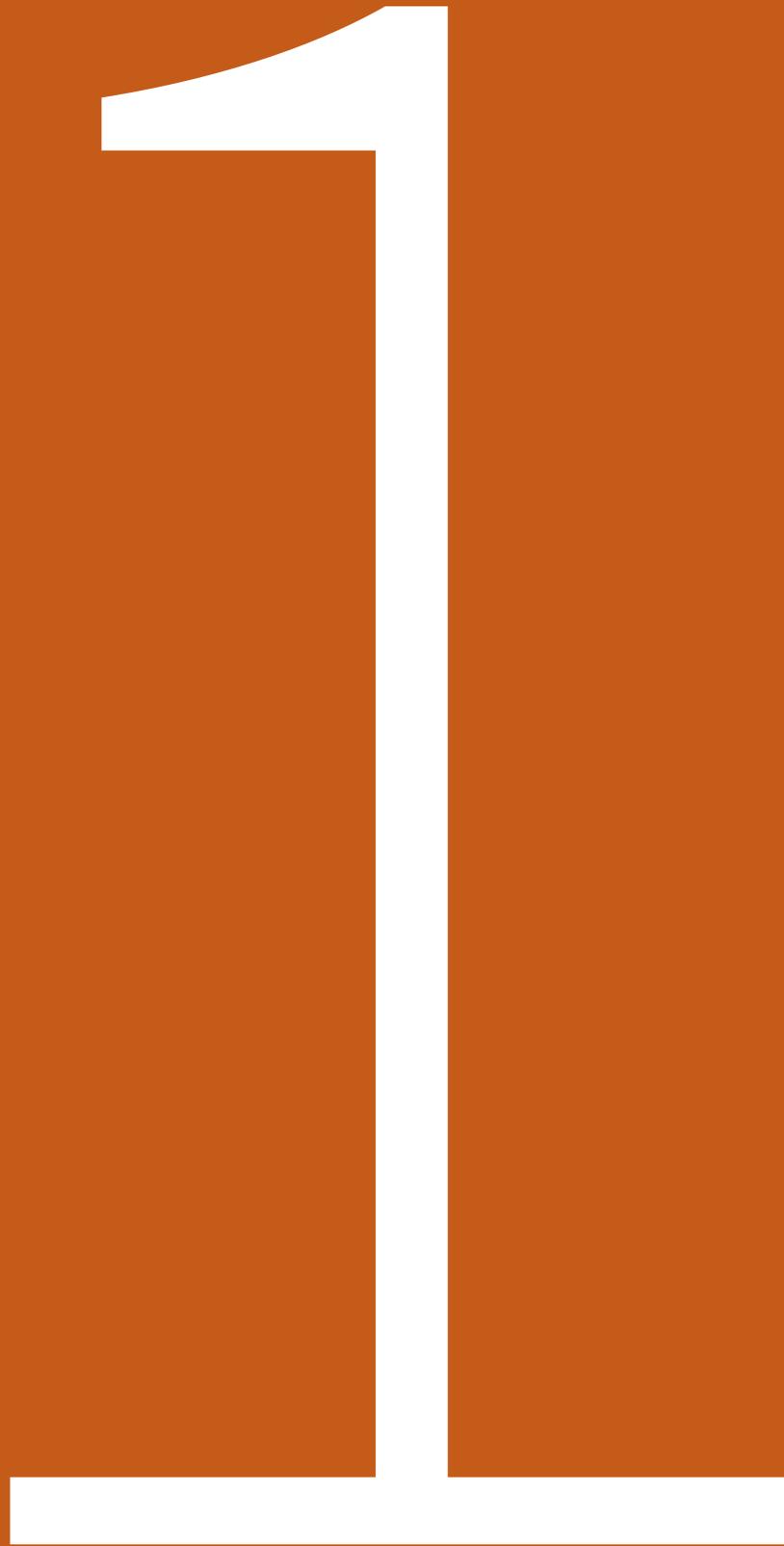




FISTULA
FOUNDATION

2018 Annual Report





10 years ago,
Fistula Foundation supported
one hospital in Ethiopia.
But we knew that there were
at least a million women
across Africa and Asia who
were living in needless misery.

