

Generating Hope



Hope for Our Sisters 2017 Impact Report

Thank You for Helping to Create Hope Stories!

Thank you for making this a hope-filled year for the precious women we serve, our dedicated partners in the field and our organization. **Thank you** for funding our trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo with World Relief to see the impact of your partnership and explore new hope-generating avenues. **Thank you** for your support as we continue to expand our outreach within our three focus areas: prevention, treatment and empowerment. **Thank you for generating hope with us!**

I am continually amazed by our sisters' **strength and resilience**. I met my first survivors of rape (some suffering from fistula) in Goma, DRC, at a **Sexual Gender-Based Violence Group (SGBV) meeting**. Within a small church, light filtering through the windows and a slight breeze coming through an open door, each woman stood in courage and strength to share her **hope story**. You enable us to partner with World Relief to fund SGBV Groups. You empower our sisters to **discover hope and their inherent value** and **rejoin their communities**. You help them write **hope stories**.



Shot, assaulted, infected with HIV and rejected by her family, **Deborah wanted to die**. After meeting with her SGBV Group, **she chose to own her story and live!**



Assaulted by soldiers, **Solange suffered from shame and fear**. Her SGBV sisters helped her **find the hope to stand tall** and **serve as a leader** in her SGBV Group!



Assaulted at gun and knifepoint in the fields, **Esinam lost hope**. With support of her SGBV Group and husband, she **rediscovered hope** for herself and family!

Thank you for funding fistula surgeries through us! **Thank you** for enabling us to expand our treatment outreach this year. We are excited and honored to cover a portion of the training of Angolan-born **Dr. Sam Fabiano** (pictured with **Amanda**, his wife), a future fistula surgeon! He wants to care for our sisters because they receive little to no attention from the country's healthcare system. You are helping Dr. Sam write his own **hope story**.



Thank you for funding our proactive prevention outreach programs! One such program is the **HFOS Women's Health Fund** at CEML in Lubango and Kalukembe Hospital (Angola). Through this effort, you are helping women access **safe and timely emergency medical care**. **Elsabe** at 9-months' pregnant, was found by her husband, **Admon**, seizing on the floor due to high blood pressure. Rushed to CEML, **Elsabe** received an emergency C-section from Dr. Sarah Hudgins. Both **mommy and baby survived!** You funded the portion of the surgery that her family could not pay. **A beautiful hope story**.

Thank you for funding our **empowerment efforts!** In 2013 we saw our sisters waiting at the patient village with nothing to do. In 2016, we saw them making baskets. This year, thanks to **your generosity** and the **love poured into each sister by Nurses Petra and Yolanda**, our sisters made beautiful bags to be sold in Angola and America. **An amazing hope story!**



“Thank You for helping our sisters write their own hope stories!”

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