



# 10 Years

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.



## 1 Mission

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

Courtesy of EVVF

## 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.



Courtesy of CURE International

# 39,866 Lives Changed Forever



Thanks to your generosity, Fistula Foundation is the global leader in fistula treatment. We are actively working in 23 countries and helping fifteen times as many women as we were a decade ago—but we are far from finished. Government funding for fistula has declined dramatically in recent years, and there are at least a million women who are still waiting for life-changing care. Now more than ever, we need your help to ensure that these women get the treatment they need.

# Giving the Precious Gift of Health

Thanks to your generosity, nearly 40,000 women now have hopeful stories to tell. You also empowered the dedicated doctors and nurses who healed them—local heroes who understand their communities best.



“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.



## Dr. Homa Dost

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



## Dr. Hillary Mabeya

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



## Edna Adan Ismail

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



Cherry Escalante

## Iyaka

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

When Iyaka went into obstructed labor, her child died in her womb. She suffered with fistula for years, until she heard a radio announcement that said treatment was available. Iyaka traveled by taxi, motorcycle, and on foot to get help from our partner, HEAL Africa.



Touhidul Islam

## Mumtaz

BANGLADESH

Mumtaz is a Rohingya refugee from Myanmar. After a complicated labor in one of Bangladesh's vast refugee camps, Mumtaz began leaking urine. Thankfully, our partners at HOPE Hospital met Mumtaz on an outreach excursion. They referred her to the main hospital for successful repair surgery.



John Healey

## Agness

ZAMBIA

Agness knew she had to find a cure for her incontinence. She had already lost her baby in a traumatic labor, and had six other children at home depending on her. Nothing worked until she met an outreach worker trained by Fistula Foundation—who referred her to Mansa General Hospital for transformative treatment.



Georgina Goodwin

## Merin'y

MADAGASCAR

After suffering with fistula for twenty years, Merin'y finally heard a life-changing radio announcement: her condition was treatable! Your donations covered her travel to our partner, SALFA (Sampan'Asa Loterana momba ny Fahasalamana), for successful surgery. Today, she helps refer other leaking women to the hospital for treatment.

# You Opened Your Hearts

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



## Paul Simon and Peter Singer

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! Pictured here are Singer (left) and Simon (right) with CEO Kate Grant.



## Mary Ann McCammon & Quilts for Empowerment

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.



## Gabrielle Berard

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. “There’s a hopefulness to it,” Gabrielle said. It’s a difficult problem, “but so appropriate for a gathering of women, many of whom were recently brides or new moms themselves.”



## Michael Nedham

Climb a mountain? No problem! In 2017, outdoorsman Michael Nedham challenged himself to scale Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise support for Fistula Foundation. “I was looking for something to do with my brother, who has a chronic illness,” Michael said. His efforts raised \$1,000 for critical fistula care—and yes, he made it to the top!



## Rachel Ploeger

College student Rachel Ploeger spent the summer working overtime at her job in a fast food restaurant—not to save up spending money for the school year, but to provide a fistula surgery for 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.”

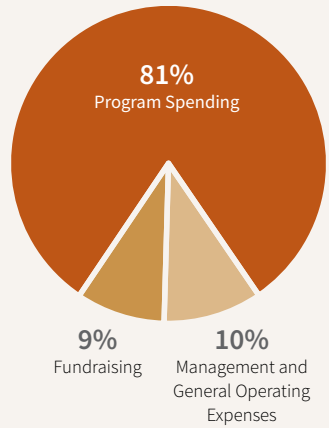


## Joe & Sharon Kemper

Joe and Sharon Kemper first learned about fistula in Peter Singer’s book, *The Life You Can Save*. Since then, they have become one of our most dedicated donor families. Their commitment to lifting up women and girls around the world is inspiring, and we are honored by their generous support.

# Earning Your Trust

We are committed to keeping our operating expenses low. Where many organizations spend a majority of their funds on U.S.-based operations, we turn that model around. 81% of our revenue goes to work on the ground, where we help strong African and Asian medical partners build the capacity to deliver life-transforming care.



We are committed to accountability and transparency, and receive the highest ratings from every industry watchdog group.



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