MY EXPERIENCE BEING DISABLED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY:

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MY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

• I was born in 1978
• Grown up in Tanga region in Tanzania
• I finished my secondary school 1998 in Kilimanjaro region.
• Trained as motor vehicle mechanics' for 8 months.
MY DISABILITY

• 2\textsuperscript{nd} January 2000 I got my disability.
• 5\textsuperscript{th} January 2000 admitted at KCMC Hospital for rehabilitation services.
• Diagnosed spinal injured at lumber 1 incomplete.
• Stayed in the hospital for eight months
• I got discharged in 16\textsuperscript{th} August 2000
SITUATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN TANZANIA.

• The August 2002 Population and housing censes carried a question on disability.
• Official result are not yet known.
• According to WHO formula of 1 in 10 being person with disabilities.
• Tanzania with Population (2002) of 34,569,232
• Tanzania estimated to have 3,346,900 people with disabilities.
## TABLE OF DISABILITIES CATEGORIZED.

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<th>TYPE OF DISABILITIES</th>
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<td>Physical impaired</td>
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WHEELCHAIR V/S TRICYCLE

• There is no clear data been produced.
• Most polio cases prefer tricycles
• Mostly produced in Dar-es-salaam, Mwanza and Arusha.
• Wheelchair has been used since 1970s in the hospitals
• Since 1996 to date wheelchair has been popular.
IMPORTANCE OF TRICYCLE AND WHEELCHAIR

• Many people prefer tricycles because of traveling long distances, carrying small business in they tric.
• Also others prefer wheelchairs for indoor use, offices and going to school.
• By medical advice
DISCRIMINATION

• People with disability face numerous challenges in their daily life and daunting barriers when they attempt to realize equal opportunities
• These include:
  • Environment/access barriers
  • Legal/institutional barriers
  • Attitudinal barrier
  • Social exclusion.
ENVIRONMENT STATUS

- Rough roads
- Uneven grounds
- Narrow doors
- Paved roads
- Public building are not accessible
- Mud during rain
- SEE PICTURES.