**A CONCEPT PAPER ON REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN BUIKWE DISTRICT, UGANDA ( by PT Robert Lujoba)**

1. **BACKGROUND:** According to the survey by NUDIPU, it found that a big number of children are physically disabled, neglected, stigmatized, isolated and they have not got a chance to access any rehabilitation intervention which would help them to be functionally independent. So as a result, MCODE Uganda has found it necessary to intervene in addressing the negative impacts of disability towards the children with disabilities to live their life fully.
2. **DEVELOPING LOGISTICS**

Logistics are to be developed according to the scope of disability we are to handle and that is physical disabilities mainly focusing on children between 1 to 15 years of age. Common physical disabilities in children are due to; cerebral palsy, spina bifida, hydro cephalous, epilepsy and congenital malformations.

1. **TOOLS:**
2. Examination tools like an examination plinth, goniometer, stethoscope, BP machine, Tape measure.
3. Treatment tools will include rehabilitation mats, ultra sound transducer, muscle stimulator, Bobath balls, mobile spinal traction bed, parallel bars, wall bars, Plaster Of Paris postural re-education mirror.
4. **EQUIPMENT**: will depend on the severity of the disability that is if mild, moderate or severe.
5. For mild disability we will offer physiotherapy so as to attain functional independence of the body part, supportive devices like braces, splints, casting shall be recommended and provided.
6. For moderate disability counseling, physiotherapy, collective surgery assistive devices like aids of ambulation that include clutches, walking frames, wheel chairs, tripods/tetra pods.
7. For severely disabled persons assistive devices, surgery where applicable, physiotherapy, prosthesis for amputees and orthotics.

**E) PROGRAMMES** : **1.**Develop relevant skills of community workers in community activities for example, construction of simple aids of ambulation like CP chairs, parallel bars, crutches, lamps, disabled friendly toilet/latrine .  **2.** Develop MCODE support functions for children of the organization for lobbying for special needs schools, equipping clients technical skills and appropriate referrals. **3.** Developing projects in the homes of these children for self- reliance and income-generation such as livestock farming.