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AFRICAN ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF CENTRES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

ACTIVITY REPORT 2023



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As the year draws to a close, we extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you.

Thank you for making a difference to the lives of people with disabilities. Despite the challenges of 2023, we are delighted to share our activity report.

Many thanks to the entire OADCPH team for their commitment, which motivates all our actions.

As we turn the page on this year, we send you our very best wishes. May the New Year bring progress and success for all.

Together, let us continue to work towards a future where accessibility to assistive technologies in Africa becomes a tangible reality.

With our gratitude and best wishes, we thank you for your continued support and interest in our mission.

Acronyms and abbreviations

| | |
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| ANPH | National Agency for the Disabled |
| APAV | Association for the Care of Vulnerable Elderly People |
| APROSA | Action for Health Promotion |
| AVC | Cerebral Vascular Accident |
| CNAO | National Orthopaedic Fitting Centre |
| CKNDLA | Notre Dame de Lourdes Physical Therapy Center |
| CICR | International Committee of the Red Cross |
| CPH | Centre for the Disabled |
| Fablab | Manufacturing laboratory |
| FETAPH | Togolese Federation of Disabled People's Associations |
| GIP Togo | Green Industry Plast Togo |
| HI | Handicap International, Humanity & Inclusion |
| INFSS Mali | National Institute for Training in Health Sciences |
| IRPP | Personal Income Tax |
| OADCPH | African Organisation for the Development of Centres for People with Disabilities |
| ONG | non-governmental organisation |
| OMS | World Health Organization |
| PSH | Person with a disability |
| TA | Assistive Technology |
| 3D | Three-dimensional |
| PGI | Integrated management software package |
| RD Congo | Democratic Republic of Congo |
| STADD | African Science and Technology for Sustainable Development |

HISTORY

The Organisation Africaine pour le Développement des Centres pour Personnes Handicapées (OADCPH), is a non-governmental organization (NGO) unique in Africa. It was founded in 2011 and has been based in Togo, West Africa, since 2012. OADCPH is recognized as a public utility by the Togolese government, with which it signed a program agreement in 2015 and a headquarters agreement in 2018.

Today, OADCPH brings together over 90 member rehabilitation centers, professionals and structures in 34 African countries. It is open to all private and public players in the field of disability, as well as to organizations and institutions working in the field of disability in Africa.

OADCPH is governed by a Board of Directors made up of representatives of structures for people with disabilities, representatives of partners, and also supporters from different sectors of activity.

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

"OADCPH's raison d'être is to promote the right of access to low-cost, quality assistive technologies and rehabilitative care for a greater number of people with disabilities in Africa, on a sustainable basis. "

- **Helping to improve the quality of disability care in Africa**
- **Ensuring a reliable and secure supply of assistive technology in Africa**
- **Promoting the sustainability of rehabilitation facilities in Africa**
- **Supporting and building the capacities of disability stakeholders in Africa**



AREAS OF INTERVENTION

1 **Helping the most vulnerable access services**

Through this program, the OADCPH contributes to the care of the most vulnerable disabled people by providing them or their rehabilitation centers with equipment for their care.

The action of this section is twofold, in that it supports both the care of the most vulnerable disabled people, and the operation of rehabilitation centers in Africa.

Actions in this area are supported by the OADCPH's central purchasing unit, and partners.

3 **Purchasing for rehabilitation centers by central purchasing office**

Through its central purchasing office, OADCPH makes mobility aids, consumables, raw materials and rehabilitation equipment available in Africa, sourcing them from a range of international suppliers.

In this way, it facilitates procurement for its member rehabilitation centers and facilities in various African countries.

2 **Continuing training for rehabilitation professionals, service managers and administrative staff**

OADCPH is aware of the need to maintain and update the skills and knowledge of the various players, professional and otherwise, involved in the rehabilitation field, so that they continue to provide quality services, and thereby guarantee the long-term future of rehabilitation centers.

