



FISTULA
FOUNDATION

2024 PROGRESS REPORT

No Woman Left Behind



Dear Friends and Partners,

If we were to choose a word to capture the last year at Fistula Foundation, it would be GROWTH. That's because we are on track to do more than 17,500 surgeries this year, which is a 63% increase over just three years ago. While the extraordinary gift from MacKenzie Scott helped fuel that expansion, those funds were spent down early this year. Thanks to you, and generous people like you, who have continued to support our work, we've been able to maintain our momentum. That means more women than ever before are receiving life-transforming care. Thank you!

The other word that's fitting for this year is TRANSITION. That's because, as you can tell from the fact that both of us are signing this letter, we are in the process of a major leadership transition from Kate as CEO, to Pam as CEO. We are happy to report that we are in the final days of that handover, and it should be complete in August. As with everything we do, we drew on research and experience of others to guide our path. In the case of this transition, both wisdom and data pointed to a longer glide path to ensure a smooth and successful handover. We both are confident that the best days for the Foundation are ahead.

In the following pages, we hope you will be inspired by the tremendous work done by our hospital partners to help women too often left in the shadows regain their health and hope for the future. None of these miracles of healing would be possible without your selfless support.

With deepest gratitude,



Pam Lowney
Pam Lowney
Incoming CEO



Kate Grant
Kate Grant
Outgoing CEO



100,000 Surgeries— 100,000 Reasons to Keep Going

In 2024, because of you, we reached an extraordinary milestone: We provided our 100,000th life-transforming surgery for women living with obstetric fistula and severe perineal tears.

We celebrate this milestone not as a finish line, but as a reminder of the power of community, and what we can continue to accomplish together. Because for every woman we've reached, there are still countless more waiting for the care that they deserve.

With you by our side, we aim to reach every woman who needlessly suffers with a profound promise of healing and hope.



Behind Every Surgery Is a Woman's Future

Behind every surgery is a woman like Hauwa—a woman with a name, a family, and a future. After living with obstetric fistula for five long years, Hauwa received the surgery she needed to reclaim her life. A chain of small, individual acts of compassion and generosity from people like you made her healing possible. Countless women like Hauwa are waiting to be healed so they can start their futures free from fistula.

At Fistula Foundation, we believe that no woman should live a life of misery and isolation, simply for trying to bring a child into the world. We strive every day to end the suffering of women injured in childbirth—and to ensure that no woman is left behind.

From Headlines to Healing



In November 2024, Fistula Foundation was named as a 2024 Holiday Impact Prize Winner by Nicholas Kristof, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for *The New York Times*. The annual Prize celebrates organizations working to make the world a better place. Fistula Foundation was one of just three 2024 honorees, chosen out of 1.8 million nonprofits in the U.S.

Again in December, Kristof—a longtime advocate for fistula patients—wrote another article featuring patients from our partner Jamaa Mission Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya. He urged his loyal readers to take action by asking this simple question: “Is There a Better \$600 Investment?”

Thanks to the awareness generated by Kristof, four generous matching donors, and support from people like you, Fistula Foundation raised more than \$4 million, funding 6,400 life-transforming surgeries.

