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2. Ministry of Education and Sports
3. Ministry of Health

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1. National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda (NUDIPU)
2. Uganda National Association of the Blind (UNAB)
3. Uganda Society for Disabled Children (USDC)
4. Uganda Deaf Blind Parents' Association (UDBPA)
5. Mulago Hospital

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2. Christian Blinden Mission (CBM)
3. Community Based Rehabilitation Initiative NGO (CBRI)
4. Association for Spina bifida and Hydrocephalous Uganda (ASBAHU)
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