



Profiles in Rehabilitation Leadership:

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Strengthening rehabilitation and assistive technology

The GRLI course content was rich in information required for advocacy, planning, and program implementation. My work involves interfacing with many stakeholders, including policymakers, rehabilitation professionals, primary health care professionals, and other actors implementing rehabilitation programs. The course gave me the knowledge and motivation to do more for my country. The knowledge gained from the GRLI has helped me contextualize rehabilitation and assistive technology, hence gaining buy-in from different stakeholders on integrating these services into Uganda's health system.

Growing careers and networks

After completing the course, I decided to transition from my previous job as a manager of Adina Foundation Uganda, a non-profit organization implementing rehabilitation programs, to the Uganda Assistive Technology Technical Coordinator for Momentum Wheels for Humanity as part of the USAID-funded ReLAB-HS activity. In my new position, I am able to influence policy directions.

Cultivating leaders

My rehabilitation training as a physiotherapist prepared me to handle patient issues with the utmost care, and the GRLI strengthened these skills by enhancing my ability to perform tasks effectively. The course contributed to my professional development by providing a well-rounded skill set that is valuable to the leadership position I hold with ReLAB-HS. Unlike before, I feel my management skills have improved, I am a better advocate for the profession and the patients, I take evidence-based practice more seriously, and am playing my part in the ever-evolving rehabilitation landscape in Uganda. Being able to look at rehabilitation broadly and not narrowing it to only persons with disabilities or patients at facilities makes me better at seeing rehabilitation through the systems thinking lens.

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