Since 2013, OADCPH has been organizing ongoing training courses for the various players coming from member countries, and today has a catalog of over 40 modules in orthopaedic devices, functional rehabilitation and management.

4 **Consulting support for service development and technical issues**

OADCPH is committed to the development of centers for people with disabilities in Africa, and as such offers its support and makes its experience and resources available to the various players involved in rehabilitation.

This support is ongoing and available to all OADCPH members and partners.

5 **The development of innovative solutions**

To overcome the multiple barriers faced by service providers in delivering quality services at an affordable price, and the obstacles encountered in accessing services by people in need, OADCPH seeks to develop and implement new products, new services, or new working models and methods.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Since 2015, OADCPH has been investing in the use of photovoltaic solar panels. It thus places the fight against global warming at the heart of its challenges and priorities, an important lever for sustainable development.

A strong commitment to the efficient use of energy and the reduction of our carbon footprint.

Today, OADCPH is 95% powered by this system. Regular maintenance and energy audits of the electrical and solar installations enable us to carry out a detailed assessment of the building's energy performance, guaranteeing efficient use of energy and a positive impact on the environment.

ACTIVITIES IN 2023

For OADCPH, 2023 was a year of recognition of its institutional legitimacy, marked by visits from several rehabilitation institutions from France, Mali, Senegal, DR Congo, Djibouti, Togo, Kenya and Ghana. The aim of these meetings was to optimize our partnerships, in line with our objectives of strengthening ties by 2023.

The project to manufacture walking sticks from recycled plastic, drafted by OADCPH, is currently being financed and will be implemented by GIP TOGO, our partner specializing in the recycling of plastic waste.

Our online platform, operational since 2022, now offers a wider range of products via a virtual catalog, simplifying the procurement process for professionals.

Collaboration with CNAO Dakar facilitated the enrolment of four Senegalese students at ENAM in Togo, reinforcing our inter-regional training initiatives.

OADCPH also supported a number of partner institutions in their administrative reorganization and project design with a view to seeking funding during the previous year.

This report also highlights the challenges we faced, guiding our outlook for the years ahead.

KEY FIGURES FOR 2023

| MEMBERS AND PARTNERS | | SUPPLY | |
|----------------------|---|--|---|
| 97 | members | 526 | supply requests received |
| 34 | countries served in Africa | 356 | confirmed supply requests |
| 04 | new partners | 170 | supply requests awaiting confirmation |
| FUNCTIONING | | LOGISTIC | |
| 11 | employees | 8 548,43 kg | equipment received |
| 07 | in-house training organized | 7 317, 93 kg | material delivered: |
| 02 | projects in progress | 5 950,16 kg 278, 57 kg 686,85 kg 297, 35 kg 5 kg | for West Africa for East Africa for Central Africa for South Africa for North Africa |
| DONATION | | SUPPORT | |
| 08 | partners in the project Donation | 09 | institutional support for members and partners (assistance with project drafting and administrative organization) |
| 23 | donation project relay | 09 | support for the creation of stock in |
| 08 | beneficiary countries | 04 | countries (Congo, Djibouti, Senegal, Togo) |
| 668 | donated components and support products | 50+ | technical supports |

INSTITUTIONS'S VISITS

The general aim of these visits was to get to know OADCPH better, in order to consolidate relations and explore new partnership opportunities. It was also an opportunity to visit some of OADCPH's partners.

- **Isabelle, HI's Director of Rehabilitation, and Valentine, a doctoral student from the Innovation for Humanity Alliance at Lomé**

This mission was part of Valentine's thesis, and enabled her to explore traditional orthopaedic centres and the OADCPH's 3D printing platform.

The OADCPH hosted the 3D printing platform for orthoses as part of the IMP&ACTE 3D project, involving Togo, Mali and Niger.

OADCPH played a key role in organising the mission and supported the Handicap International team throughout its stay.



