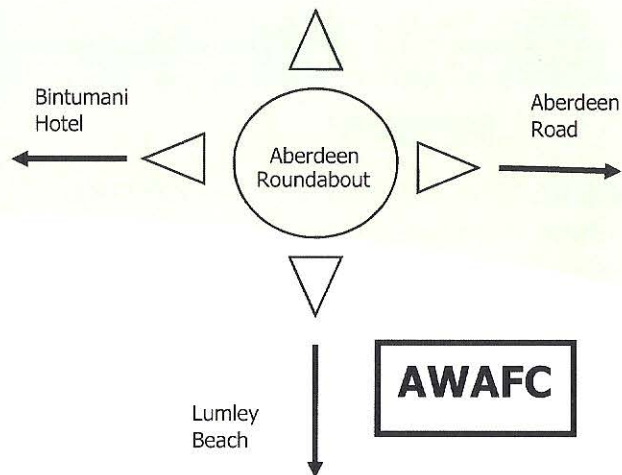
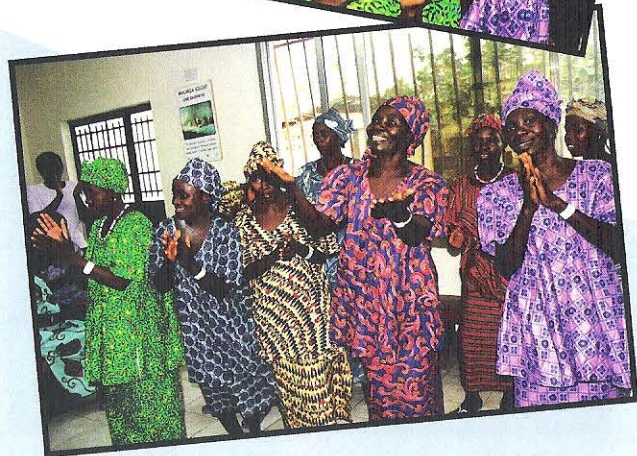


Before



After



AWAFC
Aberdeen West Africa Fistula Center

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In partnership
with



Your
mother...



Your
sister...



Your
daughter...



Aberdeen West Africa
Fistula Center is ready
to help all women
with fistula problem

How fistula happens...

What happens at AWAFC...

“me bele hat fo 5 day dem”

Vaginal fistula results from obstructed or prolonged labor, usually lasting between 2 to 5 days. During the labor, the pressure from the baby’s head pushes against the woman’s pelvic bone, causing damage to the tissue around the bladder, birth canal, and rectum.

“de pikin be die”

Most babies die during prolonged labors.

“den pulan na me bele”

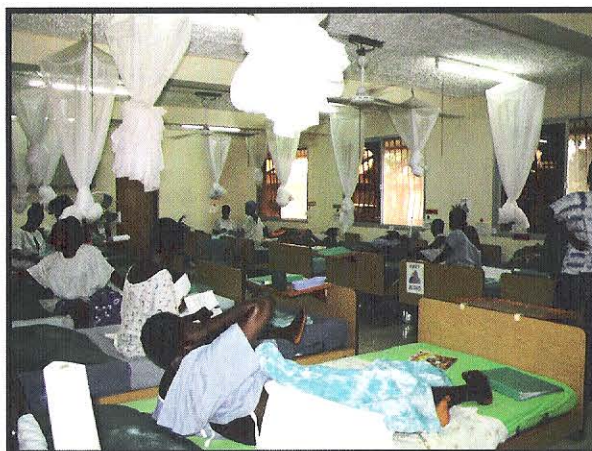
Most women with obstructed labor need professional medical assistance before the time of delivery. They often do not get this help until it is too late. Fistula could be prevented if obstructed labor is recognized and treated early.

“na pis problem i get”

After delivery, the damaged tissue dies and leaves an opening between the birth canal and the bladder. Unable to control the flow of urine, the woman is constantly wet. Many women also suffer nerve damage and have difficulty walking.

Surgery

Our surgeons are very experienced and can help many women with fistula problem. Women usually stay 2-3 weeks after surgery.



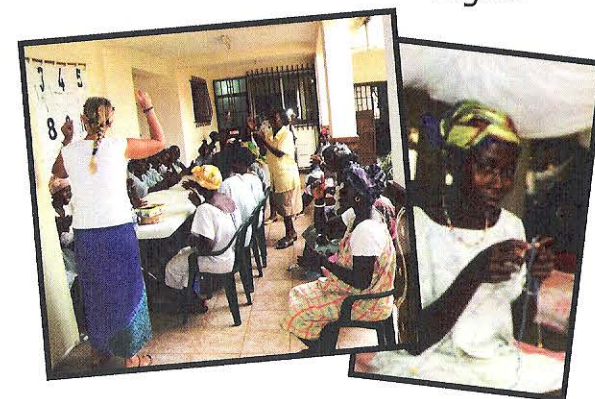
Physical Therapy

Our physical therapist works with all women who have difficulty walking or trouble with nerve damage and pain.



Loving Care

Our services are free, including food. We also offer handcraft skills and basic literacy and numeracy teaching, which helps our patients regain



Gladi Gladi

When women go back to their family, they receive a new dress and take part in a Gladi Gladi ceremony celebrating their recovery.

