



OADCPH

AFRICAN ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF CENTRES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A Unique Solution in Africa for Access to
Assistive Technology!

SUMMARY OF SEMESTERLY ACTIVITIES

From January to June 2025

PRESENTATION

The African Organisation for the Development of Centres for Persons with Disabilities (OADCPH) is a unique social enterprise in Africa. It was founded in 2011 and has been based in Togo, West Africa, since 2012. The OADCPH is recognised as a public utility by the Togolese government, with which it signed a programme agreement in 2015 and a headquarters agreement in 2018.

OADCPH now brings together more than 90 member centres, professionals and rehabilitation structures in 34 African countries. It is open to all private and public actors in the field of disability, as well as organisations and institutions working in the field of disability in Africa.

The OADCPH is governed by a board of directors composed of representatives of organisations for persons with disabilities, representatives of partners, and supporters from various sectors of activity.

❖ MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The OADCPH pursues a social mission to promote the right of access to quality, low-cost assistive technologies and rehabilitation care for as many people with disabilities in Africa as possible, in a sustainable manner.

In order to support its activities, it provides goods and services through its purchasing centre.

Specifically, OADCPH works to:

- Help improve the quality of care services for people with disabilities in Africa,
- Ensuring a reliable and secure supply system for assistive technology in Africa,
- Promote the sustainability of care structures for people with disabilities in Africa,
- Support and strengthen the capacities of actors working in the field of disability in Africa

❖ AREAS OF INTERVENTION

OADCPH operates in five main areas:

ASSISTANCE IN ACCESSING SERVICES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE:

Through this programme, OADCPH helps care for the most vulnerable people with disabilities by providing them or rehabilitation centres with equipment for their care.

This area of work is two fold in that it supports both the care of the most vulnerable people with disabilities and the running of rehabilitation centres in Africa.

The actions in this component are supported by the OADCPH's central purchasing department and partners, mainly Handicap International and the Penta Group.

CONTINUING TRAINING FOR REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS, SERVICE MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The OADCPH is aware of the need to maintain and update the skills and knowledge of the various actors, both professional and non-professional, involved in the field of rehabilitation, so that they can continue to provide quality services and there by guarantee the sustainability of rehabilitation centres.

Since 2013, the OADCPH has been organising continuing education courses for various stakeholders from member countries and now has a catalogue of more than 40 modules on assistive devices, functional rehabilitation and management.

ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANISATION

The OADCPH is committed to developing centres for people with disabilities in Africa and, as such, offers its support and shares it's experience and resources with various stakeholders in the field of rehabilitation.

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

DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

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

SUPPLYING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN AFRICA

Through it's associative purchasing centre, the OADCPH makes assistive technologies available in Africa by sourcing them from various international suppliers. It thus facilitates acquisition for it's various members in different African countries.

ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2025

This half-yearly report provides a brief summary of the activities carried out over the last six months. The annual report at the end of 2025 will provide an excellent opportunity to find out more about all our achievements throughout the year.

❖ KEY FIGURES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR

<u>MEMBERS AND PARTNERS</u>		<u>SUPPLY</u>	
110	Members	235	supply requests received
03	New members	150	supply requests confirmed
34	countries served in Africa	85	pending supply requests
<u>OPERATIONS</u>		<u>LOGISTICS</u>	
11	employees	2 873 Kg	of equipment received
		3 700 Kg	of equipment delivered
		3 568 Kg	in West Africa
		133 kg	in Central Africa
<u>SUPPORT FOR STOCK BUILD-UP</u>		<u>DONATION</u>	
13	Beneficiary organisations in three countries (Togo, Chad, Benin)	02 14 459	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Donor partnersRelays (participating rehabilitation centres and structures) in 5 countries (Togo, Senegal, Benin, Ivory Coast, Mali)Components and Assistance provided
<u>ADVICE AND SUPPORT</u>			
More than 100 support sessions :		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Project development and fundraisingStrengthening the operation of rehabilitation centresTechnical support for rehabilitation centresStrategic support for members and partners	

❖ OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

➤ Funding for the project to expand and refurbish the storage of OADCPH assistive technologies.

OADCPH has received a second grant from Japanese cooperation to carry out this new project, which aims to improve its logistics management. The agreement with Japan, represented by its acting business manager, Mr SUGI YAMA Hiroki, was signed on 6 March in the presence of the authorities and partners.

Work is currently underway, and we have already received a first visit from the new consultant from the Japanese Embassy to assess progress.



