

INTERVENTIONS ON REHABILITATION

Chairperson, ladies and gentlemen thank you for opportunity to be able to present again on behalf of Uganda.

In order for rehabilitation to become a reality and achievable for Uganda and other developing countries, the following actions must be considered important

1. Multi-sectoral approach by the different stakeholders in MDA, associations and organizations of persons with disabilities and donors
2. Mapping out of the service providers for easy identification and referral
3. Re-equipping the orthopedic workshops especially those at regional and other local government hospitals and putting more in places where they are required
4. Know the number of persons or landmine survivors and victims that need rehabilitation
5. Put in place a medical and rehabilitation system that starts at the smallest unit of administration (parish with trained personnel)
6. Funding and creation of income generation activities, as well as inclusion in formal and informal employment of survivors for improved livelihoods and increased uptake of the rehabilitation services
7. Removal of barriers like taxation on the both assistive devices, and technology and on the equipment used to production
8. Awareness creation and capacity building for the service providers and the beneficiaries on the rights of the beneficiaries
9. Assessment of the rehabilitation needs of the beneficiaries to give timely and effective rehabilitation
10. Increasing the budget for both medical and social rehabilitation. This can be done through working with development partners and donors.
11. Working through the already existing strategies and structures in place to deliver the rehabilitation services such as the CBR structures and the organizations of persons with disabilities as well as the councils of persons with disabilities