Explanation of the 3D printing process by Fabrice, (3D technician/OADCPH) to Valentine

- **Mission to Lome by the Djibouti National Agency for Persons with Disabilities (ANPH),led by Mr MAHAD Ibrahim HASSAN, technical adviser to the ANPH Director General, and Mr SOUGEH Moussa Bouh, supervisor of the orthopaedic fittingand rehabilitation centre.**



Welcome to OADCPH



ANPH at FETAPH



ANPH at CNAO



ANPH at APROSA

- Mission to Lomé by the "functional rehabilitation department of Kinshasa hospital", led by Mr BAUDOUIN Kawe, director of the Kinshasa hospital rehabilitation center, and Mr Josue Bomba, the center's orthoprosthesis:



Welcome to OADCPH



Signing of partnership agreement

- Joint mission of INFSS Mali, CNAO Mali and ICRC in Lome. The delegation was made up of Bokary DIALLO, Director General of INFSS, Amadou DIALLO, Director General of CNAOM, and Martin HAKIZIMANA, ICRC representative.



Welcome to OADCPH



Visit to the OADCPH purchasing centre

- Mission of the CPH (Centre for persons with disabilities) Heri Kwetu Bukavu from the DRC to Lome, led by Sister Director Anne Marie.



Welcome to OADCPH



Visit to APROSA

- Mission from CNAO Dakar to Lome, led by Djibril BEYE, Director of the center, KOULONG Apissi-pye, orthoprosthesis and head of the orthopaedic-fitting department, and Alioune NDOYE, head of the physiotherapy department.



- Orthoprothetic students from St. Martin's Senior High Nsawam School in Ghana visit OADCPH :



- Visit to M. DIORES Kingsley, OTTOBOCK representative at OADCPH:



- Visit from Mr BEMAH Gado, Director of Green Industry Plast Togo and the NGO STADD to OADCPH :



- A delegation from APAV Togo visits OADCPH



HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE TO ACCESS REHABILITATION CARE

In Africa, the people with disabilities and vulnerable elderly people continue to face difficulties in accessing orthopaedic care and technical aids.

Throughout 2023, we have been working with our partners to respond to a number of requests in order to offer them opportunities equal to those of others, with the aim of building a more inclusive society.

OUR PARTNERS



- SLP
- ALCURA
- COUPLE TAVERNIER
- SM EUROPE

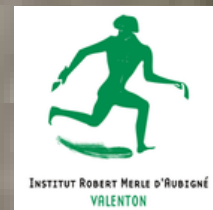


"Reuse of recycled components" with Humanity & Inclusion (Handicap International)

Since 2017, Handicap International has been supporting OADCPH to offer assistance products to disadvantaged people.

The organisation collects prostheses and other devices, recycles them in its workshop in France, and then OADCPH sends them to Togo for redistribution across Africa.

This project strengthens OADCPH's "Support for access to services" initiative, by contributing to the care of vulnerable disabled people in Africa and to the running of rehabilitation centres.



Reuse of recycled components for amputees outside the United States with Penta Medical Recycling

Penta Medical Recycling, an American charity, reuses used prostheses for amputees outside the United States.

Acting as a bridge between waste and need, it donates prosthetic limbs to organizations capable of adapting them to patients.

Having operated in Vietnam, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Guatemala, Penta Medical Recycling has been working with OADCPH since 2021, providing recycled components to help vulnerable disabled people in Africa.



