is a transformational leader with over 15 years of experience in public health Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and clinical nursing. Currently working with Beyond Inclusion Tanzania as Executive Director, He has championed strategic growth and inclusive community initiatives.



Dereck Chitama
Kampala International
University

Dereck Chitama is a Health Economist and management technical expert with over 15 years of experience in the health sector in Tanzania and beyond. He has accumulated a lot of experience in health economics through teaching, research and consultancy during his tenure at The National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Science (MUHAS), Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD-UKZN) and now at Kampala International University in Tanzania (KIUT). Chitama holds a PhD in Health Economics, a Master of Public Health with a major in Health Economics from the University of Cape Town - South Africa a Master of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Dar es Salaam-Tanzania and a Bachelor of Art in Economics

2.

EARLY DETECTION AND REHABILITATION REFERRAL

Session Summary:

Early detection combined with timely referral is essential for optimal recovery. This panel will discuss strengthening early screening at primary care level, community-based detection, building effective

referral pathways, and training healthcare workers. It will also focus on raising public awareness about the importance of seeking rehabilitation services early.



Key words;

Early Screening | Community-Based Detection | Referral Pathways | Timely Referral | Integrated Care | Health Worker Training | Public Awareness

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

EARLY DETECTION AND REHABILITATION REFERRAL



Sophie Knott

Kafka House

Sophie is a British Australian Nurse and Paramedic with clinical experience in Emergency, Critical Care and Aeromedical Retrieval. She has worked in the UK, Australia, Ghana, Madagascar, Nauru and Kenya before relocating to Tanzania in 2022.

Sophie is a lifelong student driven by evidence based practice and research. She was involved in the development of the world's first Retrieval Transfusion Protocol, facilitating mixed-product blood transfusions to prehospital patients in Australia, including publication of one of the largest prehospital studies ever conducted!

Sophie is passionate about health equality and patient advocacy, she believes that communication is both the cause of and solution to most problems. As the Clinical Services Manager at Kafka House, Sophie is enjoying the opportunity to collaborate and build relationships, striving to achieve Kafka's vision that no child in Tanzania lives with a treatable disability.



Wambura L. Kizito

PMO-LYED

Wambura L. Kizito is a Senior Social Welfare Officer with over 20 years of experience in social welfare and disability inclusion. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Dar es Salaam (2001). He has worked with organizations such as IRC, FINCA International, and World Vision Tanzania, before serving in public roles including Regional Social Welfare Officer for Mwanza Region. Currently, Mr. Kizito works with the Prime Minister's Office – Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities, coordinating assistive technology for persons with disabilities.



Prof. Emeritus Karim P. Manji

MUHAS

Professor Emeritus Karim P. Manji is a Tanzanian paediatrician and neonatologist with over three decades of academic, clinical, and research leadership at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Dar es Salaam. Trained in India, the UK, and at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, he has advanced neonatal and child health in low-resource settings through pioneering work in nutrition, infection, growth, neurodevelopment, and rare diseases. Author of over 275 peer-reviewed publications, he has supervised numerous postgraduate scholars and PhD students, shaping pediatric research capacity in Tanzania. He has served as Dean of the School of Medicine and advisor to WHO, UNICEF, and the Tanzanian Ministry of Health. His honours include the NIMR Best Health Research Scientist Award (2016), the Harvard Alumni Merit Award (2024), and the 2025 Robert Suskind Paediatrics Lifetime Achievement Award. He continues clinical services, teaching, and research at MUHAS.

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EARLY DETECTION AND REHABILITATION REFERRAL



Hilda B. Nkabe

Lukiza Autism Foundation

Hilda B. Nkabe is the Founder and Executive Director of LUKIZA Autism Foundation (LuAF) and the pioneer of Africa's largest Autism awareness initiatives, including the RUN 4 AUTISM TANZANIA HALF MARATHON and the Autism Awareness Gala Dinner. A proud mother of two, including a child with Autism, she is passionately committed to advocacy, awareness, and inclusion.

She has been instrumental in promoting early intervention, Autism acceptance, and inclusive education across Tanzania. Through her leadership in mental health rehabilitation, advocacy, and training, Ms. Nkabe has influenced positive change for individuals with Autism and their families. With a background in Hospitality Management and over 18 years of international experience with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), she brings global expertise, professional integrity, and a strong sense of community service.

Her work has earned numerous awards, including the Africa Company of the Year Award (2025), the iChange Nations Dr. Betty Speaks Civility Imprint International Award (2024), and recognition by the Ministry of Education for promoting inclusive education. She was named a Mental Health Ambassador by the Ministry of Health Tanzania (2022) and received the CEO Not for Profit of the Year Award from the Top 100 Executives List Tanzania. She is also featured in Pivoting in Heel by Emelda Mwamanga, celebrating leading female CEOs.



Jaclyn Lekule

Kafika House

Jaclyn is a dedicated Occupational Therapist at Kafika House, with extensive experience in working with children living with treatable disabilities. Jaclyn brings a deep understanding of pediatric rehabilitation and a passionate commitment to improving the quality of life for children living with treatable disabilities. Jaclyn is also specially trained in the Ponseti method for treating children with clubfoot and is actively involved in a wide range of occupational therapy interventions and activities, within Kafika House and as a key member of the Community Outreach Team.



