



STATEMENT BY THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
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**Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the
General Assembly on Strengthening Rehabilitation in Health System**

Chairperson, In Tanzania, the demand for rehabilitation services has been increasing due to the growing burden of non-communicable diseases, injuries from road traffic accidents, congenital conditions, aging populations, and other chronic health conditions.

Efforts have been made to integrate rehabilitation services into all levels of care. Rehabilitation services at the community level are provided mostly by Community Base Rehabilitation Centers. We have continued to strengthen the rehabilitation data collection system under supervision of WHO expertise, where by the Rehab HMIS system was developed and was integrated into electronic medical record used for data collection in Secondary and Primary Health care facilities. In addition, to ensure the availability of Assistive Products is taken into account, we have prepared a National Priority List for Assistive Technology which comprises a total of 160 products in align with the WHO-Priority List for Assistive Products.

Tanzania has included rehabilitation services in health insurance schemes and this has reduced out of pocket payments for therapy sessions and purchasing of assistive devices.

Tanzania stands firmly in favor of embracing the Political Declaration on Strengthening rehabilitation, along with its ambitious targets. We call upon the secretariat to steadfastly support Member States in tackling the growing challenge posed by injuries from road traffic accident, aging population and Non-Communicable Diseases.

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