



FISTULA
FOUNDATION

2025 PROGRESS REPORT

**Because of You,
We're Reaching New Heights
and Restoring More Lives**

In 2025, you helped us provide 19,577 life-changing surgeries—2,000 more than our target of 17,500 surgeries, and 83% more than in 2022. That is extraordinary.



BECAUSE OF YOU

Sadeya was able to access the care that freed her from fistula.

In 2025, you helped women like Sadeya (27) regain on average 40 years of healthy life, to live fistula-free, work, care for their families, and move confidently through the world.



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BECAUSE OF YOU

Thousands of women became part of a healing community.

A woman's healing starts when she arrives at the hospital and finds that she is not alone. In 2025, thousands of women experienced the relief of this homecoming, because of you.

BECAUSE OF YOU

Our countrywide treatment networks expanded access across the globe.

In October 2025, we launched our fifth countrywide treatment network, the Fistula Foundation Treatment Network (FFTN) in Nigeria. Each FFTN expands timely access to care, and today, these networks account for 60% of our total surgical output.

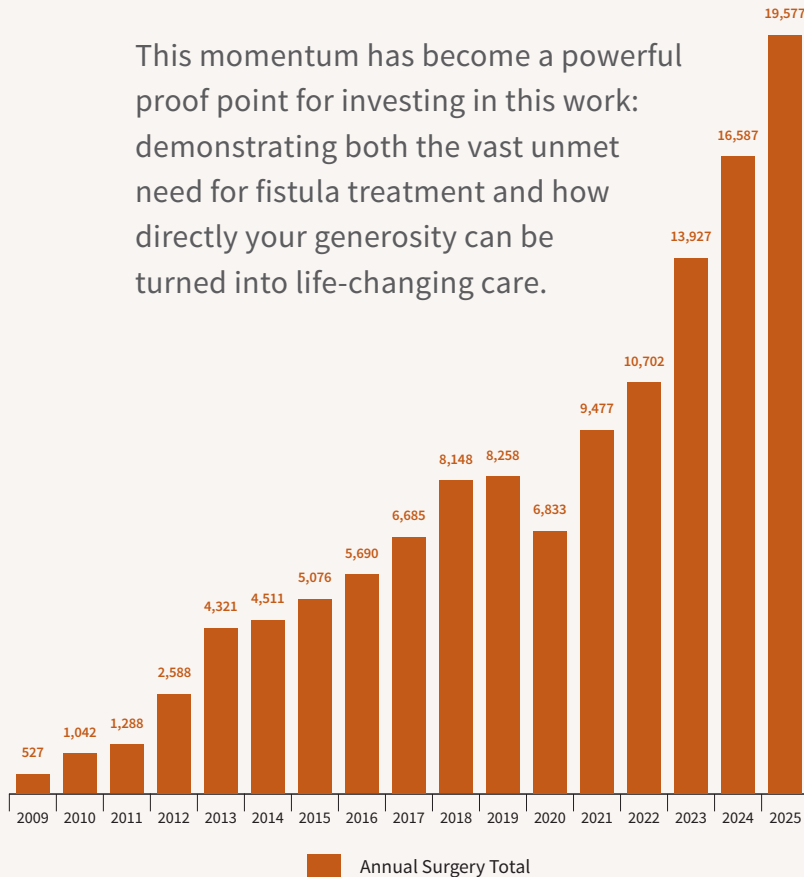


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BECAUSE OF YOU

We are achieving surgery numbers that once felt unimaginable.

This momentum has become a powerful proof point for investing in this work: demonstrating both the vast unmet need for fistula treatment and how directly your generosity can be turned into life-changing care.



