



FISTULA
FOUNDATION

2020 Progress Report



Marjin Goud

Resilience

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we pivoted quickly to give our doctors the emergency support they need. Together, we're helping to keep their doors open so they can continue their crucial mission: providing fistula care to women in need.

Adversity

2020 was one of the most challenging years any of us have been through. Yet, with your critical help, Fistula Foundation's partners forged ahead with their vital work across Africa and Asia.



Sumy Sadurni

Hope

Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, our trusted partners in 22 countries were able to restore women's health and hope for the future in 2020—even during an unprecedented global pandemic.



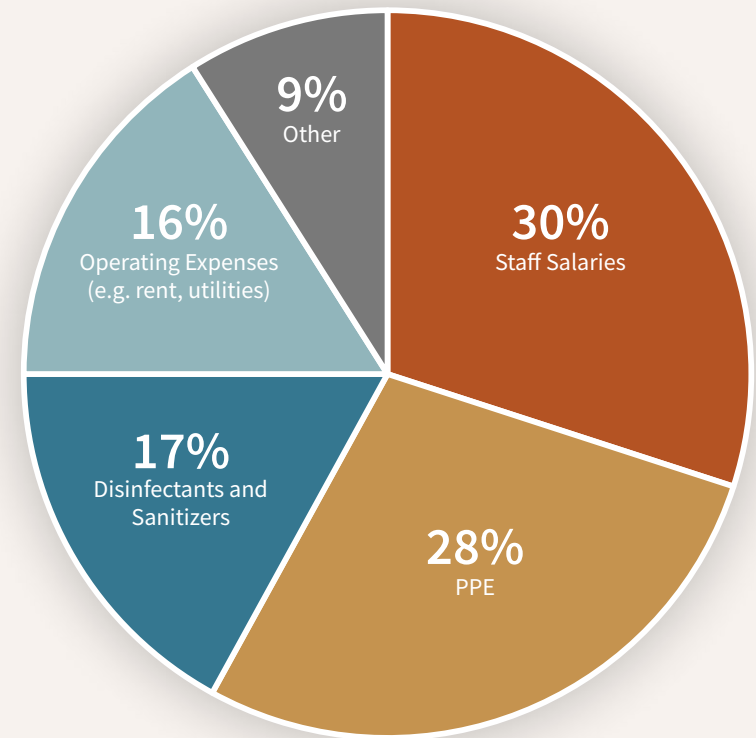
Sumy Sadurni

Meeting the Moment

When the pandemic hit, our partners in Africa and Asia faced an exceptional challenge. While we have always been laser-focused on fistula treatment, we knew we needed to act quickly to help them weather the storm.

So, with unanimous support from our Board of Directors, we amended our Articles of Incorporation to launch a Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund in April 2020. Thanks to you, in 2020, we provided nearly \$700,000 in aid.

Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund Allocation



1,311

staff salaries to prevent layoffs and maintain treatment capacity



228,828

masks to protect 6,332 healthcare workers at 51 hospitals

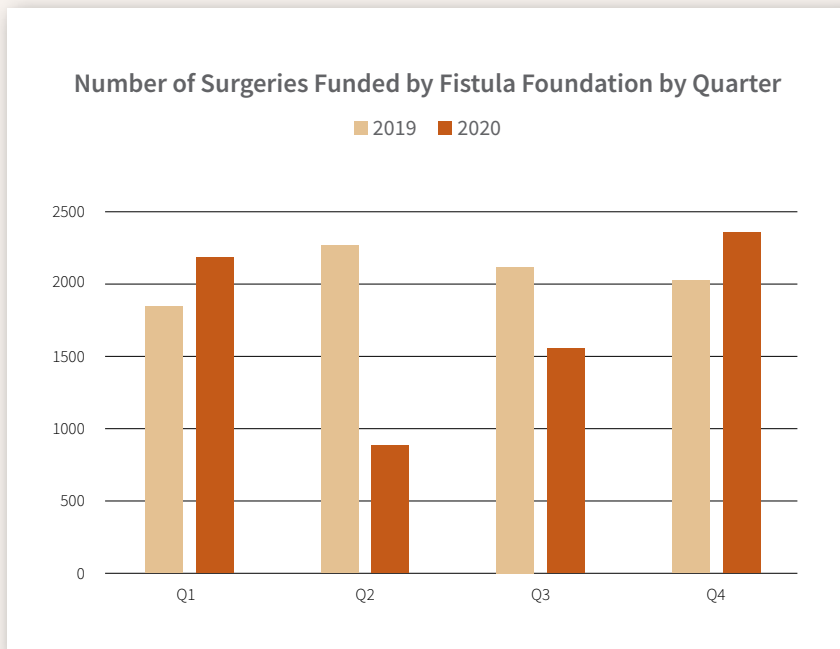


3,589

outreach workers trained in Covid-19 prevention

An Astonishing Rebound

After a sharp drop in surgeries in the second quarter, our partners finished the year strong, exceeding fistula treatment at pre-pandemic levels in the fourth quarter of 2020.



