HARAMBEE: DESIGN INNOVATION FOR DISABILITY

SOCIAL DESIGN PROJECTS IN THE CATEGORY OF SYSTEMIC CHANGE
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“STUDENTS DESIGNED PRODUCTS RELATED TO DISABILITY IN THE RURAL AFRICAN DISTRICT OF KASESE, UGANDA. THE DESIGNS REVOLVE AROUND MOBILITY-CENTERED ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT.

EMPOWERING DISABILITY THROUGH DESIGN

Design has traditionally affected only the world’s most affluent people, or 10% of the entire population. This rule is increasingly being broken by designers who see an opportunity to work in the area of extreme poverty. The focus of the Harambee project is to use a collaborative process that involves a multitude of international stakeholders to develop innovative and empowering tools together with people with disabilities in Uganda. A key aspect is the focus on local manufacturing and prototyping so that ideas can be explored locally and with input from the end users. This project is a collaboration between CanUgan, Read Initiative and the School of Industrial Design.