*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.*

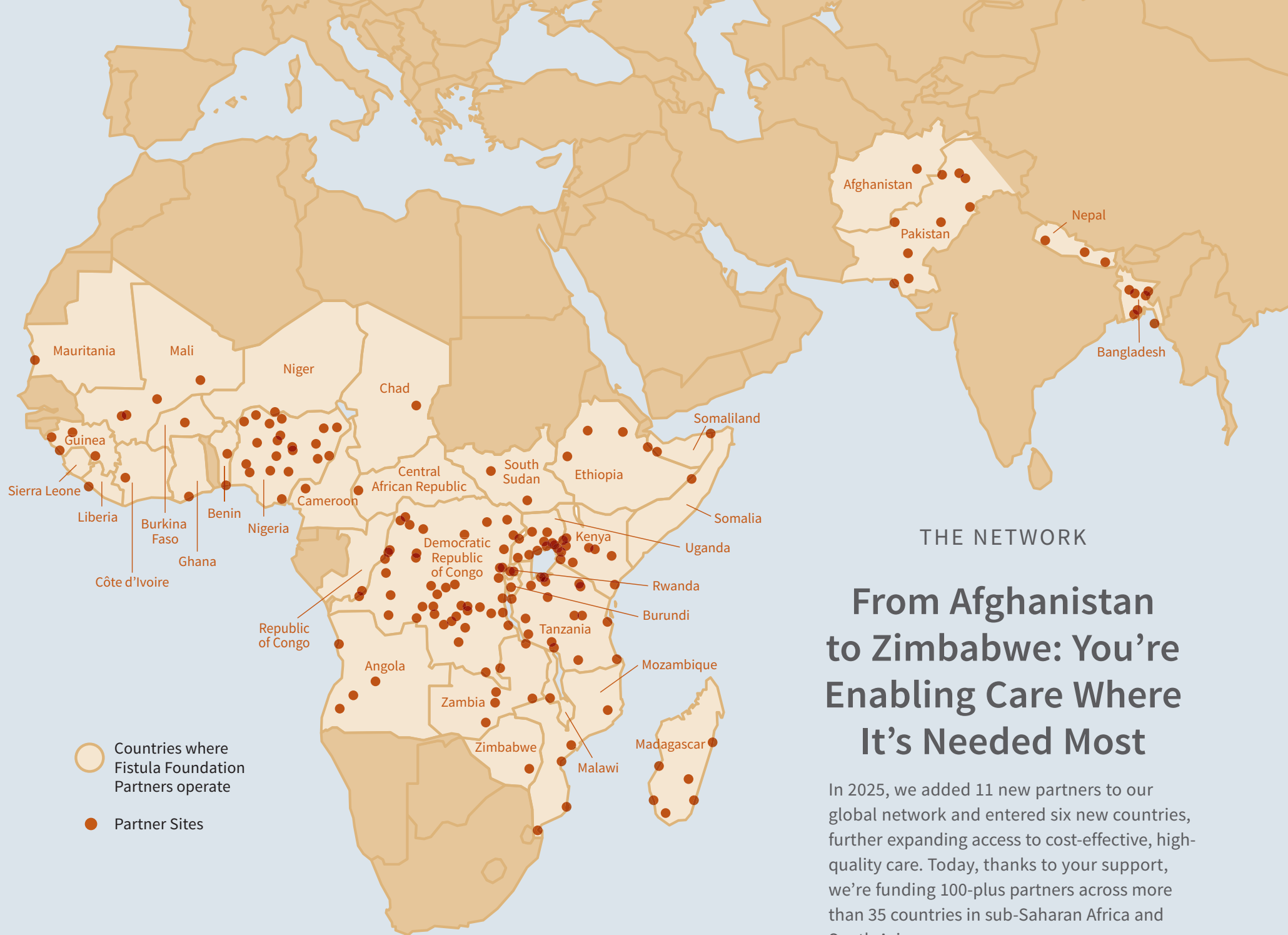
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"My peace is back," said Lula, after she was successfully treated in 2025. "I only think of good things for my future."

Supercharging Surgeries in the DRC

A landmark gift from Bloomberg Philanthropies in 2025 accelerated the expansion of our treatment network in the Democratic Republic of Congo. With this support, our partners have provided 12,282 surgeries since the network launched in 2022, marking a 336% increase in surgical capacity.



OUR PARTNERS

Dedicated to Healing in Difficult Conditions



Dr. Sidra Ahmed



Khaula Jamil

Our partners work in under-resourced areas and routinely navigate difficult conditions to deliver high-quality care to women who desperately need it.

In July 2025, Dr. Shershah Syed, an expert surgeon (pictured at right), traveled with his team from Pakistan to Taliban-controlled Afghanistan to provide hands-on training to surgeons outside the capital city of Kabul. Due to Taliban travel restrictions and the persecution of non-Muslims, the majority of our surgeon trainers were prohibited from traveling to Afghanistan, so Dr. Shershah made the journey others could not.

