

Generating Hope



Hope for Our Sisters 2026 Impact Report

Thank you for standing with our sisters, medical/outreach teams, and us through your financial investments, time, social sharing, and prayers. **Your consistent generosity** has enabled our partners in Angola, the DR Congo, and Nepal to build **sustainability**, a critically important effectiveness factor, in their team structures, programs, and systems.

We have always desired **sustainability** - the ability to equip, serve, and partner with others for an extended time period - for our partner teams in the field. This is critical, since building a knowledge base about fistula and its causes, while also establishing a healthcare infrastructure to support this knowledge, takes time and constant effort. We are excited to highlight examples of the **sustainability you have enabled with your generosity**.

Your generous investments enabled Votoka to achieve greater sustainability: increased staff depth and role distribution, more efficient internal systems, and stronger strategic relationships with the Angolan churches and government. Their fistula prevention work (pictured) took a huge step toward lasting sustainability with the first Traditional Birth Attendant training. **Thank you** for enabling Votoka to build **sustainability** as they stand with and serve on behalf of our sisters.



Lasting **sustainability** is established and strengthened by promoting locally trained individuals into leadership positions. Dr. Sam Fabiano (pictured with wife Amanda and daughter Bella), whose medical training many of you helped to fund through our PAACS partnership, will become Clinical Director at CEML Hospital in Angola this month (August 2026), taking over for CEML founder Dr. Steve Foster. **Thank you** for standing with and equipping Dr. Sam for his new role.

Wellness Clinic Director Chantal Mandro makes data-based decisions, and when deploying a new program, she has the resources to assess and ensure goals are met. **Thank you** for enabling this sustainable approach through **your abundant program investments** so she and her courageous staff can effectively serve their growing and ever-changing population in Goma, DR Congo. While under siege by COVID, M23 Rebels, and Ebola, this **sustainability** focus has enabled the Wellness Clinic to become a full-scale hospital, seen as a true and trusted beacon of hope and health. **Thank you** for standing with our Goma-based team and sisters.



Having first provided fistula care at temporary camps, Dr. Shirley Heywood (serving with INF) pursued **sustainability** only available from a permanent Fistula Centre in Surkhet, Nepal. She then prayed for a locally-trained fistula surgeon to further improve the Centre's **sustainability** of their high-quality health care. Dr. Shuvi (Shuvechchha) Dewa Shrestha (pictured left with a patient) answered the prayer in 2021 and has continued to increase her fistula repair surgery capacity. Due to **your consistent generosity** funding fistula prevention and empowerment programs, Dr. Shuvi had the needed resources for her fistula repair training. **Thank you** for standing with Dr. Shuvi, Dr. Shirley, and our sisters.

(Photo Credit: The Fistula Foundation)

Because of **your abundant investments**, **sustainability** is growing at Kalukembe Hospital in Kalukembe, Angola. Drs. Pri and Daniel Cummings and their team have had more community outreach visits over the last 6 months than the prior 6 years combined. Equipping women, men, children, health workers, and church & NGO leaders with medical knowledge (including fistula causes and prevention) enables them to make healthier choices and enthusiastically share their knowledge with others. **Thank you** for standing with this team and enabling their community-based **sustainability**.



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