Dr. Timothy Mushi

CCBRT

Dr. Timothy, a Reproductive Health expert, is a clinical trainer and mentor at CCBRT and government facilities in Dar es Salaam. He has integrated disability-inclusive care into the MNCH program, promoting healthcare provider training and improving early identification and referral of infants with treatable birth impairments.

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EARLY DETECTION AND REHABILITATION REFERRAL



Julius Mahundi i

Sense International

Julius Mahundi is a development leader with more than 14 years of experience advancing inclusive health and education systems in Tanzania. As Country Programme Lead for Sense International Tanzania, he spearheads national strategies that promote the meaningful inclusion of persons with deafblindness and multiple sensory impairments. His work has directly influenced policies, strengthened health and education systems, and expanded access to services for some of the most marginalised children and communities in the country. Julius has designed and led programmes in critical areas such as Early Identification and Intervention, Inclusive Education, HIV and AIDS, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), child protection, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and. He has also championed the integration of digital health governance and policy for community health, helping to leverage technology to improve access and accountability.

His track record includes shaping policy development processes stakeholder and partnership management, supporting organizational change, and building governance structures that strengthen systems for sustainability. Beyond his professional achievements, Julius is passionate about using innovation and partnerships to remove barriers to inclusion, ensuring no child is left behind. Julius has also worked with D-tree International, PACT, ICAP at Columbia University and Pathfinder International.

3.

DIGITAL REHABILITATION

Session Summary:

Sustainable rehabilitation programs are essential for long-term health outcomes and system resilience. This panel will explore strategies to develop, maintain, and scale rehabilitation services programme that are contextually appropriate and

resilient to funding or resource fluctuations. The session will cover policy integration, community engagement, funding strategies, workforce retention, and climate-conscious rehabilitation models.



Key words;

Digi-rehab | Mobile Tools | Artificial Intelligence | Digital Literacy | Implementation Challenges | Access Equity

PANEL DISCUSSION 3

DIGITAL REHABILITATION



**Jean Damascene
Bigirimana Ngamba**
JAMK Rehabilitation

Mr. Ngamba is a Physiotherapist and Public Health Specialist affiliated with the Collaboration on Evidence-Based Health in Africa (CEBHA+). He has expertise in both quantitative and qualitative research, focusing on digital rehabilitation. He has supervised research on Tele Rehabilitation applications, AI for rehabilitation, and Goodlife technologies at the Digital Rehabilitation Hub. Collaborating with the JAMK Rehabilitation research team, he has supported testing and validating digital rehabilitation solutions in Rwanda and other low- and middle-income countries. As a co-author, he contributed to policy briefs comparing traditional and digital rehabilitation service delivery models, and on scaling up rehabilitation services through digital tools. He possesses a strong understanding of the African health system and effectively partners with academia, private sector, and public actors to advocate for expanding digital rehabilitation services.



Florah Mwenezera
Physitrack

Flora Munezero is the Project Inclusion Coordinator in Rwanda. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy and a Master's degree in Public Health, bringing over nine years of experience as a physiotherapist in hospitals and polyclinics. For the past three years, Flora has specialized in digital rehabilitation, leading work on the Inclusion app to expand access to care. She is passionate about advancing health and rehabilitation services, particularly for underserved communities, and continues to drive innovative approaches that make rehabilitation more accessible at scale.



Henry Ngogo
CCBRT

Henry Ngogo is an Optometrist and Public Health Specialist with a strong interest in health equity and inclusion. He currently serves as the Research Coordinator at CCBRT Hospital in Dar es Salaam, where he also leads a study on "the use of smartphones as assistive devices among university students with low vision". In addition to his work in research, Henry is also the President of the Tanzania Optometric Association, where he advocates for advancing eye health services and strengthening the optometry profession in Tanzania.

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DIGITAL REHABILITATION



Dr. Felix Sukums
MUHAS

Dr. Felix Sukums (PhD) is a Senior Lecturer, Consultant, and Researcher in Digital Health and Data Governance at the School of Public Health, MUHAS. With over 20 years of experience in the ICT industry, he has shaped national and regional strategies for digital health. He previously served as Director of ICT at MUHAS (2015–2020) and as UNESCO Chair in Telemedicine (2017–2019).

He chairs the MUHAS Digital Health and Innovation Research Group (mDHIRG) and leads Digital Health Transformation programmes, including the Annual Digital Health and Innovation Weeks, in collaboration with Ministries of Health in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, and international partners.

Dr. Sukums serves on the Tanzania Digital Health Technical Working Group, the EAC Experts Working Group on Digital Health (EWG-DIDATI), and the Africa CDC Technical Advisory Group. He is also a Founding Member of TAHIA and sits on the Boards of D-tree International, LMI International, and Health Promotion.

He holds Computer Science degrees from the University of Dar es Salaam, a PhD in Medical Informatics from Heidelberg University, and completed post-doctoral research at the Technical University of Munich. His research focuses on digital health, data governance, and strengthening health systems.