Assistance products received

668

donated assistance products

| PRODUCTS | DETAILS | NBRE | ASSISTANCE PRODUCTS DONATED AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES |
|--|--|------|--|
| Components for orthopedic devices and accessories | Anchors, adapters, feet, knees, silicone sleeves, caps, tubes, sheaths. | 570 | COMPONENTS FOR ORTHOSES/PROSTHESES AND ACCESSORIES: Feet, knees, sleeves, anchors, adapters, tubes, caps and sheaths for amputees, eva foam, femoral prosthesis kit |
| Support and restraint equipment | Chest bands, shoulder blocks, knee braces, ankle braces, hernias, wrist splints, thumb wrist splints, knee splints, various support belts, cervical collars, clavicular blocks, shoulder pads. | 33 | SUPPORT AND RESTRAINT EQUIPMENT: Support belts, knee braces, foot lifters |
| | | 65 | MOBILITY AIDS: Wheelchairs, walking sticks, shoes for diabetics. |
| | | 8 | BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES Togo, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Benin, Senegal, Niger, Mali, Congo |

23

participating centres,
professionals

in

8

countries

| | |
|----|---------------------|
| 2 | BENIN |
| 3 | BURKINA FASO |
| 1 | IVORY COAST |
| 1 | NIGER |
| 1 | SENEGAL |
| 12 | TOGO |
| 1 | CONGO |
| 2 | MALI |

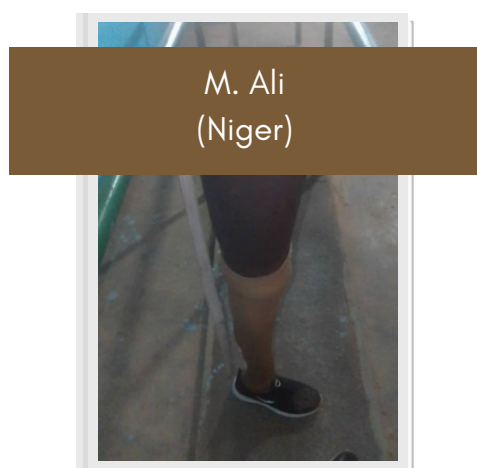
Some beneficiaries:



Yenambi, a young Togolese student, unfortunately lost his left leg in a road accident. Yenambi was able to receive a prosthesis thanks to salvaged components

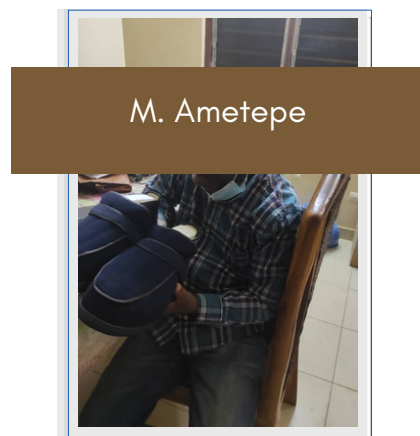


An amputee for several years following a road accident, Mr Salifou was unable to have a prosthesis fitted for lack of funds. Mr Salifou can now stand again with his prosthesis, made entirely from recycled components.



Mr Ali, a patient at the ANPAO center in Niger, has finally been able to replace his old prosthesis thanks to recycled components.

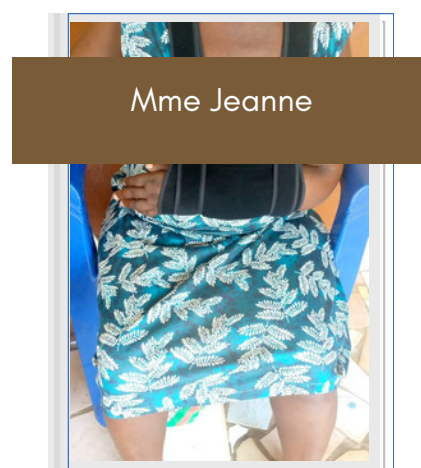
Through APAV Togo, a partner of OADCPH, several vulnerable elderly people in Togo benefit from donations of assistance products made from recycled components.



Diagnosed with diabetes in 2014, Mr AMETEPE, aged 73, benefited from specially adapted footwear.



Mr Koffi had already suffered a fall in the shower, which left him with serious after-effects, and received a shower stool, knee support and support bar.



Mrs Jeanne, 64, paralysed following a stroke, received a set of walking aids, a lumbar belt and an immobilisation sling.

