

K4C PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The Ninsiima Project



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Project Description

In rural Uganda, most women have little access to education or money and are unaware of their rights. Many women accept domestic violence as a normal part of their lives. Ninsiima is one among the many that have been victims of domestic violence and caused public concern in Uganda. She lost both her hands, her right ear and vision in one eye as a result of an attack by her former husband. This situation is becoming more and more common in Uganda.

As part of K4C activities and with the involvement of Brian (a Professional fellow at Salford University visiting from Uganda) this project was introduced with an aim of building capacity that will greatly support victims of such violence in Uganda through the design and development of low-cost prosthetic devices. Salford University is providing continued support by running additional fellowships for Ugandan professionals and through the placement of UK students from a variety of study backgrounds.

About the Students Placements

The student placements related to this project in Uganda are aimed at building a community that will freely and effectively share knowledge around the field of prosthetics and orthotics, engineering, nutrition, physiotherapy and occupational therapy among others, all focusing at giving clients like Ninsiima a life suitable to live despite having lifelong disabilities and building capacity.

Among the activities involved are;

1. Engage in designing prostheses and orthoses for selected clients.
2. Involved in students' discussions.
3. Visit the different rehabilitation centers
4. Engage in research activities and meeting aimed at improving rehabilitation.
5. Gain required clinical exposure in the different rehabilitation clinics say clubfoot, polio, trauma to mention but a few.
6. Visit Ninsiima to follow-up on her progress.

Objectives

1. Creating an international collaborative platform.
2. Knowledge sharing on the prosthetic and orthotics.
3. Recruiting UK students suitable to visit Uganda and share their skills and experience in prosthetics and orthotics.

Quote

"If you have the knowledge, let others light their candle from it."

-Margaret Fuller

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