Signing ceremony for the agreement between OADCPH and Japan, represented by Mr SUGI YAMA Hiroki



Visit by Ms Aya, the new consultant from the Japanese Embassy
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➤ Participation in the Global Disability Summit: GDS 2025

From 1 to 3 April 2025, the OADCPH took part in the Global Disability Summit (GDS 2025) in Berlin, an international event that brought together more than 4,500 participants from over 100 countries.

Thanks to the support of GIZ Togo and ATscale, the OADCPH joined the Togolese delegation and took part in a study mission that included visits to Berlin institutions, as well as all the summit sessions and discussions.

ATscale also supported the organisation's visibility by facilitating the setting up of a dedicated exhibition stand, thereby helping to strengthen its presence and influence internationally.



OADCPH stand at GDS 2025

Togolese delegation and GIZ teams (GIZ headquarters, South Africa and Burkina Faso)

ATscale CEO Pascal BULEVELD at the OADCPH stand

➤ Feedback workshop on GDS 2025

This workshop, organised on 16 May 2025 by the Ministry of Social Action, followed the Togolese delegation's participation in the GDS 2025 in Berlin. It aimed to share lessons learned from the study trip in order to strengthen national policies for the inclusion of persons with disabilities. The OADCPH actively contributed to the preparation of the workshop and sat on the presidium, there by facilitating the proceedings.

➤ Visit by ANESVAD and ONCE partners

The project to manufacture walking sticks from recycled plastic waste, initiated by OADCPH and implemented by GIP TOGO, was visited by partners ANESVAD (donor) and ONCE (*Spanish National Organisation for the Blind*). A working session bringing together the various stakeholders at GIP TOGO provided an opportunity to review the progress of the project and explore new opportunities for collaboration.

The delegation also paid an exploratory visit to the OADCPH headquarters. For most of them, this was their first time visiting the organisation, which sparked discussions about possible future partnerships in Africa.

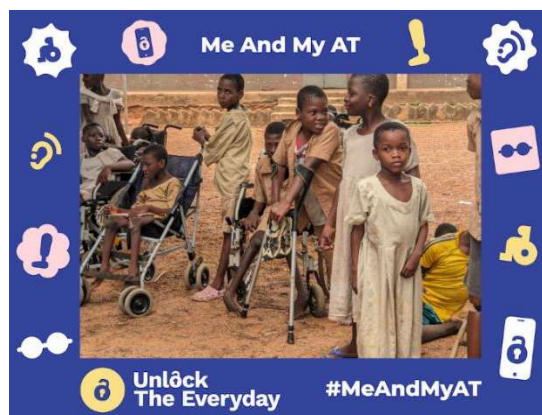


➤ 4 JUNE: World Assistive Technology Day

On World Assistive Technology Day, initiated by ATscale and themed "Me and My AT" this year, the OADCPH organised a dynamic awareness week for its members and partners. On this occasion, a delegation visited the Saint Louis Don Orione Community Hospital in Bombouaka, located in the Savanes region in northern Togo. This centre specialises in the care and treatment of children and young people with disabilities. (*The mission report is attached.*)



World Assistive Technology Day at the Saint Louis Don Orione Centre in Bombouaka



➤ Visit to the HPO branch in Abomey-Calavi (BENIN)

As a partner of OADCPH, the Belgian association **Humanitarian Prosthetists and Orthotists (HPO)**, which specialises in 3D printing for medical devices, welcomed OADCPH to its branch in Abomey-Calavi, Benin. This meeting, marked by an impressive discovery of HPO's achievements, aimed to strengthen their collaboration and explore joint initiatives. HPO President Roberto Postelmans is a recognised expert in 3D printing.



Discovering the 3D workshop of Humanitarian Prosthetists and Orthotists (HPO) in Benin

➤ Visit by ENAM students

As part of its partnership with ENAM, OADCPH organises an immersion visit for students every year.

This open day is a unique opportunity for them to discover the world of the OADCPH, visit the assistive technology warehouse, talk to the organisation's various departments, and explore the solutions, products and suppliers available in the field of rehabilitation.

The OADCPH thus reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the capacities of future professionals and promoting greater awareness of accessible assistive technologies in Africa.



Visit by ENAM students to OADCPH

➤ Assistance in accessing services for the most vulnerable

Through its "Assistance with access to rehabilitation care for the most vulnerable" programme, the OADCPH has been working for nearly 10 years to promote the inclusion of vulnerable people with disabilities in Africa. Each year, nearly 1,000 assistive devices are made available for their care, thanks to the association's purchasing centre and donor partners, notably **Handicap International and the Penta Group**.