Zainabu A. Sengeri
MoH

Ms. Zainabu A. Sengeri is an ICT Specialist, Systems Analyst, and Technical Team Leader for the Unified Community System (UCS). She holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and possesses extensive expertise in health information systems analysis, health data management, and monitoring and evaluation within the health sector. Zainabu is experienced in developing health information systems, designing M&E plans, creating indicators and targets, and developing recording and reporting tools for diverse health interventions. Her skills also include business process development, documentation, and data quality management. She has played a key role in developing and enhancing the UCS and the Mama na Mwana (Client Feedback System), successfully leading their integration with other national health systems via the Health Information Mediator (HIM). Through her leadership and technical expertise, Zainabu has significantly strengthened digital health systems, improved data-driven decision-making, and enhanced health service delivery across Tanzania.



Isack Sahera
Wezesha

Isaac Sahera is a dynamic Digital Transformation Leader with over 8 years of experience designing, managing, and scaling digital health and e-Government solutions in resource-limited settings. Committed to public sector innovation and digital inclusion, he has led cross-functional teams and partnered with government institutions to strengthen health systems through technology. Isaac holds a BSc in Computer Science and is pursuing an MSc in Health Informatics at the University of Dar es Salaam. He is a member of ISACA and active in professional groups on public health statistics, epidemiology, and data analysis. He has delivered ICT4D projects across health and governance sectors, collaborating with organizations including Plan International, PACT Tanzania, Tanzania Red Cross/IFRC, PATH, and donors such as USAID, GIZ, Rockefeller Foundation, and Gates Foundation. Key achievements include developing a digital SBC repository, mapping the immunization ecosystem, and digitalizing community health service delivery through UCS. He drives government-led digital strategies, system interoperability, and stakeholder alignment for sustainable impact.

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Careen Mbat

TAI

Careen Mbat is a Project Coordinator at Tai Tanzania and a passionate youth advocate for gender equality and inclusion. With a strong background in empowering young people especially girls and youth with disabilities. Careen leverages the power of technology to drive meaningful and inclusive change.

She has directly engaged with over 10,000 young people across five regions in Tanzania, delivering training in digital skills and entrepreneurship through tech-driven approaches such as the Oky Application. Her work spans key areas including education, sexual and reproductive health, climate change, and inclusion. Careen believes in the power of storytelling, technology, and leadership to spark innovation, amplify voices, and build a more inclusive digital future.



Mkata Nyoni

TANZMED

Mkata Nyoni is the founder of TanzMED, a leading healthtech platform in Tanzania that leverages digital solutions to make healthcare more accessible and inclusive. With a master's degree in IT Economics, he brings a unique blend of technological expertise and economic insight to the healthcare sector. Under his leadership, TanzMED integrates telemedicine, mental health services, appointment booking, and specialized health modules, impacting millions of users across the region. Mkata is also a Technical Advisory Member of the TCRA .tz Registry, contributing to national strategies for digital development. His work has earned recognition from both local and international organizations, including USAID and PEPFAR. Mkata is committed to using technology to bridge healthcare gaps and improve patient-centered care across Africa.

4.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AS MAIN CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Session Summary:

Robust research underpins innovation in rehabilitation. This panel will explore current research gaps, priorities for Tanzania and the region, and the need for collaboration across institutions. It targeted support, economic empowerment, and inclusion in policy design. The discussion will also explore mental health support and caregiver training.



Key words;

Caregiver Support / Economic Empowerment / Gender-Sensitive Policy / Mental Health / Education & Training

PANEL DISCUSSION 4

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AS MAIN CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



Rhoda Ndakwe
CCBRT

Rhoda Ndakwe is the Chief Community Development & Research Officer at CCBRT Hospital, Tanzania, where she oversees community development programs, research, and outreach to ensure vulnerable populations access specialised healthcare. An experienced development specialist, she focuses on intersectionality issues affecting women, girls, and persons with disabilities. She has managed partnerships with major donors, including EIDHR, FCDO, HGC, Smile Train, MiracleFeet, Hope & Healing International, CBM, and UNFPA. A UONGOZI Institute Women Leadership Program awardee, Rhoda holds a Bachelor of Pure Mathematics & Statistics, is pursuing an MPH in Epidemiology, has postgraduate training in M&E, leadership, gender, and is a Certified Public Accountant.



Prof. Emeritus Karim Manji
MUHAS

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Aireen Ulomi
Kafka House

Aireen Ulomi is a rehabilitation and child health advocate with experience in programme and operations management, and community engagement. She currently serves as a Programmes Manager at Kafka House. Her experience focuses on strengthening accountability in rehabilitation services, advancing community mobilization, and building a collaborative team to improve patient care outcomes. She works closely with local authorities, health professionals, and civil society networks to integrate rehabilitation into broader health and social agendas.

Aireen is passionate about shifting public perception around disability, fostering inclusive policies and ensuring sustainable investment in rehabilitation through strategic partnerships.

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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AS MAIN CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



Fides P. Uiso

Tanzania Epilepsy Organization

Founder & CEO, Tanzania Epilepsy Foundation
Fides Peter Uiso is a passionate disability rights advocate and founder of the Tanzania Epilepsy Foundation. Motivated by her experience as a mother of a child with epilepsy, she champions inclusive healthcare, legal protection, and social empowerment for people with epilepsy and other disabilities across Tanzania.

