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# Executive Summary

The annual report presents key accomplishments and activities for the fifth year of Fistula Care (October 2011-September 2012)<sup>1</sup>. EngenderHealth manages the project in collaboration with international and national partners. In FY12 USAID supported fistula treatment and prevention services through the Fistula Care project and country bilateral projects in **11** countries—Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, and Uganda. Key accomplishments under each of the four project results during the October 2011 to September 2012 period included:

## Result 1: Strengthened capacity

- 45 facilities supported by USAID for fistula treatment
- 5,746 repairs provided
- 21 surgeons attended first time training in fistula repair surgery and 32 attended continuing training
- Four centers accredited as training centers by FIGO: Ethiopia (Addis and Gondar), Senegal (Dakar) and Nigeria (Ibadan)
- Global Fistula training curriculum introduced to master trainers in Francophone Africa (Benin, Cameroun, Chad, Guinea, Niger, Senegal).
- Nursing curriculum printed; will be approved and launched at the ECSA Health Ministers' Conference in Arusha in December 2012
- Counseling curriculum and module on traumatic fistula published and launched.

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

- International consultative meeting about the partograph convened
- “Walk through methodology” for engaging communities with health facilities piloted in Uganda

## Result 3: Use of data for decision making

- Enrollment for the multi-center randomized controlled clinical trial (RCT) on short term catheterization began in January 2012 at eight centers in sub-Sahara Africa. As of September 30, 2012 approximately 50% of the expected sample size enrolled.
- Three papers from the prospective observational study and one paper from the RCT published in peer review journals

## Result 4: Strengthening the environment for fistula

- In Nigeria the national health management information system (HMIS) will now include key fistula indicators as part of routine reporting.
- In Uganda the MOH has adopted several of Fistula Care's tools for program monitoring and evaluation.
- Five new technical briefs published, which are available in both English and French on the website:

### **Key Accomplishments with Support from all USAID funding 2005-2012**

- More than 28,000 repairs performed in 14 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia between
- More than 5,000 persons trained in support of treatment and prevention (no. persons trained):
  - Fistula repair surgery: 385<sup>^</sup>
  - Pre & post operative care and fistula counseling: 1,748
  - Quality improvement: 526
  - Family planning services: 878
  - Obstetric care: 2,174
- Randomized clinical control trial on fistula treatment underway in collaboration with WHO

<sup>^</sup>some double counting of surgeons who have attended more than training.

<sup>1</sup> The project received a one year extension until September 2013.