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# Executive Summary

This annual report presents key accomplishments and activities for the third year (October 2009-September 2010) for the Fistula Care Project. The Project is managed by EngenderHealth in collaboration with international and national partners. In FY 09/10 USAID support for fistula repair was provided in 12 countries—Bangladesh, Benin, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Togo, and Uganda. Key accomplishments under each of the four project results included:

## Result 1: Strengthened capacity

- 32 facilities supported for repair and 45 prevention only sites in 12 countries
- 4,972 repairs performed
- 63 surgeons trained in fistula repair to varying levels of competency
- 241 providers trained in fistula care management and counseling
- 320 providers trained in quality assurance
- Collaboration with FIGO on finalization of international fistula surgeon curricula
- Screening for fistula job aids produced for providers
- Provider brochure on informed consent for fistula services developed

## Result 2: Enhanced community and facility practices to prevent fistula

- 286 providers trained in family planning
- 525 providers trained in obstetrics care
- More than one million persons reached through community mobilization efforts with key messages about fistula treatment and prevention.
- Partograph monitoring tool piloted tested
- Job aids for providers and patient FP materials finalized

## Result 3: Use of data for decision making

- Uganda retrospective cesarean record review study completed
- Partograph literature review completed
- Data collection for prospective observational study on determinants of fistula completed
- Collaboration began with WHO on randomized controlled clinical trial study

## Result 4: Strengthening the environment for fistula

- 7 country programs participate in national, regional and international fora on a range of policy issues
- 20 presentations made at 8 international conferences about Fistula Care supported programs and research

### **Key Accomplishments with Support from USAID**

- 17,780 repairs performed at supported sites in 14 countries in Sub Sahara Africa and South Asia between January 2005 and September 2010
- Since October 2005 the following training has been accomplished (no. persons trained):
  - Fistula repair surgery: 279
  - Pre & post operative care and fistula counseling: 954
  - Family planning services: 484
  - Obstetric care: 840
- First prospective research study on the determinants of fistula outcomes undertaken
- More than two million persons reached with messages about fistula treatment and prevention