

Recommendations from the **Assistive Technology Symposium in Malawi**

Hosted by FEDOMA and the UNIMA Disability Rights Clinic



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Advocate for the amendment of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2024,

to explicitly recognise assistive technology as part of the right to mobility. This would strengthen the legal basis for access to assistive technology and provide persons with disabilities with an enforceable right to appropriate assistive products and services.



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Advocate for the systematic integration of assistive technology into the primary healthcare system.

This should include strengthening mechanisms for the identification, referral, provision and follow-up of assistive technology needs as part of routine primary healthcare services.



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Advocate for consistent duty-free importation of assistive technology.

Building on the 2026 National Budget provisions, stakeholders should advocate for a sustainable and consistent policy framework that facilitates the duty-free importation of assistive technology and improves affordability and access for persons with disabilities.



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Strengthen partnerships between MACODA, OPDs, innovation institutions and technology hubs to promote locally developed assistive technology

Such collaboration should support the design and manufacture of assistive technology devices that respond to the diverse and unique needs, contexts and priorities of persons with disabilities in Malawi.



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Advocate for increased and sustained budgetary allocations to the Disability Trust Fund.

Greater investment in the Fund should strengthen available resources for assistive technology and contribute to more sustainable financing mechanisms for the provision of assistive technology to persons with disabilities.



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with disability in Malawi.