

## A Chain of Love

At Fistula Foundation, we see ourselves as a link between kind and generous people like you and dedicated doctors and hospitals in places like Angola and Somaliland. This chain of love enables too often forgotten women to receive life-transforming surgery. We work every day to ensure that your donations are used as effectively as possible to truly change women's lives.

In 2015, you funded construction of a new fistula hospital in Kenya, fulfilling an extraordinary surgeon's lifelong dream and providing a place where more women can receive treatment for years to come. And after a devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake ravaged Nepal, you answered an urgent call to help our partner rebuild a badly damaged operating room, enabling them to continue providing life-transforming fistula surgeries.

In Kenya, our Action on Fistula program has achieved in two years what we set out to accomplish in three. An unprecedented donation from Astellas Pharma EMEA gave us the footing to launch this initiative, which has taught us valuable lessons we are already applying to our work beyond Kenya's borders. Johnson & Johnson also remains an important partner, providing ongoing support for our efforts to advance the quality of fistula surgery.

We are proud of these achievements, yet we know that for every woman we treat, 50 more are waiting. There is so much work to do. Together, we know we will continue to make a difference in women's lives.



## Your donations transform women's lives.

For us, thrift is a core value. We keep our overhead low because money saved can be put toward life-transforming surgeries for women in need.

Our finances are transparent. Every audit, tax return, and annual report is posted on our website. In 2015, we received our 10th consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator, placing us in the top 1 percent of charities they rate.

The Life You Can Save, founded by Princeton ethicist Peter Singer, encourages people to publicly pledge a percentage of their income to charity and recommends 17 organizations that have a "demonstrated record of effectively combating the causes and the symptoms of global poverty." We are proud to be one of these 17 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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## Progress Report 2015



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Women prepare to graduate from a skills-training program run by our partner Fistula Foundation Nigeria. The program is designed to help former fistula patients become active members of their communities again after surgery.



On a visit to the Kases area of North Pokot, Kenya, outreach workers connect with fistula survivors they had previously identified and referred for successful treatment.



Dr. Ganesh Dungal, a fistula surgeon with PHECT-Nepal, prepares for surgery in an operating room repaired with support from Fistula Foundation donors.

## 19,353 Women Transformed

by Fistula Surgery Since 2009