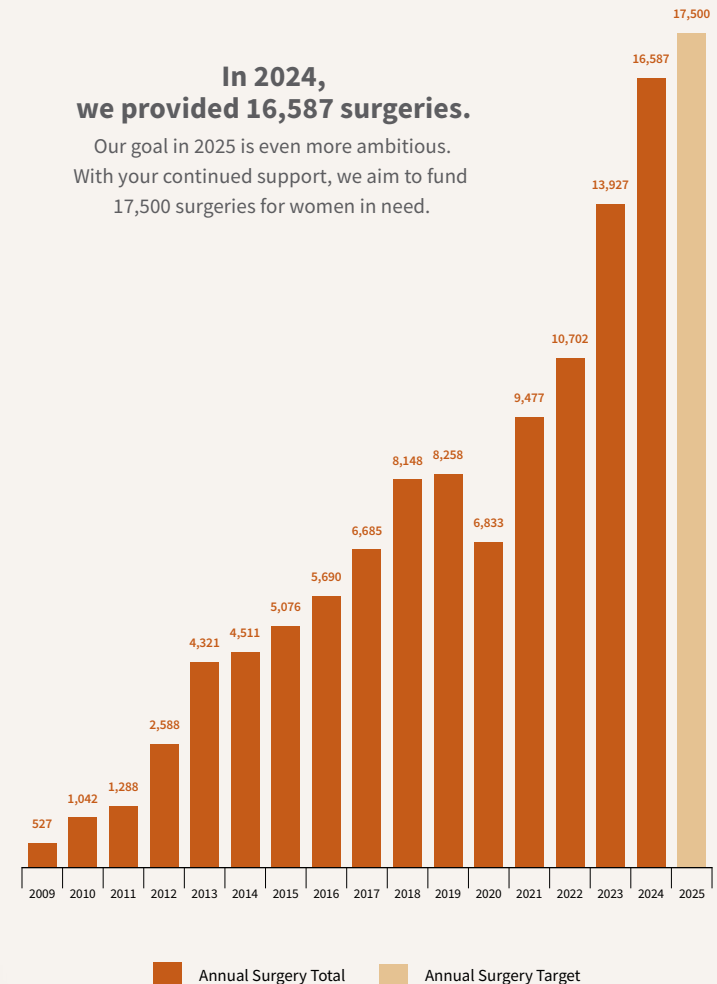
“There are many problems we can’t fix, but let’s not forget those areas where we can make a life changing difference. We have a chance together to light a path forward and lift up women who have almost lost hope.”

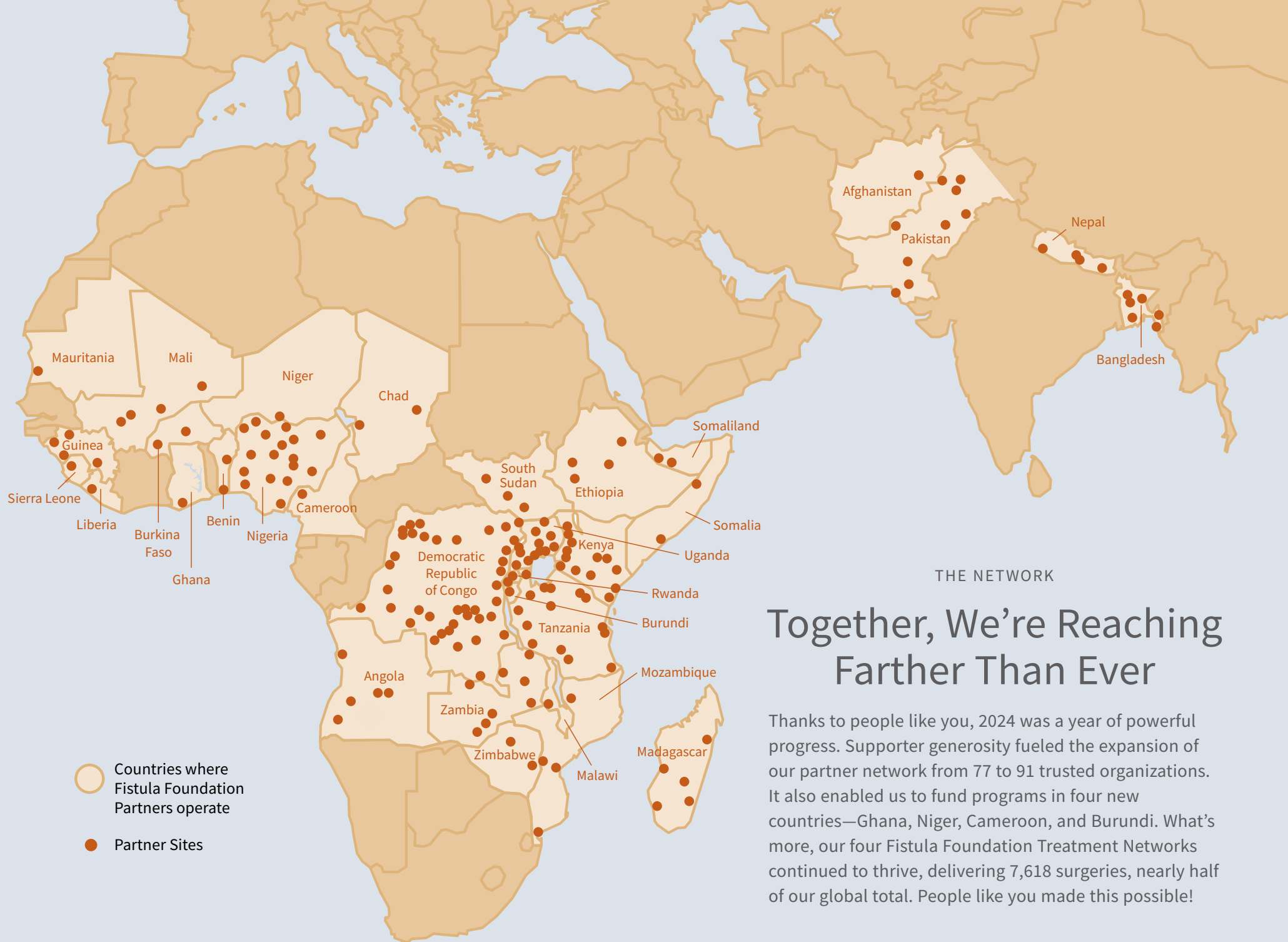
— Nicholas Kristof
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, *The New York Times*