We wanted to do more.



10 YEARS

1 Mission

For over a decade, we have stayed focused on one mission: ending the suffering caused by obstetric fistula.

10 YEARS

1 Cure

Surgery is the only cure for fistula. One single, cost-effective procedure can restore a woman's continence and give her a hopeful future.





10 YEARS

23 Countries

From just one country in 2009, your generosity has enabled us to expand to treat women across Africa and Asia. We are now helping women in 23 countries.



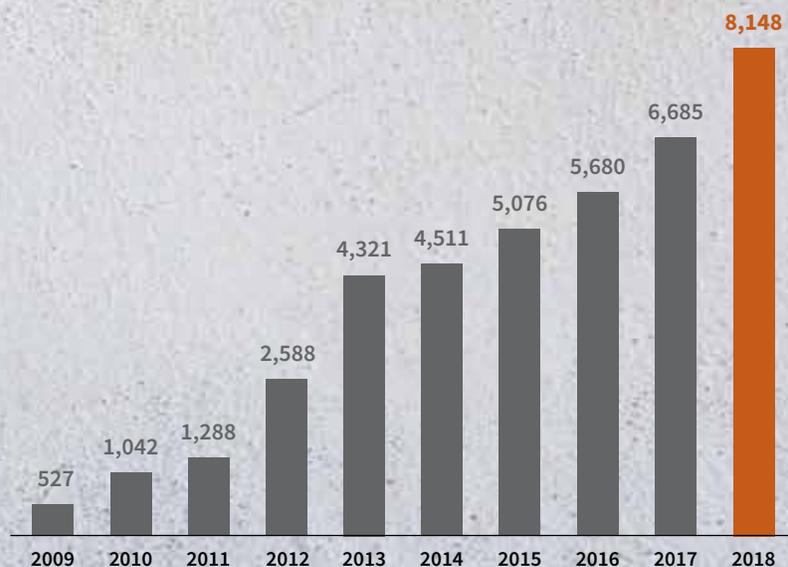




10 YEARS

39,866 Lives Changed Forever

Today, Fistula Foundation is the leader in fistula treatment, helping more women in more places than any organization in the world. Thanks to your support, 39,866 women received life-changing care between 2009-2018.





Courtesy of CoRSU

Evalina

ANGOLA

At only 14 years old, Evalina lost her first baby in a terrifying labor that left her with obstetric fistula. She and her husband had three more pregnancies, but each time the baby died, and eventually her husband left. Evalina did not know her condition was treatable—until her uncle visited our partner, Centro Evangelico de Medicina de Lubango (CEML), and met other women with Evalina’s symptoms. After seven years of suffering, she was finally healed. *Name changed for privacy.*



Georgina Goodwin

Quinta

KENYA

Quinta’s young life was filled with pain when she developed obstetric fistula. Thankfully, she heard that treatment was available free of charge through Fistula Foundation’s countrywide treatment network in Kenya. Quinta underwent successful repair surgery at Gynocare Women’s and Fistula Hospital and recovered under the care of our expert staff. Now that she is healed, Quinta is enrolled in high school, and dreams of becoming a journalist one day.



Courtesy of CEML

Grace

UGANDA

After four uncomplicated deliveries, Grace was excited to be expecting her fifth child. This time, however, she experienced a difficult obstructed labor and her baby did not survive. When she began to leak urine, the local doctors told her that her only hope was expensive treatment from a specialist. Devastated, Grace almost took her own life—until she met an outreach worker from our partner, CoRSU. Today she is dry, and filled with hope for the future.



Courtesy of EVVF

Maheshwar Jha

NEPAL

Maheshwar Jha was home alone when she went into labor. A neighbor helped her travel to the nearest hospital, but the gynecologist was not present. The secondary staff had to scramble to save her life. Miraculously, both Maheshwar Jha and her baby survived—but the traumatic labor left her with obstetric fistula. The rural hospital recognized her condition, however, and referred her to our partner, International Nepal Fellowship. “I was very happy [knowing] that I would come home recovered,” she said.



