

# St Swithuns Church, Sandy - Project 2020 Chanchaga Orthopaedic Workshop, Nigeria

## Project Background

Nigeria has an estimated 25 million people with disabilities, many of them needing disability assistive technology to improve functionality. However, access to assistive technology remains a wish for the majority of people with disabilities, especially the over 50,000 people affected by leprosy with various forms of disabilities. High costs, discrimination, and lack of orthopaedic facilities unfortunately mean that most of those disabled by leprosy will never get access to assistive devices or prosthetics.



*The workshop provides clients with independence and hope, not just mobility aids.*



non-leprosy affected people to challenge and remove the leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission realised that there was a great need for more support to ensure that leprosy affected people were able to retain their independence and livelihoods. Chanchaga Orthopaedic Workshop was established in 2002 to answer this need. Each year they provide over 1,800 with orthopaedic services and assistive technology.

Their clients come from across the country, and their reputation for high quality prosthetics and professional services has attracted contracts from the Nigerian army to provide prosthetics for injured soldiers. This work has both boosted the reputation of the workshop and provided some of funding required to keep the facilities running.

*The team at Chanchaga pride themselves on producing the highest quality prosthetics possible.*

By treating leprosy affected people alongside the workshop also helps stigma associated with

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### Project Activities

They provide:-

- High quality orthopaedic consultations, considering both the physical disabilities and the needs of patients.
- Providing assistive devices such as crutches, specialised footwear and wheelchairs.
- Creating customised leg and foot prosthetics – in 2020 the workshop will be expanding its services to allow the team to produce arm and hand prostheses.



*Physiotherapy and rehabilitation are important steps recovery.*

### Sustainability

Around 65% of services are provided to leprosy affected people. All these services are provided free of charge to ensure that cost is not a barrier to independence or living a full life. Through marketing campaigns, the team are building their reputation and profile, attracting more paying clients to help them become more self-sustainable.

### Working Together

With your help this vital work will bring renewed mobility and independence to leprosy affected and disabled people in Nigeria. Mobility will always be compromised restricting employment opportunities and socialisation as a result, but with your help these people can regain their lives and fulfil their potential.

Above & below knee Artificial Limbs	25	8,197
Symes Prostheses	5	2,018
Knee Ankle Foot Orthoses	10	1,135
Ankle Foot Orthoses	30	1,135
Wheelchairs	10	1,387
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£19,673</b>