



SOMALI PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION PROFILE

BACKGROUND

The SPTA is a Professional association of the Somali physiotherapists, a network that unites the Somali physiotherapy professionals. The association was established in January 2025 and was registered in the ministry of health and the Somali National Health Professionals Council in 2025.

Mission

To advance standards of physiotherapy practice and training through continuous behaviour, knowledge and skills development, research, development of appropriate clinical guidelines, policies and regulations.

Vision

To have competent and ethical physiotherapy practitioners that are supportive and responsive to local and global health needs.

Core values

- Integrity and Professionalism
- Innovative
- Responsive
- Customer focused
- Transparency and accountability
- Ethical Practice
- Utmost Respect for Human Life

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- To promote and ensure high standards of physiotherapy practice in Somalia.
- To facilitate inclusion of physiotherapists in the association as members.
- Facilitate the association members to acquire a practice license to practice physiotherapy in the country.
- Increase the Rehabilitation workforce in the country and ensure the inclusion of Rehabilitation (including physiotherapy) practice in the public and private health service.

- To the extent permissible under the law, to assist in the development of curriculum, teaching, training and assessment of Physiotherapists so as to boost the quality of physiotherapy education, service provision and the membership of the association.
- To advocate and protect the interests of individual members and those of associate member organizations or groups of the Association.
- Encourage communication and exchange of information including organization of national congresses of physiotherapists; represent Somali physiotherapists internationally; promote the health, wellness and fitness of Somali and global populations.
- Encourage, promote and facilitate local, regional and international continuous medical education and professional development that will improve the general standards of physiotherapy practice in Somalia.
- Sensitize, and collaborate with other healthcare professionals, partner Organizations and stakeholders on the importance and necessity of the profession and the need to have strong collaborative ties.
- Co-operate with relevant national and international organizations; comment on social issues relevant to health; engage in all necessary activities to further the work of the World Physiotherapy- Africa Region and World Physiotherapy “WCPT” in the best interests of physiotherapists and the profession of physiotherapy.
- To promote and mainstream physiotherapy practice in national, regional and global Universal Health Coverage (UHC) systems to ensure a healthy national, regional and world population.
- To proactively participate and collaborate with the Ministry of Health (MoH), other governmental and non-governmental organizations, locally, regionally and internationally, private sector players and all stakeholders in the health sector in policy formulation, policy implementation, monitoring and evaluation to ensure vibrant physiotherapy practice.
- To actively participate in promotion of research and development on contemporary and emerging areas of physiotherapy practice.

Association leadership Structure.