Georgina Goodwin

Merin’y

MADAGASCAR

Merin’y lost the best years of her life to obstetric fistula. For twenty years, she suffered with the shame and stigma of her constant leaking. After decades of misery, Merin’y heard a radio advertisement that would change her life: it said that help was available for women with her exact symptoms. Your donations covered Merin’y’s travel to our partner, SALFA (Sampan’Asa Loterana momba ny Fahasalamana), where she was finally healed. Now, she helps refer other leaking women to the hospital for life-changing care.



Morgan Walter

Furera

NIGERIA

Furera enjoyed a happy childhood, but when her father’s trading business failed, she was married off at a young age. Her husband abandoned her while she was pregnant with their third child. After a wrenching labor, she was left incontinent of both urine and feces. Fortunately, Furera’s doctors recognized her condition and referred her to our partner, Evangel Vesico-Vaginal Fistula Center (EVVF). Dry once more, Furera wants to be the best mother she can for her two living children.

Mumtaz

BANGLADESH

Mumtaz, a Rohingya refugee, was in the final stages of pregnancy when she was forced to flee her home in Myanmar. She made the grueling journey to neighboring Bangladesh on foot. In the refugee camps, Mumtaz experienced terrible labor complications and developed obstetric fistula. Thankfully, our partners at HOPE Hospital were hard at work in the camps, and met Mumtaz on an outreach excursion. She was referred by the hospital right away, and now is completely dry.



Courtesy of CCBRT

Iyaka

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Iyaka lives in an isolated part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where violence and political instability have crippled the healthcare infrastructure. When she went into an obstructed labor, Iyaka's child died in her womb. She suffered with fistula for years, until she heard a radio announcement that said treatment was available. With the help of her loving husband, Iyaka traveled by taxi, motorcycle, and on foot to reach life-changing care from our partner, HEAL Africa.

Touhid Islam



Lina

TANZANIA

Lina lost consciousness on her way to a rural clinic, after pushing at home for three days. She woke up in a strange hospital asking: "Where is my child?" The baby was stillborn, and Lina returned home heartbroken and incontinent. Her boyfriend became dangerously abusive, and she fled to her mother's house for shelter. Eventually, Lina's sister connected her with a health worker from our partner, Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT). Now that she is no longer leaking, Lina wants to become a farmer.

Cherry Escalante



Georgina Goodwin

Agness

ZAMBIA

Agness spent years searching for something that could relieve her incontinence. She had already lost her baby in a traumatic labor, and had six other children to care for at home. Agness tried everything from doctors to traditional herbs, but nothing worked until she met a community health worker trained by Fistula Foundation's countrywide program in Zambia. She traveled by bus to Mansa General Hospital for transformative treatment, and for the first time, Agness began to feel hope.



Rose

MADAGASCAR

Like most mothers in her village, Rose went into labor at home and never went to the hospital. She developed obstetric fistula. As an unmarried teenager with no family, Rose struggled to make ends meet. No one would employ her because of her smell. But everything changed when Rose met a woman who had once suffered from the same condition. She helped Rose travel to our partner hospital, SALFA (Sampan'Asa Loterana momba ny Fahasalamana) for successful surgery. No longer leaking, Rose hopes to find another job soon.

John Healey



Cora

KENYA

Cora was in labor for two days and delivered a stillborn baby. When she discovered she was leaking urine, her husband left. Thankfully, Cora was never alone—her loving brother took her in and cared for her as she grieved. For over 20 years, Cora and her brother did their best to manage her condition, until they met an outreach worker from our partner, WADADIA (Women and Development Against Distress in Africa). Finally dry, Cora is now learning beadworking to earn an income. *Name changed for privacy.*

Georgina Goodwin



Ending Fistula in a Generation

Your support, along with critical seed funding from Astellas Pharma EMEA, helped us launch something powerful in 2014: a pathbreaking countrywide treatment network that has the capacity to end fistula in a generation.