Under her leadership, the Foundation fights stigma, expands treatment access, and empowers individuals and caregivers through legal education and advocacy. She currently leads the nationwide "Speaking Up, Standing Strong: The Epilepsy Rights Project" to promote self-advocacy, social inclusion, and essential services. Fides is affiliated with the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) and the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE). Her work has earned international recognition, including the 2023 Rehabilitation International Centennial Award, 2023 IBE Golden Light Award, and the 2023 Child Health Champion Award. She is also an alumna of the 2022 Professional Fellows Program on Inclusive Civic Engagement



Elly Kitaly

Chadron's Hope Foundation

Elly Kitaly is the Founder and Executive Director of Chadron's Hope Foundation (CHF), an organization dedicated to empowering families raising children with Down syndrome and other developmental conditions in Tanzania. Inspired by her journey as a mother, she has transformed her lived experience into a mission of hope, resilience, and inclusion.

Under her leadership, CHF has pioneered initiatives such as the Imara Therapy Center, which provides occupational, speech, music, art, and aquatic therapies, and the Mama Mwema Coalition of Mothers Raising Champions, a national network that supports mothers through advocacy, peer support, and economic empowerment. She has also championed awareness campaigns that emphasize ability and possibility, showing that every child can thrive with the right support.

Elly's vision is rooted in possibility, not pity. She believes every child has the right to thrive, every mother deserves support, and every community can be transformed through awareness, access, and inclusion.



Brenda D. Shuma

**Gabriella Children
Rehabilitation Centre**

Brenda Deborah Shuma is a senior pediatric occupational therapist in Tanzania with over two decades of experience supporting children with autism and developmental disabilities. She serves as the executive director of the Gabriella Children's Rehabilitation Centre (GCRC) in Hai, Tanzania—a center she co-founded to provide early assessment, intervention, inclusive education, vocational training, and community outreach for children with physical, cognitive, and neurodevelopmental challenges. In addition to her role at Gabriella Centre, Brenda is also a co-founding member of the African Disability Collaboration (ADC), a regional coalition of NGOs, disabled persons' organizations, and advocacy groups across sub-Saharan Africa working to advance disability rights, inclusion, and systemic change for children with disabilities.

5.

REHABILITATION RESEARCH

Session Summary:

Robust research underpins innovation in rehabilitation. This panel will explore current research gaps, priorities for Tanzania and the region, and the need for collaboration across institutions. It will highlight pathways for translating research into policy and practice and capacity building for local researchers.



Key words;

Research Priorities / Collaboration / Local Research Capacity / Translating Evidence / Policy Impact

PANEL DISCUSSION 5

REHABILITATION RESEARCH



Dr. Haleluya Moshi
KCMC University

He is a Principal Physiotherapist with over 18 years of clinical experience and currently heads the Physiotherapy Department at KCMC Hospital and University. A Senior Lecturer, he holds a PhD and MSc in Physiotherapy, a Master of Leadership in Rehabilitation, a BSc, and a Diploma in Physiotherapy. His research focuses on trauma and rehabilitation of persons with spinal cord injuries, particularly in resource-constrained settings, with six publications and a book chapter. He is establishing a SCI database at KCMC based on the ISCoS International Dataset and is a pioneer in developing Tanzania's first MSc in Rehabilitation. He supervises undergraduate and postgraduate research on spinal cord injuries, musculoskeletal conditions, and paediatric rehabilitation, and provides international lectures and research consultations.



Dr. Nyanda E. Ntinginya
NIMR

Dr. Nyanda Elias Ntinginya is a Principal Research Scientist and Centre Director at NIMR Mbeya Medical research Centre in Tanzania with a background as an MD, holder of a MSc in Tropical and Infectious Diseases with a PhD in Medical Research-International Health. He has more than 12 years of experience in research and managing clinical trials, diagnostic and operational implementation of studies as a Coordinator, Investigator, Principal Investigator at institutional and national levels in cross-functional and multicultural and international environment. Nyanda is participating in several national and international medical research networks and technical working groups. His main areas of research interest are on Infectious Diseases particularly TB and has published about 50 publications particularly with TB, HIV and selected infectious diseases. Nyanda is the Co- Investigator for the StAAR at NIMR-Mbeya Medical Research centre.



George Kiwango
MUHAS / EMPOWER TZ

Medical doctor and public health researcher with a deep-seated interest in elucidating the risk for disease and injuries and using this to prevent them. Recently, I have developed a keen interest in promoting the use of evidence to improve routine practice, especially around rehabilitation. To achieve this, I am engaged in both epidemiological and health-system research.

I am also active in the implementation and am currently a coordinator of EMPOWER TZ, a collaboration between MUHAS, Johns Hopkins University and the Tanzania Red Cross Society aimed at strengthening research

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REHABILITATION RESEARCH



Dr. Eunice Kombe
KCMC University

Dr. Eunice Kombe is a rehabilitation scientist and Lecturer, at KCMC University in Tanzania. She recently completed her PhD at the University of Salford, UK, investigating access to prosthetic and orthotic services in Tanzania through a mixed-methods approach. Dr. Kombe has over a decade of experience in clinical practice, teaching, and health systems research. She teaches undergraduate and diploma students in P&O, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy, and aims to expand her teaching into postgraduate rehabilitation programs. Her work focuses on improving service accessibility, strengthening local capacity, and implementing sustainable, innovative models for assistive technology delivery. Dr. Kombe collaborates with national and international partners to enhance rehabilitation services and is committed to bridging research, and clinical practice to advance equitable access to assistive devices in low-resource settings.



