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- Medical volunteerism
- Self sufficiency
- NED (Neurosurgery, education and development)
- WFNS (World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies)

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BACKGROUND: several strategies have been proposed to develop and spread surgical specialties in Sub-Saharan East Africa. Regarding Neurosurgery, improvements are coming from the cooperation between Western and African Institutes by means of WFNS and independent organizations but, far from big cities and more equipped hospitals, shortcomings in the delivery of services persist.

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