

# Putting an End to Fistula

Three years ago, we launched Action on Fistula in Kenya. With our innovative program we developed a true treatment network that now consists of six hospitals across the country, a robust fistula surgeon training program and major new training and treatment center, as well as expansive outreach conducted by teams that know how to identify fistula clients in the most remote, difficult-to-reach settings. The results have been astounding.

This model is the future of fistula treatment, and the beginning of the next phase of our work. We have already begun to replicate this model in Zambia, to terrific early success. In the coming years, we plan to deploy this model in more countries. We believe it has the potential to help defeat fistula permanently.

But our programs will only ever be as successful as the support behind them. We are eternally grateful to generous corporations like Astellas Pharma EMEA and Johnson & Johnson, to big-hearted influencers like Louis CK, Nicholas Kristof, and Peter Singer, and—most importantly—to kind and caring donors like you.

Your investment in our work has helped transform the lives of more than 25,000 women in 31 countries. Yet with a backlog of at least a million women waiting for help, we still have so much to do. With your help, we are confident that as we expand our treatment model, one day that backlog will disappear.



## Your donations transform women's lives.

We are committed to getting as much money as possible to our trusted partners in the field, because that's where women's lives are changed.

Our finances are transparent. Every audit, tax return, and annual report is posted on our website. In 2016, we received our 11th consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator. This evaluation includes a perfect 100 percent rating for transparency and accountability, and places Fistula Foundation in the top 1 percent of charities they rate.

We are also honored to be among the small number of charities recommended by The Life You Can Save. Founded by Princeton ethicist Peter Singer, the organization is devoted to advancing Singer's ideas about how we can—and should—be doing more to reduce the suffering of people living in extreme poverty. We earned an 'A' rating from Charity Watch, hailed as the "pit bull of watchdogs," and since 2006 we've met all 20 of the Better Business Bureau's Standards for Charity Accountability.



### 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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Our groundbreaking Action on Fistula program in Kenya has provided life-changing fistula treatment to over 2,500 women to date.



Mayeye received free surgery through our partner HEAL Africa, which delivers fistula care to women throughout Democratic Republic of Congo.



Celebrating the grand opening of Gynocare Women's and Fistula Hospital in Kenya. Your gifts made this much-needed facility a reality.

## 25,033 Women Transformed

by Fistula Surgery Since 2009