Sardina Z. Tinkasimile
KCMC University

Sardina Z. Tinkasimile is a Prosthetist and Orthotist, educator, and public health advocate with over a decade of experience in rehabilitation sciences in Tanzania. She holds a BSc in Prosthetics and Orthotics, an MPH, and an MSc in Prosthetics and Orthotics Rehabilitation Studies. An Assistant Lecturer at KCMC University, she trains future rehabilitation professionals and advances competence-based education. Combining clinical expertise with academic leadership, she improves mobility and quality of life for individuals with limb loss and musculoskeletal impairments. She engages in research, advocacy, and community initiatives, collaborates nationally and internationally, and mentors young professionals to enhance inclusive, sustainable, and accessible rehabilitation services.



Elias Assey
CCBRT Moshi

I am Elias Assey, a Rehab Specialist at CCBRT Tanzania, conducting extensive field and outreach work across health facilities and managing diverse disability conditions in children. I also serve as a Tutorial Assistant at the CCBRT Academy, training future healthcare professionals. I hold a Postgraduate Diploma and an MSc in Rheumatology, building on my physiotherapy undergraduate education, which provides a strong foundation in rehabilitation principles. Passionate about research and teaching, I aim to contribute to rehabilitation knowledge through lectures and academic work, with a long-term goal of pursuing a PhD to advance research and practice in the field.

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Dr. Innocent B. Mboya

AAPH

Dr. Innocent B. Mboya (Ph.D.) is a Senior Technical Advisor at the Africa Academy for Public Health, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and a Lecturer at KCMC University, InsSchool of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Moshi, Tanzania. Dr. Mboya has accumulated over ten years of combined experience in training, research, and consultancy. His experience ranges from public health, epidemiology and applied biostatistics, data quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation, maternal and child health, nutritional status of mothers and children, non-communicable diseases surveys including hypertension, diabetes, cervical cancer and mental health screening, HIV surveillance in key populations, healthcare provider workload, and adolescent health and wellbeing. As public health specialist and statistician, Dr. Mboya possesses diverse and practical data management, analysis, and evidence translation skills. He has authored several scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals and abstracts presented at national and international conferences, demonstrating his track record in scientific writing.

6.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC) AND EXPANDING REHA- BILITATION SERVICES

Session Summary:

Achieving UHC means making rehabilitation an essential part of the health system and expanding its reach nationwide. This panel will explore policy integration, insurance models, benefit packages,

decentralizing services, strengthening referral pathways, and community engagement to ensure no one is left behind.



Key words;

Policy Integration / Health Insurance / Essential Benefits / Rehab Scaling / Referral Systems / Community Engagement / Workforce Scaling / Service Coverage / Equity in Access / Marginalized Populations

PANEL DISCUSSION 6

UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC) AND EXPANDING REHABILITATION SERVICES



Dr. Heri Marwa

PharmAccess

Dr. Heri Marwa is a seasoned healthcare professional with over 20 years of frontline experience advancing health systems across Africa. A medical doctor, he has dedicated his career to pioneering health financing innovations and scaling inclusive care delivery models prioritizing access and quality for underserved populations. He is Country Director for PharmAccess Tanzania, leading the design, pilot, and national scale-up of the Improved Community Health Fund (iCHF). In Zanzibar, he contributed to the 2023 Health Insurance Act and Zanzibar Health Services Fund (ZHSF). Previously, he served as Operations Manager at AAR Tanzania and continues to advocate for equitable healthcare through innovation.



Silvery Maganza

PMO-LYED

Mr. Silvery Maganza is a visionary strategist and Universal Health Insurance Coordinator at PORALG, driving Tanzania's UHC reforms. He holds a MSc. in Project Planning and Management, BA in Ed. (Economics, Political Science), and Medical Laboratory Sciences. As iCHF National Coordinator, he led enrollment of 7+ million members and mobilized TZS 31 billion in informal sector contributions.

He champions evidence-based policy, global collaboration, and equity-driven health system transformation.



Dr. Hamad Nyembea

MoH

Nyembea is the director of Curative Services in the Ministry of Health, Tanzania. He is the public health Specialist majoring in Global health Security and has vast experience in health diplomacy. He has devoted most of his practices in Primary health care and accumulated a vast experience in managing primary health systems in resource scarce environment. He worked as a Medical officer in charge of Council Hospital, District Medical officer, Regional Medical officer in various districts and Regions in Tanzania before ascending to the directorate of Curative Services in the Ministry of Health where is currently assuming the responsibilities of overseeing delivery of Health services in the Country. Nyembea is a frequent speaker at different national and international platforms, has an outgoing personality and a staunch advocate of managing health systems holistically in addressing health challenges for sustainable development and healthier mankind. He lives in Capital Dodoma, likes travelling and wishes to become a global Citizen. Masters in Global Health Security: Yonsei University, Republic of South Korea, Masters of Public Health: Yonsei University, Republic of South Korea, Diploma in Health financing: Lugano University, Switzerland

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UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC) AND EXPANDING REHABILITATION SERVICES



Dr. David Mwenesano

NHIF

Dr. David Raymond Mwenesano is the Director of Medical and Technical Services at Tanzania's National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF). With a background as a Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist, he has significantly influenced the evolution of Tanzania's health insurance landscape. Dr. Mwenesano has been instrumental in the development and implementation of innovative health insurance packages such as Serengeti Afya, Ngorongoro Afya, and Toto Afya Kadi (TAK), which aim to expand coverage and improve access to healthcare services across the country.