Your Compassion in Action

**In 2024,
we provided 16,587 surgeries.**

Our goal in 2025 is even more ambitious.
With your continued support, we aim to fund
17,500 surgeries for women in need.





The Compassion Behind the Care

Behind every surgery is a team of courageous, compassionate people—from skilled surgeons to nurses to community outreach workers.

Together, they form a growing network of partners whose expertise and deep understanding of the realities on the ground bring life-changing care to remote

corners of the globe, reaching some of the world's most vulnerable women.

Through this network and the support of donors like you, we're not only treating fistula—we're building a global movement led by local leaders, transforming lives and communities with every surgery.



Anthony John Mtonyi

Tanzania, Nkinga Referral Hospital — During clinical rounds, Dr. Amos Mwazembe—a provider at Nkinga Referral Hospital in Tanzania—shows patient Seleviana how to operate a remote control.

The Heart Behind the Healing

Ava Yung devoted herself to helping others—with genuine kindness, warmth, and sincerity. In her final years, Ava suffered from a rare neurological disorder that left her incontinent and unable to control her body. Her son Ken, who cared for her, witnessed the isolation and the loss of independence this brought. Ava's experience echoed

the suffering of women in far less resourced places. In her memory, Ken chose to honor Ava's spirit of hard work and perseverance with a transformative gift to Fistula Foundation from the inheritance Ava left him. "I hope that my mother's gift can help those in need, relieve them from suffering and give them a better life," said Ken.



Honoring Ava's Legacy — Thanks to a generous gift from her son Ken's inheritance, Ava Yung's legacy lives on—in every woman who walks out of surgery with the promise of a brighter future.

YOUR GIFT AT WORK

Earning Your Trust

We know that when you give, you're placing your trust in us—and we take that responsibility seriously. That's why 84% of every dollar goes directly to our partner network, funding life-changing surgeries and programs in the field. With a four-star Charity Navigator rating, a recommendation by The Life You Can Save, and an A rating from Charity Watch, we're proud to be recognized for transparency, accountability, and the life-transforming impact your generosity makes possible.



This is the highest rating given by Charity Navigator, reflecting exceptional financial health, accountability, and transparency. With a four-star charity, you can trust that your gift is managed responsibly and used effectively.



The Life You Can Save maintains a small list of charities that it believes provide the greatest good for funds spent. As a recommended charity, Fistula Foundation is vetted for impact and cost-effectiveness, ensuring donations go toward proven, high-impact programs that save and improve lives.

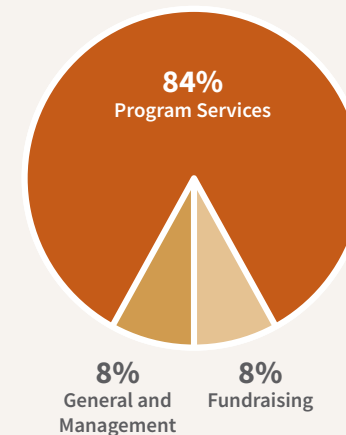


An 'A' rating from CharityWatch signifies excellent financial efficiency and transparency, demonstrating that the organization uses the vast majority of donations directly for program services rather than overhead.