OUR DONORS

Enduring Empathy, Enduring Impact

Movements don't just happen. They're built by people like you—people who see the suffering of others and refuse to look away. You are part of a global community of supporters for whom indifference is not an option.



**TOGETHER
WOMEN RISE**
Collective action for global gender equality

When Women Come Together, Anything Is Possible

Most chapter members of Together Women Rise had never heard of obstetric fistula before they encountered Fistula Foundation as a featured grantee. And yet, when members worldwide were recently asked to vote for a grantee to win a bonus gift, they chose the Foundation—by a landslide.

Together Women Rise is a collective giving movement with some 300 active chapters across the U.S., uniting everyday philanthropists around a simple conviction: when women invest in women, the impact multiplies across families, communities, and generations. The nonprofit funds organizations working directly with women

and girls in low-income and marginalized communities across the Global South. Since 2008, Together Women Rise has awarded Fistula Foundation several, multi-year grants.

"Fistula Foundation has always been one of the favorite grantees for our members," said Together Women Rise's CEO, Beverley Francis-Gibson. She cited how moving it is to learn that a relatively low-cost surgery can restore a woman's health and return her fully to her life.

"When you empower women, they are then able to do so much more for their own families, their communities, and future generations," said Francis-Gibson.

OUR COMMITMENT

One Million Reasons to Grow Responsibly

Year after year, we remain committed to one measurable outcome: the number of women we can heal. *That* we grow is just as important as *how* we grow. We partner with trusted local doctors and hospitals, provide reliable funding, and measure quality and cost relentlessly.

More than a goal, delivering more high-quality, cost-effective care each year is our mission-driven mandate. After all, up to one million women are counting on us. And so are you.

That's why we hold ourselves to the highest standards of quality, accountability, and stewardship. For the women who are still waiting, we're committed to growing responsibly, year after year.



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.

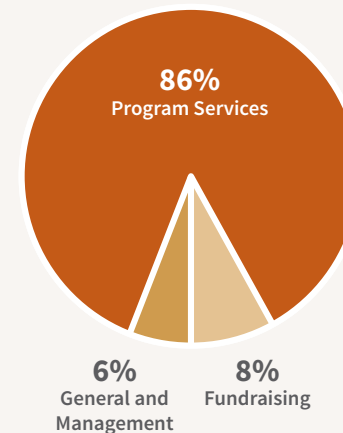


An 'A' rating from CharityWatch signifies excellent financial efficiency and transparency, demonstrating that the organization uses the vast majority of donations directly for program services rather than overhead.

2025 Financials

Revenues and Support	Total
Contributions	\$27,810,588
Net Investment Income (loss)	\$3,826,996
Net Assets Released from Restriction for Purpose	—
Total Revenues and Support	\$31,637,584
Expenses	
Program Services	\$20,604,972
Management and General	\$1,533,442
Fundraising Expense	\$1,884,939
Total Expenses	\$24,023,353
Change in Net Assets	\$7,614,231
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$29,567,644
Net Assets at End of Year	\$37,181,875

Overall Spending in 2025





CEO Pam Lowney (left) visits the home of Salamatu (right), a fistula survivor from Nigeria who has her life back after a successful fistula surgery. "Thank you, thank you. I'm so happy now, and grateful," said Salamatu.

Because of you,
life-changing care is expanding further than
ever before—meeting the urgency of women's
suffering. The sooner a woman is healed, the
sooner her life begins anew. That is why each
year, with every milestone reached, we ask
ourselves one question: what more can we do?

Pam Lowney
CEO, Fistula Foundation



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Let's Keep Reaching Higher

In 2025, you stood with women like Betty, a 33-year-old fistula patient from Uganda who was incessantly mocked for her incontinence. After receiving treatment last year, Betty vowed to forgive everyone who laughed at her. Today, she's dry and thankful for the free treatment made possible by compassionate people like you.

But countless women like Betty are still waiting for care, and our partners have proven what's possible when we set our sights high. With your support, we will continue expanding access to life-changing surgeries to reach every woman in need of care.

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