You Helped Provide 6,833 Surgeries in 2020

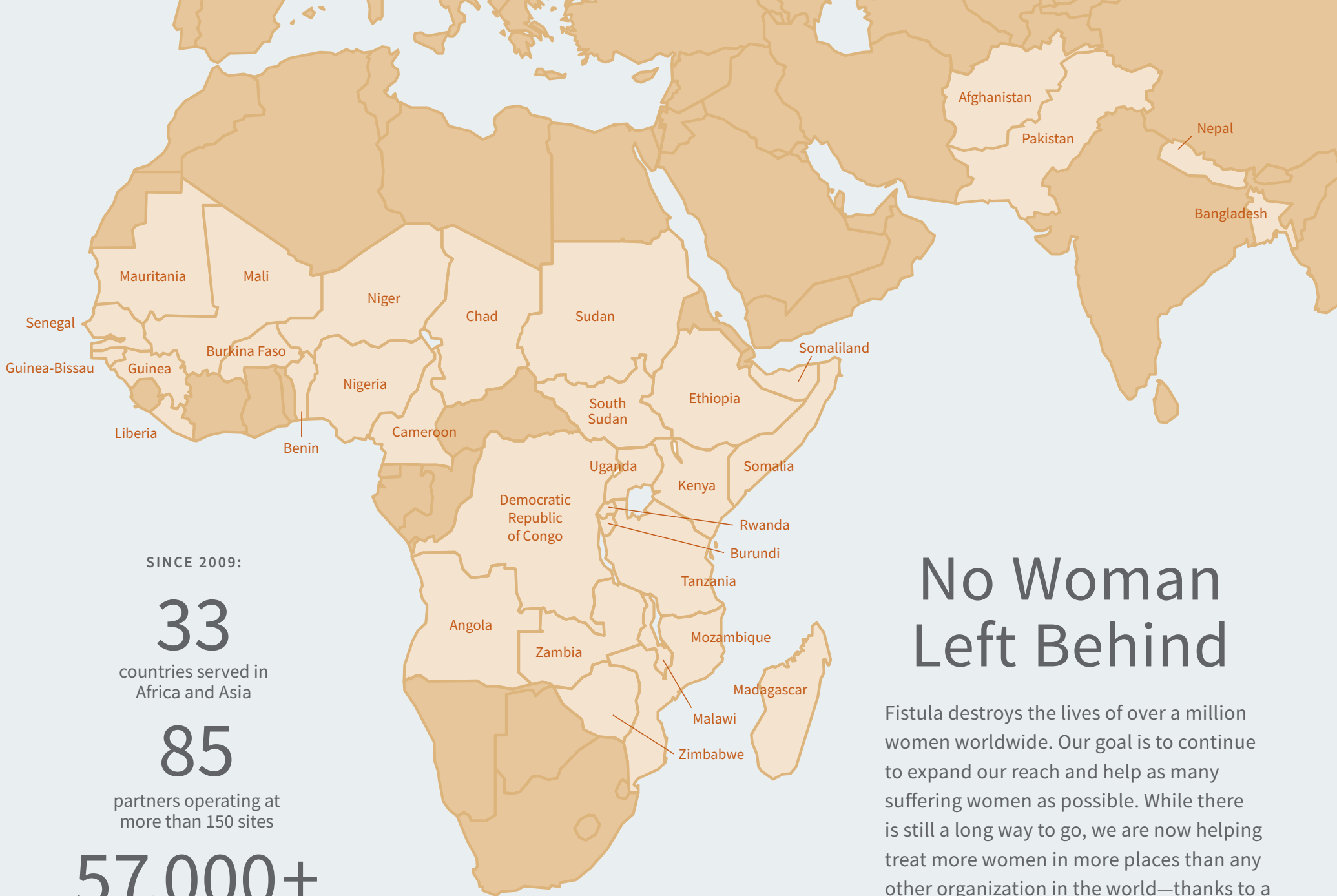
In Q2, fistula surgeries decreased by nearly two-thirds compared to 2019. However, in an astounding rebound, Q4 surgery numbers were nearly 13% higher than those reported at the same time in 2019, a very encouraging trend!