2024 Financials

Revenues and Support	Total
Contributions	\$19,944,212
Net Investment Income (loss)	\$2,745,757
Net Assets Released from Restriction for Purpose	—
Total Revenues and Support	\$22,689,969
Expenses	
Program Services	\$16,533,204
Management and General	\$1,490,119
Fundraising Expense	\$1,702,784
Total Expenses	\$19,726,107
Change in Net Assets	\$2,963,862
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$26,603,782
Net Assets at End of Year	\$29,567,644

Overall Spending in 2024

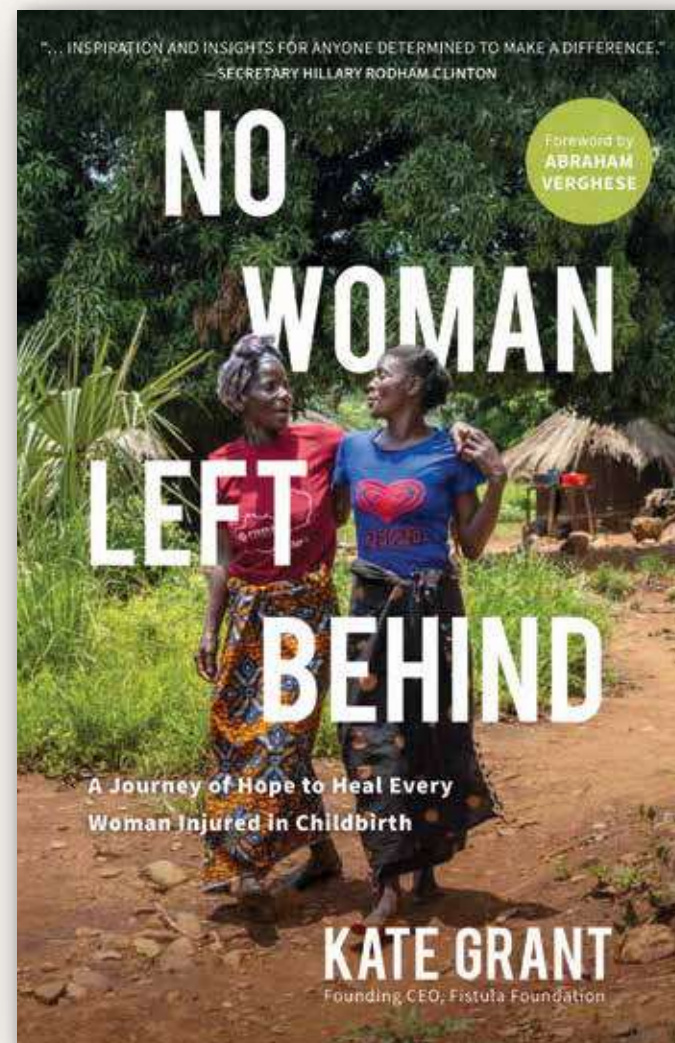


A message from Kate:

No Woman Left Behind is in many ways a love letter to people like you who have made our story possible. Since this is the last annual report I'll be a part of, I thought it would be fitting to end with an excerpt from the final page of my book.

Every day life asks each of us: what kind of person am I? I believe our answer is shown in how we treat other people. Our donors' selfless empathy is the rocket fuel that drives everything we do. I am inspired by the countless people who give amounts large and small to help women they will never meet, in places they will likely never visit, get their lives back. We share a reverence for the courage of women with fistula, who against the odds, persevere to emerge the heroes in their own story as their despair is turned into hope and healing. I feel so lucky to spend my days surrounded by such compassion and courage.

A woman with fistula is like you and me—she is someone's daughter, sister, wife, aunt, or friend. She wants what you'd want for yourself—a healthy future. Her story is unique and her own. Her struggles are deeply personal. And yet, there is one element that is often the same: surgery provides a hard-won opportunity for a new life—a rebirth. But the promise of curative surgery is a dream for far too many women. It doesn't have to be this way. Together we can create a world where no woman suffers needlessly for trying to bring a child into the world. My hope is that you'll join us in our efforts to ensure that every woman injured in childbirth gets the care she needs to thrive, so that there is no woman left behind.



100% of net proceeds from Kate's book will go to the Foundation's Love a Sister program, which provides free surgeries to women across Africa and Asia.



Learn more



With You By Our Side, The Best Is Yet to Come

Bound by hope, driven by compassion, and fueled by your generosity, we're reaching more women in more places than ever before. Your support is a lifeline for women like Florence (right) a patient from Zambia—also featured on the front cover of this report—who was found by Beatrice (left), an outreach worker who connects women to the care that they need. Florence and Beatrice represent the women whose lives we seek to change. They will forever be memorialized as the faces of *No Woman Left Behind*.

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