The Fistula Foundation

Help Give A Woman New Life
Our Mission

The mission of the Fistula Foundation is to raise awareness of and funding for fistula treatment, prevention and educational programs worldwide.
Where We Help

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Bangladesh
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Somaliland
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Uganda
What is obstetric fistula?

An obstetric fistula is a devastating childbirth injury caused by obstructed labor.
Obstetric Fistula
Underlying Causes of Obstetric Fistula

- Early Childbearing (immature pelvis)
- Poverty
- Malnutrition
- Lack of Education
- Lack of Medical Care
What are the effects of fistula?

- Rejection by husbands, family, and friends
- Deep sense of shame and despair
- Complications such as partial or complete paralysis of the legs
- Depression or suicidal thoughts
- Constant leakage of urine and feces
The Fistula Foundation will use your donation of $10,000 to provide surgery, skilled medical training, and education to the women in Ethiopia.

Over 100,000 Ethiopian women suffer each year from fistula injuries. Each surgery costs just $450.
Why Ethiopia?

• One of the poorest countries in the world (39% poverty rate - below $1.25 a day)

• One the highest maternal death rates in the world (1 in 40)

• Low obstetrician/gynecological care (1 doctor for every 350,000 people)
Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital has a 92% success rate correcting obstetric fistula

Hamlin Hospital treats over 1200 women suffering with obstetric fistula

Since 2005 $8 million had been contributed toward these hospitals to fulfill our mission
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- Aira Hospital
- Women and Health Alliance International
- Gondar University Fistula Center - the oldest medical training facility in Ethiopia
- International Fistula Training and Treatment Center opened in 2011
Our Global Outreach in 2010

- Ethiopia - Hamlin Fistula Hospitals: 50%
- Congo - Panzi Hospital: 9%
- Niger - WAHA: 7%
- Somaliland - National Borama Fistula Hospital: 7%
- Kenya - DRI: 6%
- Johns Hopkins Obstetric Fistula Study: 5%
- Somalia - CEML: 4%
- Afghanistan - CURE: 3%
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100% of your donation is used towards our mission. Grantees are subject to vigorous review processes.
After Fistula Treatment

- Women are able to experience motherhood free from pain and shame
- Dignity is restored
Fistula Foundation Credibility

- 4 Star rating six consecutive years by Charity Navigator
- Accredited Charity by Better Business Bureau
- Top Rating and featured by Great Non-Profits
- Largest private charitable foundation supporting fistula treatment globally
- 99% of all donations are private, no govt. funding
Do you want to aid in fistula advocacy on a personal level?

You can be their voice.....
Join the Love-A-Sister program and help cover the cost for one woman’s free, safe fistula surgery. Each surgery is just $450.00.

In thanks for your donation, we are proud to send you a personalized Love-A-Sister Certificate or Tribute Card celebrating that this donation has been made in your name.
The Circle of Friends program is designed for volunteers who want to educate others about the lives being destroyed by this condition.

Our Circle of Friends Ambassadors raise awareness and donations in their communities for women suffering from obstetric fistula.
Other Donation Options

- $240 can help provide transportation for twelve women in need of treatment
- $85 can help provide nursing care for one patient
- $50 can help provide either an anesthetist or lab tests for one patient's surgery
Wubalem, born in a remote Ethiopian village was married at the age of 10 years old and became pregnant at 16. She endured painful labor for 3 days until she finally walked to a medical facility. She was directed to a bigger hospital 4 hours away. Wubalem delivered a still born baby and suffered an extensive fistula.
Wubalem traveled to the Addis Abada Fistula Hospital where she stayed for 3 months receiving multiple surgeries due to the extent of her injury. Although she was told she may never again bear children, she finds herself in the hospital again...to deliver a healthy baby.
Conclusion

The Fistula Foundation’s work is very instrumental in creating success stories such as Wubalem’s. For each woman that we help there are hundreds more in need, some are not as fortunate.

Our Foundation aims to

- Educate
- Provide Care
- Change Lives
Help the Fistula Foundation continue to fulfill its mission with a donation of $10,000.00

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Help give a woman a new life.
A Walk To Beautiful

YouTube video clip
Project Collaboration

Ursuline College Accelerated Program
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