This model addresses every step of a woman's journey to healing—from grassroots outreach, to a network of well-equipped hospitals, to certified fistula surgeon training.

Our first network in Kenya yielded extraordinary results, and in 2017, we launched a second network in Zambia. Both programs are thriving! We plan to expand this model into even more countries in the future.



Georgina Goodwin

Treatment:

Your donations helped build and equip Gynocare Hospital, the hub of our countrywide network in Kenya. In 2016, staff from Fistula Foundation and Astellas Pharma EMEA joined Gynocare founder Dr. Hillary Mabeya to celebrate the hospital's opening ceremony with traditional song and dance.



Georgina Goodwin

Outreach:

Our dedicated community health workers educate communities about the little-known condition and refer suffering women for treatment.



Alex Mukuka

Training:

With a global shortage of fistula surgeons, high-quality training in fistula surgery is critically important. We provide this training, along with mentoring opportunities, to local doctors.

You Opened Your Hearts

Compassionate people like you have come together to transform the lives of thousands of suffering women.

From renowned thinkers and leaders speaking out, to many of you sharing our story with friends and family—every contribution has helped women in need.



In 2015, Grammy Award-winning musician Paul Simon and Princeton ethicist Peter Singer put on a concert to benefit Fistula Foundation. The intimate event in New York City raised over \$150,000 for fistula care! Above, Singer (left) and Simon (right) with CEO Kate Grant.



When Mary Ann McCammon first learned about obstetric fistula more than a decade ago, she was determined to find a way to help. Mary Ann holds a PhD, and is a retired nursing professor and quilting instructor, so she decided to combine her skills and start an organization called Quilts for Empowerment. It teaches sewing skills to fistula patients so that they can earn an income after they recover. In this picture, Mary Ann is holding a piece made by a fistula survivor that illustrates her story of healing.



In July 2018, the Australian artists' collective Matter Arts held an exhibition to benefit Fistula Foundation. They raised over \$10,000—enough to fund 17 life-changing fistula surgeries!

Gabrielle Berard dedicated her bridal shower to fistula survivors, asking her loved ones to make a donation to Fistula Foundation in lieu of traditional gifts.

Spreading

The New York Times

The World's Modern-Day Lepers: Women With Fistulas



By Nicholas Kristof



HUFFPOST



Kate Grant, Contributor
CEO, Fistula Foundation

The Better Angels

What drives someone to provide care to indigent incontinent women, or to the gravely ill, infected by a lethal and highly contagious virus — if not love?

Newsweek

The Afterbirth Miracle

A surgeon who grew up barefoot is changing women's lives



News Deeply

WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Unsung Struggle to End the 'Curse' of Fistula in Bangladesh

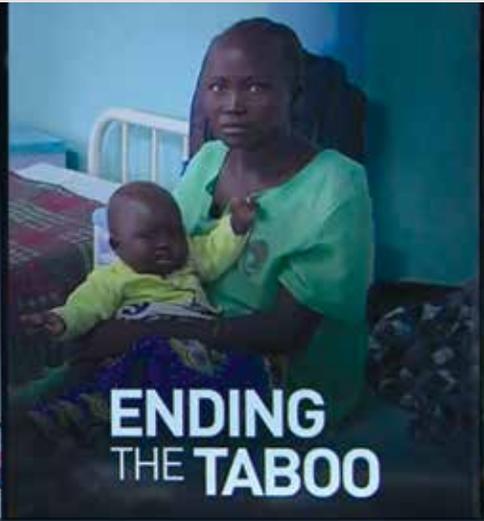
The Boston Globe

Chicago Tribune

The INDEPENDENT

Rolling Stone

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THE LANCET

Global Health

*Erin Anastasi, Lauri Romanzi, Saifuddin Ahmed, Anneka T Knuttson, Oladosu Ojengbede, Kate Grant, on behalf of the UN Campaign to End Fistula

Ending fistula within a generation: making the dream a reality



Changing the Way Obstetric Fistula is Treated in Kenya

A path-breaking program reaches out to women to destigmatize and treat a devastating condition

By Dr. Hillary Mabeya

The Guardian

Women and girls Health

Why do a million women still suffer the treatable condition of fistula?

