

Evolution of Services



We are a dynamic organisation that not only values transforming the lives of our patients, but the transformation of our own structure and services to better respond to community needs.

CCBRT's Beginnings



Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) was founded in 1994 to help reduce poverty in Dar es Salaam by providing accessible and affordable rehabilitative services for people with disabilities, who are among the most vulnerable people in the country. Our initial efforts centred on community based rehabilitation (CBR) for children with disabilities and adults with blindness.

Since then, CCBRT has grown into Tanzania's largest local provider of disability and rehabilitative care, as well as a champion for the inclusion and rights of persons with disabilities.

Prevention as Priority

After nearly a decade of treating patients at the Disability Hospital, CCBRT was approached by the Government of Tanzania, who hoped to harness CCBRT's reputation for clinical excellence in order to tackle one of the nation's most pressing challenges: maternal and newborn health.

The story of CCBRT's evolution has a central theme: prevention. While supporting patients with CBR, we recognised the need - and our ability - to prevent or reduce the long-term disabling effects of impairments. To this end, we opened the CCBRT Disability Hospital in 2001, on a plot of land in Dar es Salaam donated to CCBRT by the Government of Tanzania.

To address the range of disabilities identified in our community, we grew our services to include surgery for:

-  **Eye conditions**
-  **Clubfoot**
-  **Cleft lip/palate**
-  **Obstetric fistula**

As well as the provision of:

-  **Physiotherapy services**
-  **Assistive devices**