From January to June 2025:

ASSISTIVE DEVICES DONATED	43
COMPONENTS FOR ORTHESES/PROSTHESES AND ACCESSORIES: Feet, knees, anchors, adapters, tubes, caps, sheaths for amputees, silicone, clubfoot shoes, biplatrix, arm prostheses	214
SUPPORT AND RESTRAINT EQUIPMENT: Support belts, compression bands, knee immobilisation splints, ankle braces, cervical collars, wrist splints, elbow pads, knee pads, foot lifters	164
MOBILITY AIDS: Walking sticks, shoes for diabetics. Massage ointments	61

Some beneficiaries:

- **NGO Handicapé prothèse (Disabled Prosthetics):**

Handicapé Prothèse is a Beninese non-profit NGO working at the community level to promote the inclusion of vulnerable and disadvantaged people with disabilities. It strives to improve their quality of life by facilitating access to rehabilitation care and supporting their independence, in particular through small grants from its own resources.

OADCPH supports the NGO's work in several villages in Benin through donations of assistive technology for vulnerable populations:



Barnabé was a motorcycle taxi driver in the town of Zakpota (Benin). He had to have his leg amputated after being bitten by a snake. His only means of getting around was a makeshift stick. He has been given a pair of crutches and will soon receive a prosthetic leg from the NGO Handicap Prothèse.



After returning from Nigeria to his village in the municipality of Zakpota in Benin, Désiré hoped to rebuild his life after spending time searching for better opportunities. Unfortunately, a tragic road accident while crossing the road disrupted his plans. Due to a lack of resources, he was unable to access appropriate care, which led to the amputation of his leg. Until recently, he was getting around with worn-out crutches that he wanted to replace. Today, Désiré has received a new pair of crutches, and the NGO is committed to mobilising the necessary resources to enable him to be fitted with prosthetic legs in the near future.

- **Donations of assistive products to the Saint Louis Don Orione centre in Bombouaka**



A partner of OADCPH, the Saint Louis Don Orione centre in Bombouaka has benefited from the organisation's support for several years, particularly through its "Access for the most vulnerable" programme.

On World Assistive Technology Day, the centre received a significant donation of assistive components and products to improve the care it provides to its users.

- **Amy, from Mali**

After losing a leg in an accident, Amy, a Malian shopkeeper, set out in search of a better prosthesis.

Refusing to give up, she sold her last cow and travelled to Togo, where she received support from OADCPH, including accommodation, referrals for prosthetic care, donations of components and support.

Thanks to this support, Amy is walking again and has returned to Mali to continue her rehabilitation.

➤ **Supply and distribution of assistive products**

From January to June 2025:

Equipment received	2 873 kg
Equipment delivered	3 700 kg

Distribution in Africa

West Africa	3 568 kg
Central Africa	133 Kg

Provisioning for members:

Supply requests received	235
Confirmed supply requests	150
Supply requests awaiting confirmation	85
Contention stock made available	13

➤ **Advisory support**

OADCPH provides daily support to rehabilitation stakeholders in Africa through:

Activities	Achievements
Project development and fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personalised assistance with project drafting. • Organisation of meetings with the funding provider • Organisation of visits by the donor to the beneficiaries' sites
Strengthening centre operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and analysis of capacity-building needs • Provision of consultants/trainers to support and strengthen the capacities of centre professionals • Support for the implementation of consultancy and training missions • Organisation of off-site training
Technical advice for rehabilitation centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on product selection • Support for discovering new technologies and new ranges of existing products
Strategic support for members and partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on centre management and organisation

Some key activities:

- **Support for the APSPT association**

The OADCPH actively supports *the Association des Personnes de la Santé Physique du Togo (APSPT)*, which specialises in orthopaedic equipment, in its restructuring. This support includes:

- updating administrative documents,
- networking with other stakeholders,
- providing ongoing administrative support,
- and advice on the overall management of the association.

Many initiatives are in the pipeline and OADCPH will continue to support the APSPT association.

- **Support for the Beninese NGO "Handicapé Prothèse"**

As part of its efforts to strengthen the capacities of the Beninese NGO *Handicapé Prothèse*, which works with poor and vulnerable people with disabilities in the most remote areas of Benin, where prosthetic care remains inaccessible, OADCPH organised an assessment mission. The assessment, carried out by *the Association des Personnes de la Santé Physique du Togo (APSPT)*, which specialises in orthopaedics, identified the real needs on the ground and considered concrete ways to improve the care provided to beneficiaries.



Visit to the facilities of the NGO "Handicapé Prothèse" by the APSPT association

In return, the NGO "*Handicapé Prothèse*" visited the APSPT association's orthopaedic workshop in Lomé, which generously donated equipment.