Kate Grant



Los Angeles Times

Charity questions?
Give where the need is greatest

Here's where your dollars will do the most good: Outside the US

By Peter Singer

Money

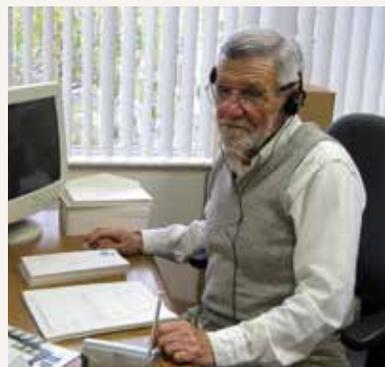
35 Smart Things to Do
With \$1,000 Now

Three great organizations: [SEVA Foundation](#), which works to prevent blindness; [Deworm the World](#), which seeks to eradicate worms and other parasitic bacterial disease; [Fistula Foundation](#), which provides surgical services to women with childbirth injuries.



We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

You are part of a global community of tens of thousands of donors from 81 countries, all united under one goal: helping as many women with fistula as possible.



At our San Jose office, local volunteers generously give their time and energy to help assemble mailings and outreach projects. We are especially grateful to Jerry Goldstein, our most dedicated volunteer, who has been helping weekly since 2005!



Joe & Sharon Kemper

Joe and Sharon Kemper were moved to give to Fistula Foundation after reading about our work in Peter Singer's book, *The Life You Can Save*. Since then, they have become one of our most dedicated donor families. Joe and Sharon have given generously to our countrywide network in Kenya, as well as several other vital programs. Their commitment to lifting up women and girls around the world is inspiring, and we are honored by their trusted support.



Rachel Ploeger

Working in the fast food industry can be a very physically demanding job—but that didn't slow down college student Rachel Ploeger. She spent the summer working overtime, not to save up spending money for the school year, but to provide a fistula surgery to a woman in need. "I knew how much I needed for me," she said. "Anything beyond that would go straight to others who needed it more."

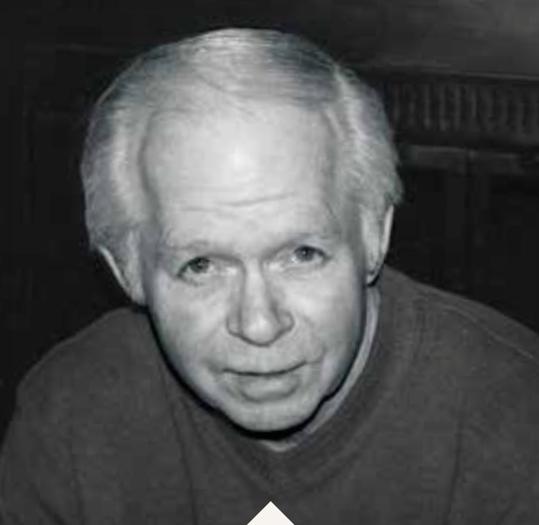
Kassy Kebede

Kassy Kebede is one of Fistula Foundation's longest-serving board members, first elected Board Chair in 2005 and serving until 2013. He has given generously of his time, talent, and treasure to our organization, and led us through a season of extraordinary growth. He is a dedicated man of integrity, and stood by Fistula Foundation through good times and challenging times alike. Our organization would not be where it is today without his inspiring dedication.



Lars & Veronica Bane

Lars and Veronica Bane are longtime supporters who have generously invested in Fistula Foundation's organizational capacity. In addition to supporting our programs in Africa and Asia, Lars and Veronica also sponsored CEO Kate Grant's participation in a weeklong program at Harvard Business School in 2017, called *Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management*. We are grateful for their robust support and belief in our critical mission.



Vince Gallagher

Vince Gallagher has been a Fistula Foundation supporter since 2009. In addition to great individual generosity, Mr. Gallagher has also helped spread the word about our work through lectures on the impacts of globalization, raising significant funds in the process. He says, "It is truly a privilege for me to be able to participate with the Fistula Foundation in being an instrument of love and compassion, to restore the dignity and health of women suffering from fistulas."



