

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 per year.

CONTRIBUTORS TO OBSTETRIC FISTULA

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

1-2 MILLION

Estimated number of women who have fistula worldwide.



90%

Success rate 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 providing a cesarean birth or 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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