TESTIMONIAL

Aged 65, Dame Florence is a courageous woman who has been affected by hemiplegia since 2009. The past 15 years have been a daily battle, hampering her freedom of movement. All she wanted was a cane to help her get around.

Her deepest wish has been more than fulfilled thanks to the donations of salvaged components. Joy and satisfaction now light up Dame Florence's face.

The cane, like a faithful companion, offers her a new perspective on mobility, a rebirth for her.

However, the after-effects of the disease persist. His left arm remains inert, a constant reminder of the relentless fight against hemiplegia. To alleviate this difficulty, a sling was generously donated, providing essential support for her shoulder and stabilising the movement of her arm. This thoughtful gesture demonstrates a deep understanding of Dame FLORENCE's specific needs.

In addition to the cane and sling, a walker has been added to her arsenal of support. A valuable ally for those times when extra stability is needed, giving Dame FLORENCE the confidence to explore the world around her.

Through these kind gestures and the use of recycled components OADCPH and APAV-TOGO have breathed new life into Dame FLORENCE. Her poignant testimony resonates like a hymn to new-found hope.



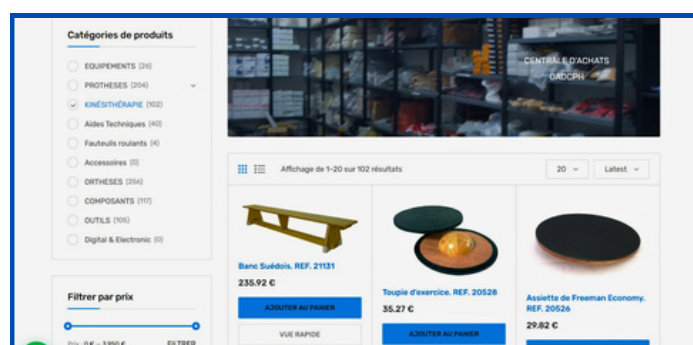
[Other donation images](#)

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

OADCPH supported its member and partner structures in a number of ways. OADCPH offers day-to-day support to its member rehabilitation centers and professionals.

OADCPH's online platform of assistance products is an effective support tool that shortens the procurement process:

This year, OADCPH has also launched a catalog of mobility aids, featuring different categories of wheelchairs and accessories, walking sticks and frames, walkers and home equipment for the disabled and elderly.



Online assistance product platform

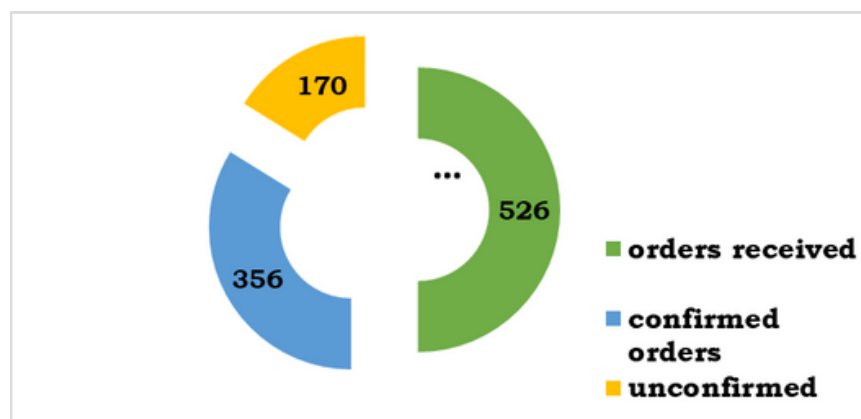


[Mobility assistance catalogue](#)

