FISTULA DEATH REPORTING FORM

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<td>VVF</td>
<td>Vesico-Vaginal Fistula</td>
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<td>RVF</td>
<td>Recto-Vaginal Fistula</td>
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<td>UDHS</td>
<td>Uganda Demographic Health Survey</td>
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<td>EmONC</td>
<td>Emergency Obstetric and new born Care</td>
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<td>VHT</td>
<td>Village Health Team</td>
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<td>HSD</td>
<td>Health Sub-District</td>
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<td>CBO</td>
<td>Community Based Organisation</td>
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<td>SHG</td>
<td>Self Help Group</td>
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<td>IEC</td>
<td>Information Education and Communication</td>
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<td>BCC</td>
<td>Behaviour Change Communication</td>
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<td>TWG</td>
<td>Technical Working Group</td>
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<td>MOH</td>
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<td>DHT</td>
<td>District Health Team</td>
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<td>SRHR</td>
<td>Sexual and Reproductive health and Rights</td>
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<td>FBO</td>
<td>Faith Based Organisation</td>
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<td>MNH</td>
<td>Maternal and Newborn Health</td>
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<td>YFHS</td>
<td>Youth Friendly Health Services</td>
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<td>PNFP</td>
<td>Private Not For Profit</td>
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<td>ANC</td>
<td>Antenatal Care</td>
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<td>CBT</td>
<td>Competency based training</td>
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<td>FP</td>
<td>Family Planning</td>
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<td>HIV</td>
<td>Human Immunodeficiency virus</td>
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<td>IP</td>
<td>Infection Prevention</td>
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<td>PNA</td>
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FOREWORD

The government has instituted measures to accelerate the reduction of maternal morbidity and mortality including the development of the Roadmap to accelerate reduction of maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality, increasing funding for reproductive health commodities, increasing the number of regional referral hospitals and improving the capacity of existing regional referral hospitals, and earmarking funds for reproductive health. As we endeavour to deliver on the outputs of the Roadmap, we still have women succumbing to complications of pregnancy and in particular obstetric fistula.

Obstetric fistula is the single most important complication of pregnancy. A typical victim of this glaring condition is a young girl that is poor, illiterate and from a rural area. In 2006, 2.63% of women of reproductive age reported to have experienced symptoms of obstetric fistula immediately after birth.

By developing these fistula death reporting tool for Treatment and Prevention of Female Genital Fistulæ Services in Uganda, the government and Ministry of Health is reiterating its commitment towards eliminating this condition through audit and best practice. This tool is intended to guide policy makers, service providers and all stakeholders in auditing, identifying possible causes of death and acting on recommendations during treatment and care of female genital fistulæ.

I therefore, call upon all stakeholders from Government, Civil Society, Private sector and Development Partners to utilize this tool in fistula care and management

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It is hoped that this tool will be used to guide all stakeholders in auditing deaths during fistula treatment and care in Uganda.

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Ministry of Health
INSTRUCTIONS AND REPORT

Instructions
The mortality report must be filled in 2 phases.
Phase 1. Immediate notification of the death should be made to the relevant immediate supervisor or head (head of department/Incharge/director) by the person who witnessed the death. The initial mortality report must be made/filled within 3 days of the health facility being aware of the death. The report should be sent to the head (head of department/Incharge/director)

Phase 2: The detailed mortality report must be made within 2 weeks of health facility learning of death and following comprehensive discussions and clinical reviews. This report should be sent to the MoH by the Incharge/Director

N.B: Every death must be discussed within the health facility.

Health Facility……………………………...Level………………………………………………
Ownership………………………………………………………………………………….
Health Sub-district……………………………………………………………………….
District……………………………………………………………………………………

Name of Incharge/Director……………………………………………………………………

Name of patient………………………………………………………..IP NO………………
Age:…………………………...Height…………………………...Weight………………...
Marital status………………………………………………………………………………
Address
District…………………………………………Subcounty……………………………
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Parish………………………………………Village……………………………………
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Name of next of Kin………………………...Relationship……………………………
Contact of next of Kin……………………………………………………………………
Date of fistula treatment related procedure (day/month/yr) ..................................................
Date of death ..........................................................................................................................
Name of health facility where surgery procedure was performed ...........................................

Parity ......................................................................................................................................
Date of last delivery ..............................................................................................................
Date of onset of fistula .........................................................................................................
Name of health facility where complication that led to death occurred ............................... 
Date of onset of complication that led to death day month year ...........................................

Operating surgeon’s level of competency .............................................................................
Level of Anaesthetist ............................................................................................................

Relevant medical history
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Pre-operative physical findings
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Pre-operative lab findings
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Type of procedure(s)
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Type of anaesthesia (please circle)
i. General
ii. Spinal/epidural
iii. Local with sedation
iv. Local without sedation
v. Other anaesthesia/sedation, specify…………………………………………………………

Endo-tracheal intubation: yes___ or no____?

*If death is thought to be related to surgery, please complete the tables below*

**List/table of anaesthetic agents, sedatives and muscle relaxants**

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**Table of vital signs during surgery**

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<th>Time</th>
<th>BP</th>
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Duration of surgery, total time spent: Hours____________ minutes________________

**Table of vital signs for first 6 hours after surgery/procedure**

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In the space below, describe in detail what happened in chronological order. Include all symptoms, differential diagnoses and actions taken during the course of the complication/s from initial indication of a problem until death, including relevant notes from referral stations elsewhere. Whenever possible, record the time of each occurrence. Include reactions to medication or blood transfusion

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Likely cause of death (at least three causes, sequentially):
1. ..............................................................................................................................
2. ..............................................................................................................................
3. ..............................................................................................................................

Likely contributing factors
1. ..............................................................................................................................
2. ..............................................................................................................................
3. ..............................................................................................................................

Was death attributable to the procedure? .................................................................
Please specify..............................................................................................................

Was death preventable? ............................................................................................
Please specify..............................................................................................................

Is diagnosis Presumptive or Definitive? ....................................................................
Please specify..............................................................................................................

Was a postmortem examination performed? Yes_______No__________.
If yes, what were the findings?

Was all emergency equipment present and functioning in room where client died?
Yes________No__________
If no please specify.................................................................................................

22. What changes in practice, training or procedures are being taken to avoid a similar situation in future?
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23. Recommendations by health facility to reduce risk or similar incidents in future

COMMENTS:

Head of Department or Unit

Director/In-charge

Name of person filling out report

Title

Signature