- **Presentation of 3D printing to future rehabilitation professionals at ENAM by the Humanitarian Prosthetists and Orthotists (HPO) association in Benin**

Following a visit to the facilities of the Humanitarian Prosthetists and Orthotists (HPO) association in Benin, which specialises in 3D printing for prosthetics, the OADCPH organised, in

partnership with ENAM and HPO, a demonstration mission in Lomé. This initiative enabled learners to discover 3D technology, generating keen interest that paves the way for future introductory programmes to this innovative technique.

- **Support for fundraising**

The OADCPH makes its network of partners available to local social actors and assists them in preparing their funding applications. The OADCPH's open collaboration with its partners, particularly the Japanese cooperation, is an opportunity for the organisations it recommends. In the first half of this year, four organisations have already benefited from OADCPH support and are expected to receive a visit from the Japanese Cooperation Agency as part of the selection process.

❖ HOW THE OADCPH WORKS

The OADCPH operates through five departments under the supervision of the Executive Management:

- the secretariat,
- human resources and projects
- accounting,
- procurement
- logistics.

The team currently has 12 members, including one Executive Director.

The staff runs an internal training programme that promotes the sharing of information and skills.

- **Online training on ETHNOCARE technology**

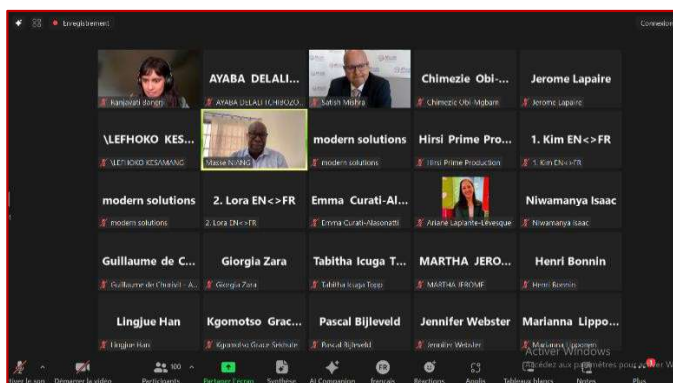
The OADCPH team has undergone training in the use of the OVERLAY knee brace, an ETHNOCARE technology, in order to understand how it works and better assist its members in their choice. ETHNOCARE develops innovative orthopaedic prostheses designed to reduce heat and offer a tailor-made fit, thereby improving user comfort.

- **The OADCPH Staff Solidarity Fund (CSPO):**

Based on mutual aid, the CSPO supports employees experiencing financial difficulties or social events. It offers interest-free loans and solidarity grants, financed by staff contributions, the Director and subsidies from the OADCPH.

The fund is managed by an elected committee, which consults members on all allocations of assistance, in accordance with internal regulations.

❖ OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



OADCPH participated as a panellist in the webinar **"Guidance for Market Entry in AT: Focus on select African countries"** organised by ATscale.



As every year, a team from OADCPH took part in the 2nd edition of **"SPORT SANS BARRIERE"** (Sport Without Barriers) with FETAPH.



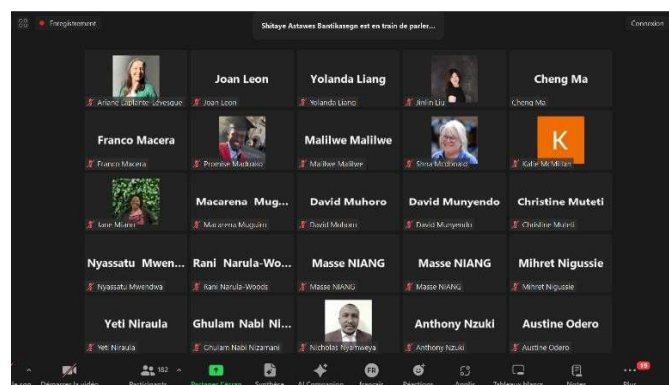
Session of work with association, the E.S.A "Enfant-Surdité-Avenir" (Child-Deafness-Future), which works to improve the living conditions of children and young people with hearing impairments in Togo.



Working session between stakeholders involved in the project to manufacture walking sticks from recycled plastic waste.



OADCPH participated in the SOLFERINO back-to-school event, organised by the Avépozo branch of the Red Cross in Togo.



Participation by OADCPH in webinar **"Insights into the Assistive Products Demand Landscape"** organised by ATscale.

OUR CURRENT PARTNERS



OADCPH est reconnue au Togo, Bénin, Burkina Faso, Sénégal, Niger, Burundi, à travers des conventions de partenariat et récépissés avec les différents ministères.



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