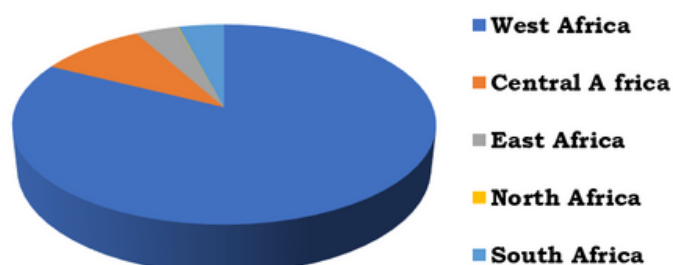
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| Support in drafting projects and seeking funding | 03 |
| Administrative management support | 01 |
| Support for the organisation and management of rehabilitation centres | 05 |
| Provision of a stock of equipment for rehabilitation centres to facilitate access to affordable equipment and flexible reimbursement. | 09 |
| Various accompaniments | 10 + |
| Support, advice, monitoring and evaluation | 50 + and continuous |

SUPPLY OF ASSISTANCE PRODUCTS IN AFRICA

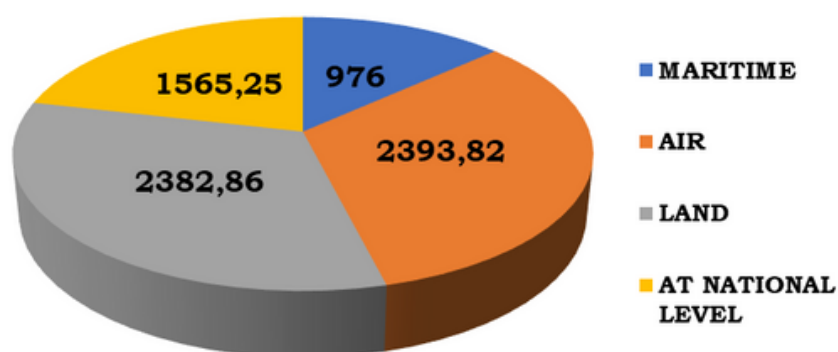
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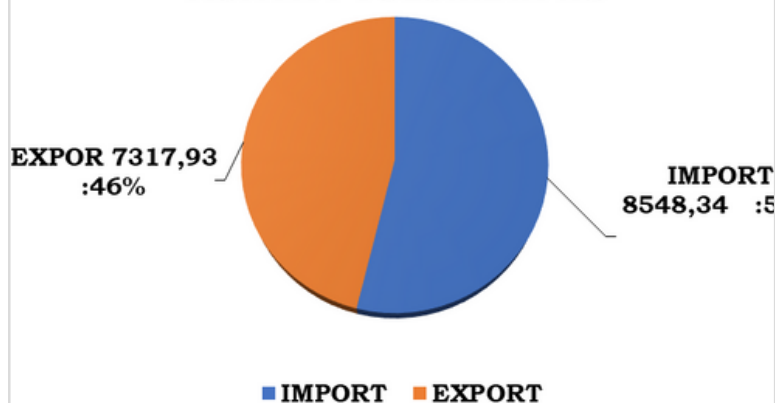
REPRESENTATION OF OUR SHIPMENTS BY ZONE



TRANSPORTATION ROAD



ACTIVITY VOLUME IN KG



HOW THE OADCPH OPERATES

- **Audit of the 2022 accounts**

For the year 2022, the OADCPH was audited by R2M Audit from France. The audit took place from 1 to 10 February 2023, and the firm subsequently certified the OADCPH's accounts.



Work session with R2M

- **In-house staff training**

Each year, and according to a pre-established schedule, staff benefit from training given internally by themselves or by external experts.

OADCPH has introduced an internal training policy to encourage staff to improve their skills and share their knowledge.

This year, 07 in-house training courses were organized on :

- IRPP calculation
- setting up an associative central purchasing unit
- creating an invoice with Excel
- the difference between bills of lading and bills of exchange.
- charging in accounting
- how to use the drive
- using social networks

A few images



- **OADCPH staff and management**

OADCPH currently has a staff of 12, including an executive director and 11 employees working in four departments:

- Secretariat
- Human Resources and Projects
- Finance and accounting
- Procurement
- Logistics

The life of the OADCPH is driven by weekly meetings that allow the team to take stock of activities and stay on course to achieve its objectives

If necessary, a number of other meetings and working sessions are organised to share information and reflect on specific issues.

