

# Generating Hope



## Hope for Our Sisters 2016 Impact Report

### Thank You for the Impact YOU Made!

Two HFOS board members traveled to Angola to see the impact of your gifts and partnership firsthand. We met 38 women both suffering and healed from fistula, strengthened ties with field partners, and saw fistula prevention and women's empowerment in action! We fund prevention in Nepal and empowerment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. However, this report focuses on the sisters and field partners we met and the hope we discovered during our trip to Angola.

Within each woman we met, we discovered **undeniable strength and potential**. Laurinda, Manuella, and Edalina are **dry!** They are now faces of **hope**. You made this possible by becoming part of the solution. **Thank you!**



**Laurinda** runs a market within the CEML Patient Village providing essentials for her fellow sisters with fistula and other patients.  
**Undeniable strength and potential in action!**



**Manuella** and her son live with her husband, Estevao. Estevao never left their side.  
**Undeniable strength and potential in community!**



**Edalina** bravely came to a public meeting to meet us. She discovered that healing from fistula was possible.  
**Undeniable strength and potential through courage!**

*Changing the lives of women, one woman at a time.*

## Strength and Potential Restored Through Treatment

Your amazing generosity helped us fund our **399<sup>th</sup> fistula surgery**. Each funded surgery provides a sister with the opportunity to pursue life to the full and is a tangible reminder of her priceless value. Thank You for investing in the **undeniable strength and potential** of our sisters!

## Strength and Potential Safeguarded Through Prevention



We joyfully invest in our sisters' **undeniable strength and potential** by working to prevent fistula. During **four** prevention and awareness sessions, we watched healthcare workers learn for the first time about the causes of fistula as the instructor began to dispel many commonly held myths. Change begins with knowledge.

**“Thank You for Generating HOPE with us!**

**You chose to make a difference. You chose to invest in our sisters. You chose to partner with us. This Impact Report would be blank without each one of YOU!”**

*Brooke F. Sulahian, HFOS President & Co-Founder*

## Strength and Potential Unleashed Through Empowerment

Since our 2013 trip, we have longed to see our sisters develop marketable skills. How exciting to discover the beautiful baskets they are making. We are pursuing avenues to bring their baskets to market in the United States.

**Undeniable strength and potential in creativity!**



Beautiful unfinished basket purchased from Maria so customers can see how they are made.

*“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?” Isaiah 58:6*