



## Addendum to July 2020 Progress Report

### **Fistula Foundation's Mission Statement:**

Fistula Foundation is dedicated to ending the suffering caused by the childbirth injury obstetric fistula. We believe no woman should be forced to suffer a life of misery and isolation simply for trying to bring a child into the world.

### **Summary of 2019-2020 Program Service Accomplishments**

In 2019, Fistula Foundation provided 8,258 fistula repair surgeries. Obstetric fistula is most prevalent in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, so that is where we focus our efforts. We partner with carefully selected doctors and hospitals trusted by the communities they serve. Our rigorous vetting process makes sure that our medical teams provide high-quality fistula repair surgery in areas with the greatest need for treatment.

Fistula Foundation's grants support a combination of the following activities:

- Cost of fistula repair surgery
- Training for fistula surgeons and nurses
- Equipping medical facilities to provide fistula care
- Grassroots outreach and community education to increase fistula awareness and identify women who are suffering
- Reintegration support for fistula survivors post-surgery

Active countries (as of July 1, 2020): Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Somaliland, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Angola, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Benin, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Nigeria

In spring 2020, Fistula Foundation established a Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund to help our hospital partners respond to the coronavirus pandemic. As of July 1, 2020, Fistula Foundation has granted \$525,000 to a number of existing hospital partners to provide:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, gloves, and bleach
- Infection control training
- Staff salaries to prevent layoffs amidst economic crisis

Partners that have received emergency Covid-19 funding (as of July 1, 2020) operate in: Afghanistan, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Uganda, Madagascar, Pakistan, Somaliland, Zambia, Kenya, and Angola

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