Restoring Hope and Dignity: New Developments and Best Practices in Addressing Maternal Morbidities

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Kangela and her son Liso, South Africa
Living a positive life with mothers2mothers
Strategic Pillars

Saving and improving the lives of women and children

Preventing disease in vulnerable populations

Strengthening the healthcare workforce
Treating Obstetric Fistula
GLOBAL FISTULA MAP

An estimated 1 million women live with obstetric fistula, a devastating consequence of prolonged obstructed labor, and thousands of new cases develop each year. Life-restoring treatment for women with fistula is available at the health facilities on this map, representing:

60,280 surgeries
267 facilities
45 countries

VIEW THE MAP >>
Joy Out of Sorrow – Healing Women with Obstetric Fistula

- 18,000 fistula surgeries occur each year
  - Supply insecurity is a major impediment
- Ethicon, a Johnson & Johnson company is committed to annually donating 80% of the sutures needed for the next three years
- These sutures will be provided to trusted partners including:
  - UNFPA
  - Direct Relief
Improving the quality of surgical care
Global Competency-Based Training Program

Manual developed prior to 2011.

Serves as basis for training the next generation of fistula surgeons.

First class of fistula fellows supported by Johnson & Johnson and Fistula Foundation.
Global Competency-Based Training Program

Since 2011:

30 experts trained to implement the training program

7 facilities accredited in Africa as training centers

10 surgeons trained
Empowering the Next Generation of Fistula Surgeons

- 91 trainee applicants
- 21 countries
More trained surgeons, More women treated

The Opportunity

Increase treatment availability by:

• Building FIGO Fellow surgeon capacity.

• Strengthen community of practice for FIGO accredited surgeons.
Building FIGO Surgeon Capacity for Fellows & Graduates

- Supplies & equipment
- Hospital costs
- Outreach and communication
- Provide funds for patient transport
Needs Assessment Research

- Assess effectiveness of FIGO training
- Identify obstacles to practice
- Develop recommendations to facilitate successful application of learning
Strengthen the Community of Practice

- Create a virtual network of fellows, experts and graduates
- Virtual seminars tapping expertise across the network
- Fistula surgeons and learning from each other
$250,000 pledged through the game

Funding Vehicle
Player actions translate into on-the-ground support for women in the developing world.
Funding Vehicle

$205,331 unlocked to date
Thank You