Paula Weil

Paula Weil was the most generous donor in Fistula Foundation's history. Though her family was independently wealthy, Paula chose to spend her life as an English teacher in New York City. She supported Fistula Foundation because she wanted to help poor women get life-changing care—and as a result, thousands of women are now healed. When Paula passed away in November 2016, her bequest helped build Gynocare Hospital, our flagship hospital in Eldoret, Kenya.

Now More
Than Ever

Our Work
is Not Done



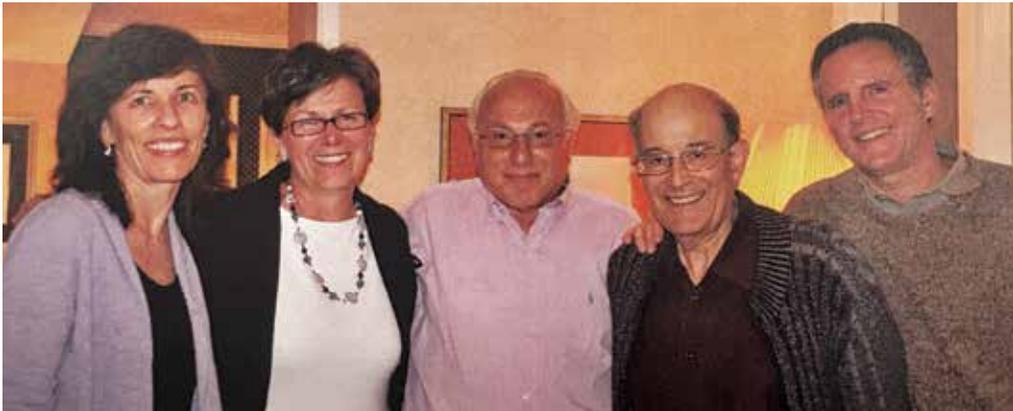


Since adopting a global mission in 2009, we have been working hard treating fistula at more than 150 sites across Africa and Asia.

But for every woman treated, an estimated 50 more are still waiting.

Our True North: High-Quality Care

To ensure women receive the best care possible, we choose our partners carefully. Fistula Foundation's board works closely with staff to monitor results and ensure your money is raised and managed ethically—and goes where it is needed most.



Grants Committee 2009-2012: Kate Grant, Linda Tripp, Gerald Shefren, Larry William, and Stephen Saunders.

**We are grateful to all of our volunteer board members
who have served over the last decade:**

Abaynesh Asrat, Lisa Bloom, Kelly Brennan, France Donnay, Sohier Elneil, Kassy Kebede,
Cleoparta Kiros, Ling Yang Lew, Bill Mann, Sarah Omega, Denis Robson,
Linda Levee Samuels, Stephen Saunders, Gerald Shefren, Mary Tadesse, Robert Tessler,
Whitney Tilson, Linda Tripp, Mal Warwick, Teri Whitcraft, Larry William, Susan Wilson