He has also played a pivotal role in the integration of technology within NHIF operations, including the introduction of biometric verification systems at healthcare facilities to enhance service delivery and reduce fraud. His leadership has been crucial in advancing the Fund's objectives, particularly in the context of Tanzania's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) initiatives. Dr. Mwenesano's contributions continue to shape the future of health insurance in Tanzania, ensuring that more citizens have access to quality healthcare services.



Dr. Matilda Rusibamayila

WCF

Dr. Matilda Rusibamayila is an Occupational Health Specialist with a degree in Medicine.

She is currently working for Workers Compensation Fund – Tanzania. She has over 10 years of experience ranging from clinical practice, research, hospital management, teaching and conducting disability assessment to workers who have sustained occupational injuries. She has published several research papers and continues to contribute in peer review journals.

One of the benefits provided by WCF-Tanzania is to provide Rehabilitation services to injured employees therefore reducing disability rate and mitigating socio-economic impact. Dr Matilda has been part of the team that closely monitors progress of the beneficiaries so that they receive quality services while ensuring sustainability of the Fund



Dr. Mugisha N. Nkoronko

**Medical Association of
Tanzania**

Dr. Mugisha Ntiyonga Nkoronko is a Consultant Pan African and proud Tanzanian General Surgeon practicing at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital in Dodoma. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from KCMC University, trained as a General Surgeon through the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons and Loma Linda University, and is a Fellow of COSECSA (FCS) as well as an International Fellow in Healthcare Quality Assurance (FISQUA).

He lectures and supervises at KCMC University and the University of Dodoma, guiding students, interns, and residents. A Global Surgery Fellow from the University of Cape Town and Patient Safety enthusiast (ACQUIRE/IHI), he is pursuing a Postgraduate Diploma in Healthcare Management from the University of Valore, India. He leads national and international initiatives including SWIFTSS, the KCMC Smile Train partnership, and the Doctors' Wellness Working Group.

Dr. Mugisha serves as Quality and Safe Surgery Coordinator and Founding COSECSA Program Director at BMH, Founding Director General of the Netcare Foundation, and current President of the Medical Association of Tanzania. He is a passionate educator, researcher, and leader, dedicated to advancing quality healthcare and ethical medical practice.

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Tabia Massudi

Assemble Insurance

Ms. Tabia Massudi Mohamed is the Managing Director of Assemble Insurance Tanzania Limited, responsible for the organization's financial and business operations, ensuring growth, profitability, business expansion, and retention targets are met. She oversees strategy planning and implementation, while developing key stakeholder relationships to sustain the company's brand. She holds an International Postgraduate Diploma in General Insurance from the Institute of Risk and Insurance Management, Hyderabad, India, and qualifications in Business Administration, Information Technology, International Relations, and Diplomacy. With over 25 years' experience in reputable multinational and international companies, her competencies include leadership, management, sales, marketing, administration, distribution channels, customer service, and public relations. Through health insurance companies, she has championed rehabilitation agendas, insurance product development, and provider engagements. Tabia is an experienced coach and entrepreneurship trainer, awarded Best Marketer of the Year in 2020, and actively volunteers, serving on boards of various organizations.

7.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

Session Summary:

Education and rehabilitation must be inclusive to ensure children with disabilities achieve their full potential. This session will examine inclusive education models, integration of rehabilitation

services in schools, teacher training, and intersectoral collaboration between education and health systems.



Key words;

Inclusive Classrooms | School-Based Therapy | Teacher Training | Cross-Sector Collaboration | Accessibility in Education

PANEL DISCUSSION 7

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION



Zahida Chagani
Al Muntazir Islamic
International School

Zahida Chagani is the Principal of Al Muntazir Special Education Needs Center, a well-known institution dedicated to providing quality education to children with special needs. With over 12 years of experience as a qualified special educator, Zahida has been a passionate advocate for inclusion and empowerment in the field of special education. She also serves as a mentor for Special Olympics youth athlete leaders, fostering leadership and confidence among young athletes. Her commitment to advancing inclusive education makes her a respected leader and advocate in the community.



Dr. Magret Matonya
MOE

Dr. Magreth Matonya completed her Master's degree in Education at the University of Dar es Salaam in 2008. In 2016 she was awarded the PhD in Education by the University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Her research was on disability, gender and inclusive education. She was involved in the project Educated Girls and Women in Tanzania: Social Cultural Interpretation of the Meaning of Education to Girls/Women with Disabilities, financed by the Academy of Finland. She worked as lecturer for 12 years at the University of Dar es Salaam teaching courses on Disability, Special Needs, Inclusive Education and Gender. Currently she is working as Director for Special Needs and Inclusive Education at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the United Republic of Tanzania.



