

# **Professional Associations in Uganda Leveling Up Continuing Professional Development Through Collaborative Clinical Rehabilitation Skills Training**

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# Background of the interprofessional Clinical Rehabilitation Skills Training

- Professional rehabilitation associations in Uganda are tasked to offer CPD opportunities to their members.
- This is aimed at promoting and strengthening culturally relevant, evidence-based practice (EBP).



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# Background of the interprofessional Clinical Rehabilitation Skills Training

- The idea of a collaborative hybrid CPD clinical skills training program was to enable the different rehabilitation professionals share different perspectives, knowledge and skills.
- The PT, OT,SLT OTT associations participated in the training.



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## Description of the Hybrid CST

- Features structured online and in-person learning
- Offers an innovative and interprofessional approach that facilitates connections to expert knowledge and resources.
- Can be integrated into the local context and be conducted asynchronously with rehabilitation professionals around the country.



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## Description of the collaborative work done by Professional Associations in Uganda



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# Platforms

- Physiopedia Plus <https://members.physio-pedia.com/>
- Rehabilitation Community <https://community.physio-pedia.com/>
- Google Meets for mentoring meetings



# Interprofessional CST



## Ongoing Activities

- Professional associations implementing clinical skills training for members of their associations, on topics identified during training needs analysis
- Local mentors recruited to participate in the training
- Trainings on non-clinical topics such as research in process of being planned
- Sustainability and funding approaches being explored



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## Ongoing Activities

SLT



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OT



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## Implications for the future

- Hybrid clinical skills training is a promising interprofessional approach enabling professions to learn from and with each other.
- The training program can be planned and implemented by professional associations, healthcare facilities and rehabilitation professionals in any context to meet CPD requirements and the needs of the local community.



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