STAND WE WALK TOGETHER

The new name for LEGS AFRICA

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Pledge on Ethical Use of Donated Components

Purpose

At STAND, we believe access to mobility is a human right, not a privilege determined by geography or income. Our mission is to dismantle barriers to assistive technology where markets and public systems fall short. This pledge affirms a shared responsibility between STAND and its implementing partners to ensure ethical, transparent, and impactful use of donated prosthetic components.

Our Commitment

STAND commits to:

- Supplying high-quality, professionally refurbished prosthetic components free of charge.
- Supporting clinical capacity through infrastructure investments, professional development, and peer-led emotional rehabilitation.
- Strengthening services via volunteer placements, skills-sharing, and mentorship.
- Laying the foundations for future locally-led markets and reducing dependency on aid.
- Conducting rigorous quality control to ensure all components meet safety standards prior to distribution.
- Protecting the environment by diverting prosthetic components from landfill, contributing to circular economy goals.

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Implementing Partner Responsibilities

By entering partnership with STAND, clinics pledge to:

1. Prohibit Sale of Donated Components

- Never sell or assign a financial value to components supplied by STAND.
- Use donated items solely to reduce cost barriers for individuals with limb differences.

2. Ensure Transparent Costing

- Guarantee any fees charged relate strictly to local materials, labour, or facility operations—not the STAND-supplied components.
- Clearly communicate this distinction to patients and community stakeholders.

3. Facilitate Monitoring and Reporting

- Maintain records of inventory and clinical usage of donated components.
- Submit usage and patient outcome data upon request.
- Cooperate fully in audits, evaluations, or joint monitoring activities.

4. Promote Community Accountability

- Publicly disclose that STAND components are provided at no cost.
- Inform patients of STAND's whistleblowing and complaints channels.
- Address and report concerns transparently and promptly.

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5. Support Oversight and Shared Learning

- Welcome STAND volunteers and participate in skills-sharing programmes.
- Engage with peer support networks and contribute to community feedback loops.

6. Act with Integrity

- Uphold patient dignity, informed consent, and ethical care at all times.
- Report misuse, diversion, or breaches of this pledge immediately.

Why This Matters

Every STAND collaboration is designed to improve access now and build stronger systems for the future. Each prosthetic limb restored to use means restored dignity, movement, and opportunity. Every breach, however, risks not only individual outcomes but the trust and integrity of the ecosystem we are building together.

Breach and Termination

STAND retains the right to suspend or terminate partnerships where misuse of donated components is confirmed, or where the spirit or letter of this pledge is violated.

Reporting a Concern

We are committed to accountability and transparency. Concerns about misuse or malpractice may be raised confidentially via our reporting portal:
👉 www.stand.ngo/concern

Reports can be anonymous and will be handled with care and discretion.

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Acknowledgement

This pledge reflects STAND's values of dignity, partnership, sustainability, and shared impact. We thank our partners for joining us in delivering ethical, accessible, and transformative prosthetic care.

Signed on behalf of STAND:

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