Dr. Swaleha G. Mohamedali
Jaffery Academy

Dr. Swaleha G. Mohamedali is a trailblazer in Special Education Needs and Inclusive Education in Tanzania, and the founder of the SEN Department at Jaffery Academy, Arusha. With PhD in Education Administration and an Honoris Causa in Community Development & Leadership, she has dedicated over 35 years to empowering children and young adults with diverse abilities. As a mentor, trainer, and international presenter, she champions inclusion, teacher development, and community awareness. Her commitment extends beyond the classroom, as she conducts teacher training programs, advocates for job employment for people with diverse abilities, and assists with the Special Olympics in Tanzania. Recognized globally with awards for her leadership and advocacy, Dr. Swaleha continues to inspire hope by creating pathways for independence, dignity, and meaningful opportunities for learners with special needs.

"Inclusion is not a privilege, it's a right"

PANEL DISCUSSION 7

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION



Hilda Nkabe

Lukiza Autism Foundation

Hilda B. Nkabe is the Founder and Executive Director of LUKIZA Autism Foundation (LuAF) and the pioneer of Africa's largest Autism awareness initiatives, including the RUN 4 AUTISM TANZANIA HALF MARATHON and the Autism Awareness Gala Dinner. A proud mother of two, including a child with Autism, she is passionately committed to advocacy, awareness, and inclusion. She has been instrumental in promoting early intervention, Autism acceptance, and inclusive education across Tanzania. Through her leadership in mental health rehabilitation, advocacy, and training, Ms. Nkabe has influenced positive change for individuals with Autism and their families. With a background in Hospitality Management and over 18 years of international experience with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), she brings global expertise, professional integrity, and a strong sense of community service.

Her work has earned numerous awards, including the Africa Company of the Year Award (2025), the iChange Nations Dr. Betty Speaks Civility Imprint International Award (2024), and recognition by the Ministry of Education for promoting inclusive education. She was named a Mental Health Ambassador by the Ministry of Health Tanzania (2022) and received the CEO Not for Profit of the Year Award from the Top 100 Executives List Tanzania. She is also featured in *Pivoting in Heel* by Emelda Mwamanga, celebrating leading female CEOs.



Frank Materu

Ekklesia Special Needs School

Mr. Frank Patrick Materu is a distinguished development economist and dedicated executive with over 15 years of pioneering work at the intersection of inclusive education, rehabilitation, and sustainable community development. He holds a Master of Science in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University (USA), grounding his practice in academic theory and evidence-based strategies.

As Executive Director of Ekklesia Special Needs School in Dar es Salaam, he provides strategic leadership guided by a mission to champion disability inclusion and rehabilitation by bridging education, health, and economic development. A passionate advocate for equity and access, Mr. Materu advances inclusive education for persons with special needs in Tanzania and across the region. His visionary approach—linking rehabilitation services with socio-economic development agendas—has established him as a recognized thought leader on fostering inclusive, sustainable growth. He also serves as Chairperson of the Tanzania Association of Community Economic Development (TACED) and is a sought-after voice in international forums on disability inclusion and resilient community development.



Frank C. Kikoti

**Gabriella Children
Rehabilitation Centre**

Frank Castory Kikoti is a passionate Special Needs Teacher with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education Needs. He works at Gabriella Children Rehabilitation Centre in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, where he is making a real difference in the lives of children and youth with disabilities.

Frank serves as a special needs teacher and Head of Vocational Training for youth with cognitive disabilities, leading programs that equip them with skills, confidence, and hope for a better future. With a strong heart for inclusion and empowerment, Frank is committed to helping every child discover their potential and live with dignity.

8.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY

Session Summary:

Assistive technology helps people with disabilities live independently, but access remains limited. This panel will discuss strengthening supply chains, boosting local production, tackling affordability, and developing supportive policies and partnerships to make assistive technology more available and affordable.



Key words;

Supply Chains | Local Production | Affordability | Policy & Regulation | Innovation

PANEL DISCUSSION 8

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY



Colman Ndetembeya
Kyaro Assistive Tech

Colman Thadey Ndetembea has over five years of experience in assistive technology. Colman is the co-founder and chief executive officer at Kyaro Assistive Tech, a company that focuses on design, manufacturing, and provision of appropriate, affordable, and appealing assistive devices for people with disabilities in Tanzania and Sub-Saharan Africa at large. Colman cofounded Kyaro as a design project for a multipurpose wheelchair while in his final year of university. The project won second place in the 2019 Kesho Leo Science Slam and first place in the technical colleges category of the National Competition of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MAKISATU) in 2020. Colman is committed to ensuring accessibility for people with disabilities in all aspects of life, which he believes is necessary for Tanzania to develop and move forward as a society without leaving anyone behind. Kyaro plans to expand their organization's work, grow its catalog, expand the technology it uses, reach and assist more people, and offer more possibilities for people with disabilities through assistive technology.