• The OADCPH Staff Solidarity Fund (CSPO)

The solidarity fund is based on the principle of mutual aid between OADCPH staff.

Its purpose is to support and assist staff facing temporary economic difficulties. It is also used for both fortunate and unfortunate events affecting staff.

- **It operates according to the allocation of**
- **honor loans**
- **donations for social events (births, weddings, bereavements, etc.)**

Financing

The solidarity Fund is funded by a monthly contribution from staff and the director, as well as subsidies from the OADCPH.

Governance

The solidarity fund office has been set up to manage the aid scheme.

The office receives applications and informs all fund members, who then make the decision to award financial assistance.

The fund has its own articles of association and internal rules governing its operations.

Regular meetings are organised to review the activities carried out.

SOME OF THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS



Participation in the conference-debate on "Political and civic participation of people with disabilities" organised by FETAPH



Special national sports day 1st edition organised by MASPFA, MSL and FETAPH



Partner in the "Noel sans Handicap" organised by the CNAO L



Support for the "Plegic Camp" neuro-rehabilitation camp organised by the CKNDLA physiotherapy centre

CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES IN 2023

Over the period covered by this report, a number of challenges have emerged which have had an impact on our outlook.

The difficulties listed in 2022 have not, however, been resolved, and for the most part represent challenges that we are still seeking to overcome. The main difficulties encountered include.

- Budgetary constraints:
We faced unexpected financial restrictions which had an impact on the planning and execution of certain projects. Effective management of financial resources was crucial to maintaining our operational momentum.

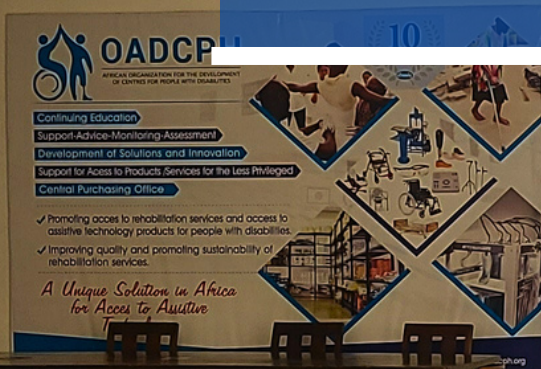
- Lack of resources to prepay orders with our suppliers and step up activities remains topical.
- Transit and customs charges are still high for orthopedic equipment, which is still not considered a medical product and is therefore taxed according to the normal nomenclature.
- Despite the signing of contracts to guarantee a return on the activities carried out with donation products, we are still finding it difficult to gather the necessary information from rehabilitation centers and professionals.

OUR OUTLOOK

The efforts begun in 2023 will continue in all areas, particularly in strengthening partnerships.

- OADCPH will be continuing its discussions with ATscale by providing support for a strategic document on the needs and actions to be carried out in the coming years.
- OADCPH will also seek to establish new partnerships while strengthening its relationships with existing partners in order to increase its influence and effectiveness in promoting access to assistive technologies and rehabilitation services.