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Each Surgery Represents a Woman Like Musabimana

Musabimana lives in a rural village in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). She was scheduled for surgery in early 2020 by HEAL Africa, our trusted partner hospital, but the Covid-19 pandemic made traveling impossible. However, our doctors on the ground refused to give up on her. As soon as it was safe, they arranged for her to come to the hospital for life-transforming surgery. Musabimana was discharged in November 2020, completely dry!



SINCE 2009:

33

countries served in
Africa and Asia

85

partners operating at
more than 150 sites

57,000+

women transformed through
fistula surgery

No Woman Left Behind

Fistula destroys the lives of over a million women worldwide. Our goal is to continue to expand our reach and help as many suffering women as possible. While there is still a long way to go, we are now helping treat more women in more places than any other organization in the world—thanks to a strong community of supporters like you.

Empathy in Action

It is easy to look with sadness and resignation at the vast problems in the world and when confronted with suffering, to simply look the other way and move on. The harder path is to acknowledge the pain of another and truly recognize their humanity. Most Foundation supporters like you have never met a woman with fistula. And yet you are deeply moved by her plight, you want to end her misery, and you open your heart to help give her the priceless gift of health. To see her suffering as if it were your own or that of someone you love is empathy. To choose to help her, is an act of love. An often overused word, but in this case I believe the right word: Love.

— Kate Grant
Chief Executive Officer

EMPATHY IN ACTION

You're Part of an Unstoppable Force for Good

Women Working Together to Transform Lives



Soroptomist International is a global volunteer movement of women who work together to empower other women and girls. Over the last four years, the Central Solano County chapter has come together to fund over 18 life-changing surgeries! Their generosity each year

is a reflection of the group's deep compassion. "If you share even a little bit of awareness with other women, it can make a big difference," said Judy Lloyd, Chapter President. "That's what Soroptomist is about. Working together, we can help."

Four College Students' 24-Hour Charity Walk for Fistula



Charlie Rogers, Luke Antonia, Ben Rogers, and Jacob Lichty pledged to walk for 24 hours straight to support fistula care. Inspired by the Effective Altruism movement and The Life You Can Save, they knew that their efforts would make a transformative difference for women in need. Together, they raised enough to fund more than 10 fistula surgeries!

"As much as we were hurting and tired, we were simply living one uncomfortable day," said Ben, "in comparison to women affected by obstetric fistula, who can live a lifetime in discomfort and pain."

Small Business Owner in Texas Honors Her Family by Giving Back



Nasim Bell is the owner of the Hummingbird Tea Room in The Woodlands, Texas. She first heard about Fistula Foundation many years ago on the Oprah Show, and since then, she has dedicated a portion of proceeds from her business to helping women with obstetric fistula. "Most of our support comes from women, and it's only fitting [for us] to give to an organization that helps women globally," she said.

Sadly, Nasim's parents passed away from Covid-19 in August 2020. To honor them, Nasim now also gives as an individual, sponsoring women's surgeries in their memory.

Earning Your Trust



Charity Navigator

Fistula Foundation has earned an “exceptional” 4-star rating 15 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.



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.



GreatNonprofits

Thanks to over 740 reviews from supporters like you, we were named a 2020 Top-Rated Charity.



GuideStar

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



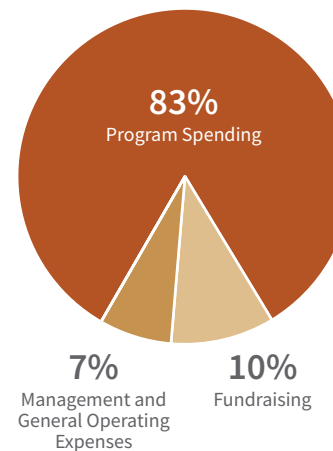
Charity Watch

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

2020 Financials

Revenues and Support	Total
Contributions	\$12,989,141
Net Investment Income	\$1,828,813
Net Assets Released from Restriction for Purpose	—
Total Revenues and Support	\$14,817,954
Expenses	
Program Services	\$9,392,891
Management and General	\$824,093
Fundraising Expense	\$1,136,206
Total Expenses	\$11,353,190
Change in Net Assets	\$3,464,764
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$11,591,205
Net Assets at End of Year	\$15,055,969

Overall Spending in 2020





Dr. Lena Gamble

ANGOLA

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, you made a critical difference for our partners in Angola. With your support, CEML (Centro Evangelico Medicina do Lubango) enlisted the help of Dr. Lena Gamble. She provided infection control training and created a new Covid-19 protocol to keep patients and staff safe. You also helped CEML purchase much-needed PPE like masks and gloves, and covered staff salaries to keep the hospital functioning at full capacity. Thanks to you, these fistula heroes are forging ahead!