Yolanda Liang
Clinton Health Access Initiative

Yolanda Liang is a Senior Associate on the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)'s Global Assistive Technology (AT) team, focusing on global assistive technology market intelligence. She is one of the main editors of the 2024 and 2025 ATscale and CHAI Assistive Product Market Reports. In addition, she supports global AT projects procurement, as well as bilateral and multilateral project development in the field. Before joining the team, Yolanda worked in CHAI China team on market-shaping initiatives and domestic implementation projects. Prior to CHAI, she worked in Hong Kong's financial industry in market research. Yolanda holds an MBA from the University of Oxford and a bachelor's degree in economics and finance from the University of Hong Kong.



Nelsha Haji
Results for Development
(R4D)

Nelsha is an Associate Director with the market shaping team at Results for Development (R4D) working in the Tanzania country office. As part of her role, Nelsha leads on a number of programs focused on increasing access commodities including (i) assistive technologies here in Tanzania as well as in other countries and (ii) life-saving medicines for mothers and children. Over the past 4 years, Nelsha has been working closely with country governments and other key stakeholders to identify market barriers for commodities and co-design solutions to help address market challenges in the areas of supply, demand, financing and market stewardship as well as strengthen supply chain systems. Nelsha holds a master's degree in business administration with a specialization in health services management and a bachelor of science in nursing from McMaster University, Canada.

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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY



Elias Masumbuko Katani
MSD

Elias Masumbuko Katani Principal Pharmacist/ Epidemiologist Working as Vertical Programs Manager at Medical Stores Department (MSD), a government institute under the Ministry of Health responsible for Production, Procurement, Storage and Distribution of Health Commodities to Public and authorized facilities. Since joining MSD in 2022, he has supported 8 Programs under the Ministry of health on ensuring health commodities are reaching to the final consumers on time. Prior to joining MSD, Elias Katani worked at MOH on IVD program as a Head of Logistics and Supply Chain Unit. He used to be individual consultant on Logistics and supply chain management for vaccines and related supplies. Katani has worked as a head of Logistics pillar under the MOH particularly during emergencies and outbreaks in the Country. He worked in the health sector under the PORALG office heading the position from Hospital Pharmacist to Council Pharmacist for more than Ten years. He holds a master's degree in Applied Epidemiology from Muhimbili University of Health and allied Sciences with several long and short courses in and outside the Country.



Dr. Kyangwe A. Wambura
WCF

Dr. Kyangwe Wambura holds a degree in Medicine and has specialized in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences.

He is currently working for Workers Compensation Fund – Tanzania. He has vast experiences in occupational accident and disease risk management comprising the whole scope from prevention, diagnosis, and disability assessment for compensation. For more than 10 years He has been involved in formulating operational Workers Compensation benefits Guidelines and rehabilitation services administration.



Dr. Eunice Kombe
Trucare Company Limited

Dr. Eunice Kombe is a rehabilitation scientist and prosthetics and orthotics (P&O) specialist in Tanzania, and the Founder and Director of Trucare Company Limited, a leading provider of P&O services. She recently completed her PhD at the University of Salford, UK, investigating access to prosthetic and orthotic services in Tanzania through a mixed-methods approach.

Dr. Kombe has over a decade of experience in clinical practice, teaching, and health systems research. She teaches undergraduate and diploma students in P&O, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy, and aims to expand her teaching into postgraduate rehabilitation programs. Her work focuses on improving service accessibility, strengthening local capacity, and implementing sustainable, innovative models for assistive technology delivery. Dr. Kombe collaborates with national and international partners to enhance rehabilitation services and is committed to bridging research, clinical practice, and entrepreneurship to advance equitable access to assistive devices in low-resource settings.

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Shammah Wema
Circleg

Customer Experience Manager at Circleg
With over five years of experience in prosthetics and assistive technology across Africa. He specializes in order processing and delivery, entrepreneurship, user-centric design, research, and advancing access to prosthetic services in low- and middle-income countries. His work spans user needs assessment, fundraising, government policy, and international trend analysis. Shammah has collaborated with organizations such as the International Trade Administration, USAID and Strathmore University. Known for his ability to connect with people, he combines innovation and empathy to improve prosthetic solutions.

Beyond his professional work, he is passionate about music and plays the guitar, piano, and drums.

REHABILITATION SUMMIT 2025

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Date: September 10th-12th, 2025

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINE

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SUBMISSION PROCESS:

Submit your abstract through the given e-mail address:

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IMPORTANT DATES	
Submission opens	29 th July, 2025
Submission deadline	22 nd August, 2025
Notification of outcome	28 th August, 2025
Confirmation of participation	03 rd September, 2025
Submission of soft copies-(PowerPoint Presentation)	08 th September, 2025
Date of the Summit	10 th - 12 th September, 2025

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Abstracts are invited that:

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Background	What was the context for the study/project? Why was it important that this project was undertaken?
Purpose	What was the major reason for undertaking the project?
Methods	What principles, methods/methodological approaches, materials did the project involve?
Results	Summarise the main findings from the analysis
Conclusion(s)	What can be concluded from the study? What are the suggestions for future work?
Implications	What are the implications of the project and how will the results be translated into rehabilitation practice/management/education/policy/disability

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- 03** **Keywords:** Use up to three (3) words to describe your work which are supplementary to the programme topic(s)
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