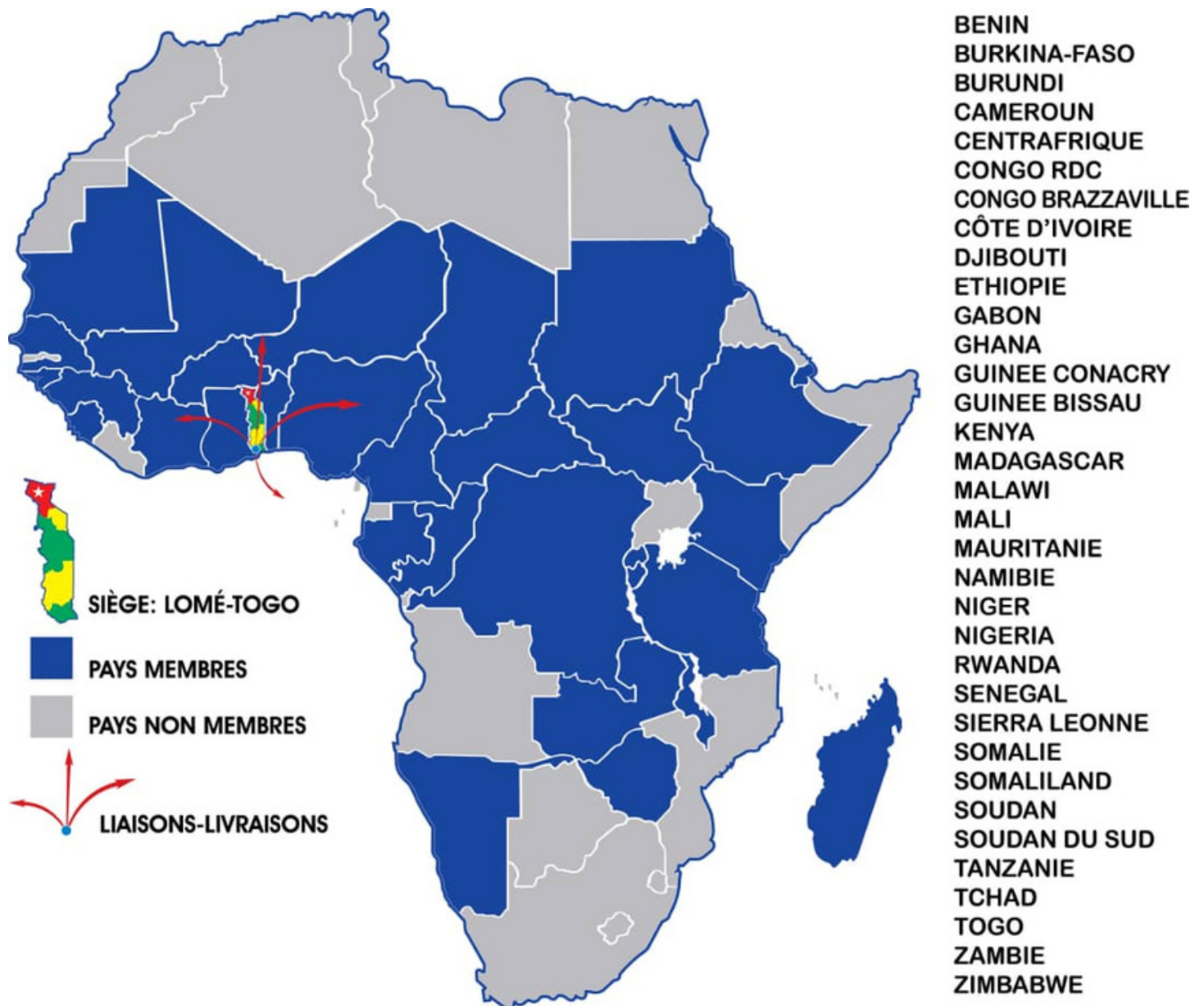
MEMBERS AND PARTNERS



THE MEMBERS

OADCPH members are rehabilitation centres, disability stakeholders, organisations and institutions working in the field of disability in Africa.

It now has over 90 member centres in more than 34 African countries.



THE PARTNERS



OADCPH is recognised in Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Niger and Burundi, through partnership agreements and receipts with various ministries.



- IRMA Valenton
- Aqualég



Other partners:



- SM EUROPE
- Alcura
- Couple PERIER
- Alfaset
- Physiomed
- Centrimex
- Ugani
- Miraclefeet
- PWS
- Groupe GATO
- Bolloré Logistic
- Asky
- Ethiopian Airlines
- Air Côte d'Ivoire
- CPBV Mali
- CNAO Mali
- DHL
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