A Game-Changing Year

2014 was a game-changing year for Fistula Foundation. While fistula remains a devastating injury for too many women, thanks to your support we provided more surgeries than ever before, helping more women regain their lives.

We launched an innovative $2 million program in Kenya supported by Astellas Pharma EMEA, which selected Fistula Foundation through a rigorous and competitive process. This support is helping us build the world’s first fistula treatment network, enabling us to tackle fistula from every angle: expanding the pool of trained fistula surgeons, engaging communities, and strengthening the network of hospitals in Kenya that provide high quality fistula surgery. One year in, we already see the potential to replicate this strategy for comprehensive fistula treatment in other countries and regions.

In addition, we’ve deepened our commitment to train more fistula surgeons than ever before in association with the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO). Long-term partner Johnson & Johnson continues to be a critical supporter of our work, helping us support new, innovative projects through a small grants program.

We are committed to ending the suffering of women with fistula. With your continued support, we know we will.

Your donations transform women’s lives.

With us, thrift is a core value. That’s because we are committed to putting as much funding as possible into the hands of our trusted partners in Africa and Asia, where women’s lives are changed.

Our finances are transparent. Every audit, tax return and annual report ever completed for our organization is posted on our website. In 2014, we were rated 98.9 out of 100 possible points for our financials, accountability and transparency by Charity Navigator. For the last nine years we have earned their highest four-star rating, placing us in the top one percent of charities they rate.

The organization The Life You Can Save (TLYCS) was founded by Peter Singer, a moral philosopher and Princeton professor who authored a book of the same name. TLYCS encourages people to publicly pledge a percentage of their income and recommends 16 charities they believe provide “cost effective and transparent programs that alleviate suffering and reduce premature death among the world’s 1.2 billion poorest people.” We are proud to be one of these 16 charities.

Help give a woman a new life.

Fistula Foundation works to end the suffering caused by the childbirth injury obstetric fistula, because we believe no woman should endure a life of misery and isolation simply for trying to bring a child into the world.

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Seline, a fistula patient who was healed at Cherangany Nursing Home, part of our Action on Fistula Treatment Network in Kenya.

Men and women from Sindh and Balochistan provinces in Pakistan gather for a community education session on fistula; the event was hosted by our outreach partner Dream Foundation Trust.

Dr. Denis Mukwege is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, fistula surgeon, and founder of Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, one of our longest-term partners.

14,277 Women Transformed by Fistula Surgery From 2009 - 2014

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Senegal
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Sudan
Tanzania
Togo
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

29 Countries Supported by Fistula Foundation Across Africa and Asia

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

Treatment $12,651,491.17
Medical supplies, hospital and equipment upgrades $3,108,125.30
Research, surgeon and provider training $4,230,449.72

$20 Million Invested in Treating Fistula Since 2009

Surgeries, transportation, outreach, housing and patient care.