

# FISTULA FACTS AND STATISTICS

## 1895

The year the last fistula hospital in the United States closed. It was located where the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York stands today.



## 50,000—100,000

Estimated number of new cases of fistula each year, yet the global treatment capacity is less than 20,000 cases a year.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO OBSTETRIC FISTULA

- Poverty
- Malnourishment
- Early marriage and pregnancy
- Lack of education
- Lack of access to medical care

## 2-5 MILLION

Estimated number of women who have fistula worldwide.



## 90%

Success rates for fistula surgery on uncomplicated cases.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO TRAUMATIC FISTULA

- Political unrest
- Use of violent assault as a weapon
- Lack of education regarding the rights of women



## 1974

The year the first hospital dedicated to fistula in the developing world, the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia, opened.

## \$600

One-time donation that can provide a hope-restoring surgery for one woman.



According to the World Health Organization:

**“Obstetric fistula is the single most dramatic aftermath of neglected childbirth.”**

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