Fistula Foundation 2018 Partners

Location	Partners	Treatment	Training	Facilities/ Equipment	Research, Advocacy Outreach
Afghanistan	CURE Hospital	◆	◆		◆
	Unidade Fistula Obstetrica	◆	◆		◆
Angola	Kalukembe Hospital	◆	◆		◆
	Centro Evangelico de Medicina do Lubango (CEML)	◆			◆
Bangladesh	HOPE Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh	◆		◆	◆
Benin	WAHA – National University Hospital	◆			◆
Chad	WAHA – Abeche Hospital & Ndjama	◆	◆		◆
	HEAL Africa	◆		◆	◆
DR Congo	Panzi Hospital	◆			◆
	WAHA - Kirungu Hospital, Benekir Hospital, & Kalemie	◆			◆
Guinea	Engender Health – Kissidougou, Labe & Conakry	◆			◆
	Gynocare Women’s and Fistula Hospital	◆	◆	◆	
	Cherangany Nursing Home	◆			
	Women and Development Against Distress in Africa				◆
Kenya	Kisii Gynocare Fistula Center	◆		◆	
	Disciples of Mercy Empowerment Initiative				◆
	Daraja Mbili Vision Volunteers				◆
	Bomu Hospital	◆			◆
Madagascar	Sampan’Asa Loterana momba ny Fahasalamana (SALFA)	◆			◆
	Hopitaly Vaovao Mahafaly	◆			
Mali	WAHA	◆			◆
	International Nepal Fellowship	◆	◆		◆
Nepal	PHCT/CCBRC				◆
	PHCT/Kathmandu	◆			
Niger	SIM USA – Danja Fistula Centre	◆			◆
	EVFC Centre	◆	◆		◆
Nigeria	Fistula Foundation, Nigeria				◆
	Nigeria National Fistula Program	◆			
Pakistan	Pakistan Women’s Health Forum	◆			◆
Senegal	ISOFS	◆			◆
Somaliland	National Borama Fistula Hospital	◆	◆		◆
	Edna Adan Maternity Hospital	◆	◆		
South Sudan	Global Health Ministries	◆			◆
	Dr. Andrew Browning	◆			
Tanzania	Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT)	◆	◆		◆
	Maternity Africa	◆			◆
	Bugando Hospital	◆			◆
	Comprehensive Rehabilitation Service in Uganda (CoRSU)	◆			◆
Uganda	Kitovu Hospital	◆			◆
	Uganda Village Project				◆
UK, London	FIGO		◆		
US, California	Direct Relief – Mapping Project				◆
	Direct Relief – Medical Supplies			◆	
Zambia	Fistula Foundation Zambia	◆	◆	◆	◆

Note: The above is a list of all organizations that received 2018 grants from Fistula Foundation, and is not an exhaustive list of current partners.

WAHA (Women and Health Alliance International)

Our Partners, Our Heroes



“Taking action means saying ‘no’ to indifference... It is a choice: whether or not to support a woman, whether or not to protect her, whether or not to defend her rights.”

Dr. Denis Mukwege

2018 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, fistula surgeon, and Founder of Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



“Afghan women are forbidden to be examined by male physicians. They prefer to stay home, untreated. Without access to a female fistula surgeon, a woman with fistula could suffer from the problem for the rest of her life.”

Dr. Homa Dost

Fistula surgeon and member of the all-female fistula team at CURE International Hospital in Afghanistan.



“Through Fistula Foundation’s help, we have been able to become the number one leading organization in Bangladesh caring for fistula. And we are building a fistula hospital with your support.”

Dr. Iftikher Mahmood

Founder of HOPE Hospital, and working on the front lines of the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh.



“As a fistula surgeon, I’d like to thank Fistula Foundation and all the donors who help [them]. These funds are going to help the needy people who are left without any help.”

Dr. Justin Paluku Lussy

Director of HEAL Africa hospital in the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo.



“I am deeply honored to be a part of Fistula Foundation’s program... This pathbreaking [countrywide treatment network] means I will never again have to tell my Kenyan sisters that they must wait for a surgery that could radically change their lives.”

Dr. Hillary Mabeya

Surgeon trainer and Co-Founder of Gynocare Hospital, the hub of our countrywide treatment network in Kenya.



“When I see how much our people have suffered, that has been the biggest motivation for me. And the multiplication of what I have put in has been so encouraging. This is the least I could do.”

Edna Adan Ismail

Founder of the Edna Adan Hospital and University, former First Lady and Foreign Minister of Somaliland, and the country’s first qualified nurse midwife.

10 Years of Partnership

Johnson & Johnson's consistent support for over a decade has helped thousands of suffering women.

With contributions totaling over \$2 million, they have truly lived out their organizational values to take responsibility for "the world community."

We are grateful for their faith in our mission and continued partnership.

Johnson & Johnson



Johnson & Johnson's support for Fistula Foundation has been innovative and comprehensive. In 2013, they sponsored a mobile game to raise donations through the *Half the Sky* movement, and they have repeatedly invested in hospital capacity through robust surgeon training. In 2017, Johnson & Johnson provided key funding to launch an entire countrywide treatment network in Zambia.

