

# Generating Hope



## Hope for Our Sisters 2020 Impact Report

### ***Hope Blooms, Even Amidst Loss and Despair***

2020 has been a year like no other. COVID, racial unrest, economic strife, and the resulting ripples created great loss and paths of despair for many in our country and the world. We invite you to pause, take a collective breath, and see where and how hope bloomed this year. Thank you for generously sharing your talents, time, and/or financial resources to support our hope-generating programs. You made an impact on the lives of our sisters, their families, and communities this year.

In March, we had no idea how 2020 would proceed for our sisters and medical teams.

Amazingly, hope was generated through every program this year! Thank you for enabling us to generate hope with our sisters and medical teams in Angola, the DR Congo, and Nepal in 2020!

After losing her first baby, Milja's resulting fistula was repaired and she was dry! Due to the high risk of fistula recurrence in future labors, she was scheduled for a cesarean delivery with our partner, CEML Hospital in Lubango, Angola, for her next pregnancy. When she went into labor early, an emergency medical team brought her to CEML and she safely brought a new baby into the world! Thank you for generously funding our Maternal Health Funds to provide for Milja and other moms-to-be who cannot afford the fees. Hope blooms.



Did you know that you helped provide for 335 quality cesarean deliveries in Goma, DR Congo, this year through our Maternal Health Fund? Hope blooms through your generous support!



Did you know that 550 women, men, children, and nurses were educated on fistula prevention this year? Thank you for funding this work! Hope blooms through awareness.

May each woman in Angola, DR Congo, and Nepal be emboldened to choose her future.

As COVID began to reach our partner countries, we assumed our hope-generating programs would be put on hold. It was a joyful surprise to learn that the Sexual Gender-Based Violence Groups (SGBV) through our partner, World Relief, were still meeting! What did they do? They met in smaller, safer numbers. These groups are a life-line for these women who have journeyed from despair to hope. Thank you for investing in these SGBV Groups! Hope is blooming in the DR Congo.



As we dream about our partner countries establishing sustainable medical systems, you enable us to pursue this hope by partially funding the medical training of future doctors with our partner, the Pan-African Academy for Christian Surgeons (PAACS). If doctors native to the countries in which our sisters live are adequately trained and equipped, the medical infrastructure can grow to support lasting maternal care improvements. We are so excited to see Dr. Sam Fabiano graduate and start his medical career at CEML Hospital. Hope blooms in Angola.



Thank you for sending our first HFOS Travel team to Nepal! After partnering with Dr. Shirley Heywood since 2012, it was time to meet in person. During Brooke and Daphne's two-week journey through western Nepal, and a few days in Kathmandu, they both developed a greater appreciation of the landscape in which our hope-generating programs are operating and the impact of each on the women, their families, and communities. Hope blooms in Nepal.



**“Thank you for saying yes to hope this year!”**  
*Brooke F. Sulahian, HFOS President & Co-Founder*