Earning Your Trust



Charity Navigator

Fistula Foundation has earned an “exceptional” 4-star rating 13 years in a row, an honor only 1% of evaluated charities receive.



Better Business Bureau

Fistula Foundation has consistently met all 20 of the BBB’s Standards for Charity Accountability since 2006.



GreatNonprofits

Thanks to over 640 reviews from supporters like you, we were named a 2018 Top-Rated Charity.



The Life You Can Save

Since 2014, we have been honored to be one of The Life You Can Save’s recommended charities and part of the Effective Altruism movement.



Charity Watch

We earned an ‘A’ rating from Charity Watch, which the *New York Times* calls the “pit bull of watchdogs.”



GuideStar

Platinum Participant status is GuideStar’s highest ranking, awarded to organizations that demonstrate a superior level of impact and transparency.



John Donergan

“Fistula Foundation runs a high quality, cost-effective global program, which I am proud to support.”

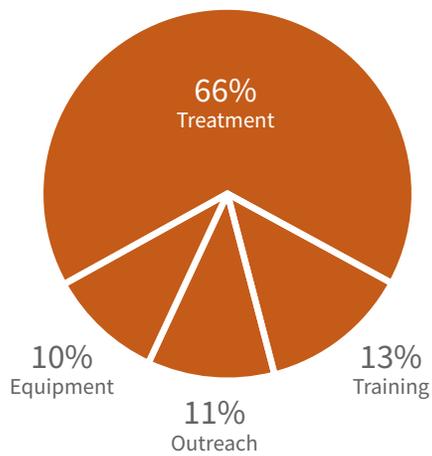
Peter Singer

Professor, ethicist, and founder of The Life You Can Save organization

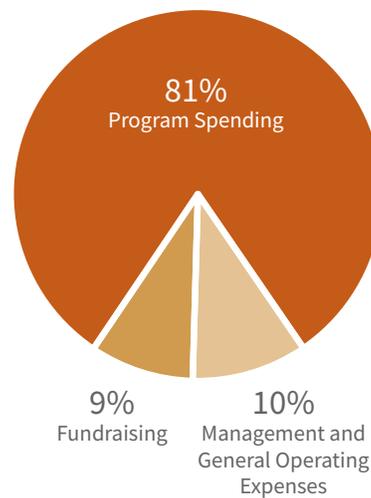
2018 Financials

Revenues and Support	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Contributions	\$6,237,374	\$3,984,591	\$10,221,965
Net Investment Income (loss)	(\$638,301)	—	(\$638,301)
Net Assets Released from Restriction for Purpose	\$2,369,909	(\$2,369,908)	—
Total Revenues and Support	\$7,968,982	\$1,614,683	\$9,583,664
Expenses			
Program Services	\$8,623,222	—	\$8,623,222
Management and General	\$1,039,826	—	\$1,039,826
Fundraising Expense	\$915,682	—	\$915,682
Total Expenses	\$10,578,730	—	\$10,578,730
Change in Net Assets	(\$2,609,748)	\$1,614,683	(\$995,066)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$4,478,655	\$7,076,908	\$11,555,563
Net Assets at End of Year	\$1,868,907	\$8,691,591	\$10,560,497

2018 Program Spending



Overall Spending in 2018



Meet Our Team

Across our offices, we embrace these core values:



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Photos by Georgina Goodwin and Fistula Foundation Staff



Chisimba

ZAMBIA

Chisimba went into labor in a rural Zambian village, and as the hours passed, her pain became excruciating. It was clear that her labor was obstructed—but without access to adequate maternal care, Chisimba had no way to get the help she needed. The traumatic labor left her with the childbirth injury obstetric fistula, leaking urine uncontrollably. But thanks to supporters like you, Chisimba's story did not end in misery. She met outreach workers from Fistula Foundation, who arranged for her to travel by bus to Mansa General Hospital. Chisimba underwent successful fistula repair surgery, and today, she is completely dry!