



USAID FISTULA PROGRAM

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Fistula Center, Kumudini Hospital,
Mirzapur, Bangladesh

Context: The New MCH Initiative Proposed USAID Response – Goals

By 2013, support achievement of:

- *average reductions of both under-five and maternal mortality rates by 25% in 30 high mortality burden countries,*
- *average reductions of child malnutrition by 15% in at least 10 of these countries, and*
- *addressing the human resources crisis by increasing by at least 100,000 the number of functional (trained, equipped, and supervised) health workers & volunteers serving at primary care & community levels*

USAID Global Maternal Health Goals

- Reduce maternal mortality
- Reduce maternal morbidity & disability



Fistula client
Ruhengeri Hospital, Rwanda

USAID'S Fistula Program

- A Congressional interest
 - for treatment and prevention
- USAID's Response
 - Support two countries beginning in 2004
 - Expand to six, then ten countries by 2007



Learning income generation skills
Memorial Christian Hospital,
Bangladesh

USAID-Supported Fistula Centers sub-Saharan Africa

Niger

- LaMorde Hospital
- Maradi Hospital
- Dosso Hospital
- La Maternite Issaka
- Gazoby Hospital

Mali

- Gao Hospital

Guinea

- Kissidougou Hospital
- Ignace Deen Hospital

Sierra Leone

- Aberdeen Clinic

Ghana

- Mercy Ships
Anastasis
(closed)

Nigeria

- Laure Fistula Ward of Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital
- Babbar Ruga Fistula Hospital
- Maryam Abacha Women and Children's Hospital
- Birnin Kebbi VVF Centre
- Faridat Yakubu General Hospital

Ethiopia

- Bahir Dar Fistula Hospital

Uganda

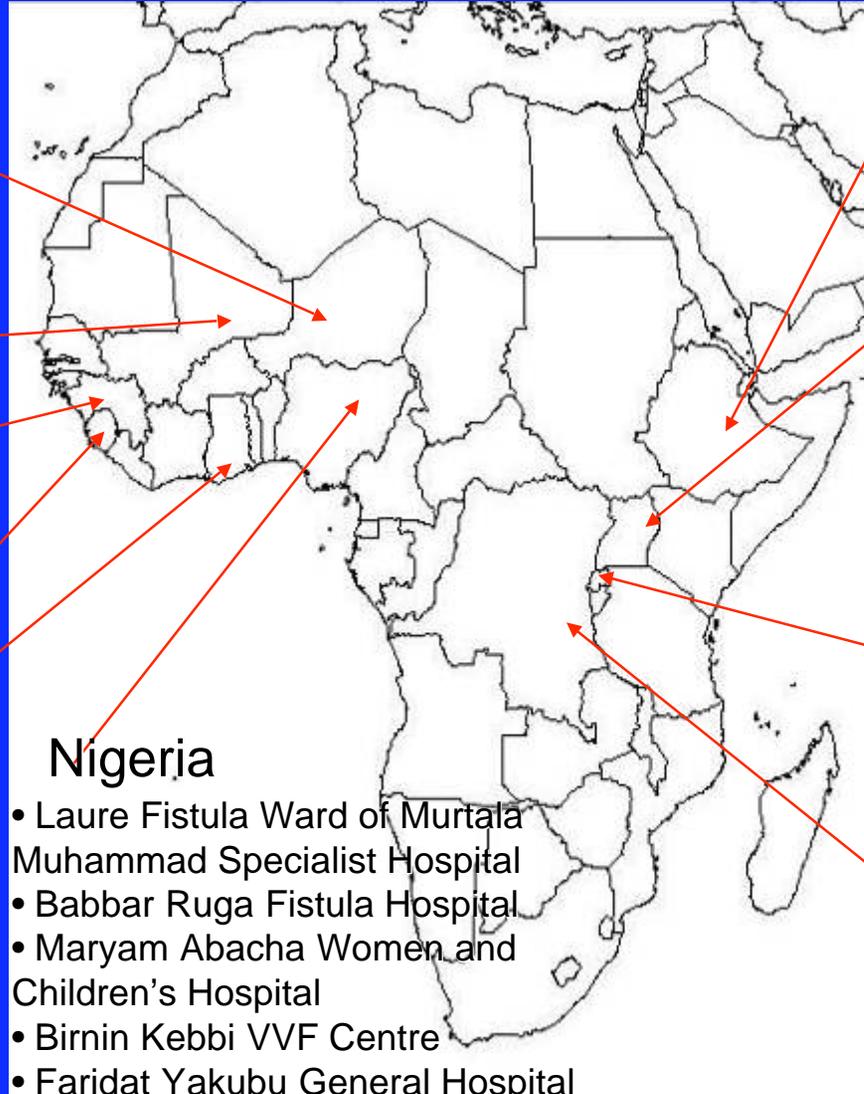
- Masaka Regional Hospital, Kitovu Mission Hospital (*partnership*)
- Bwera District Hospital, Kagando Mission Hospital (*partnership*)

Rwanda

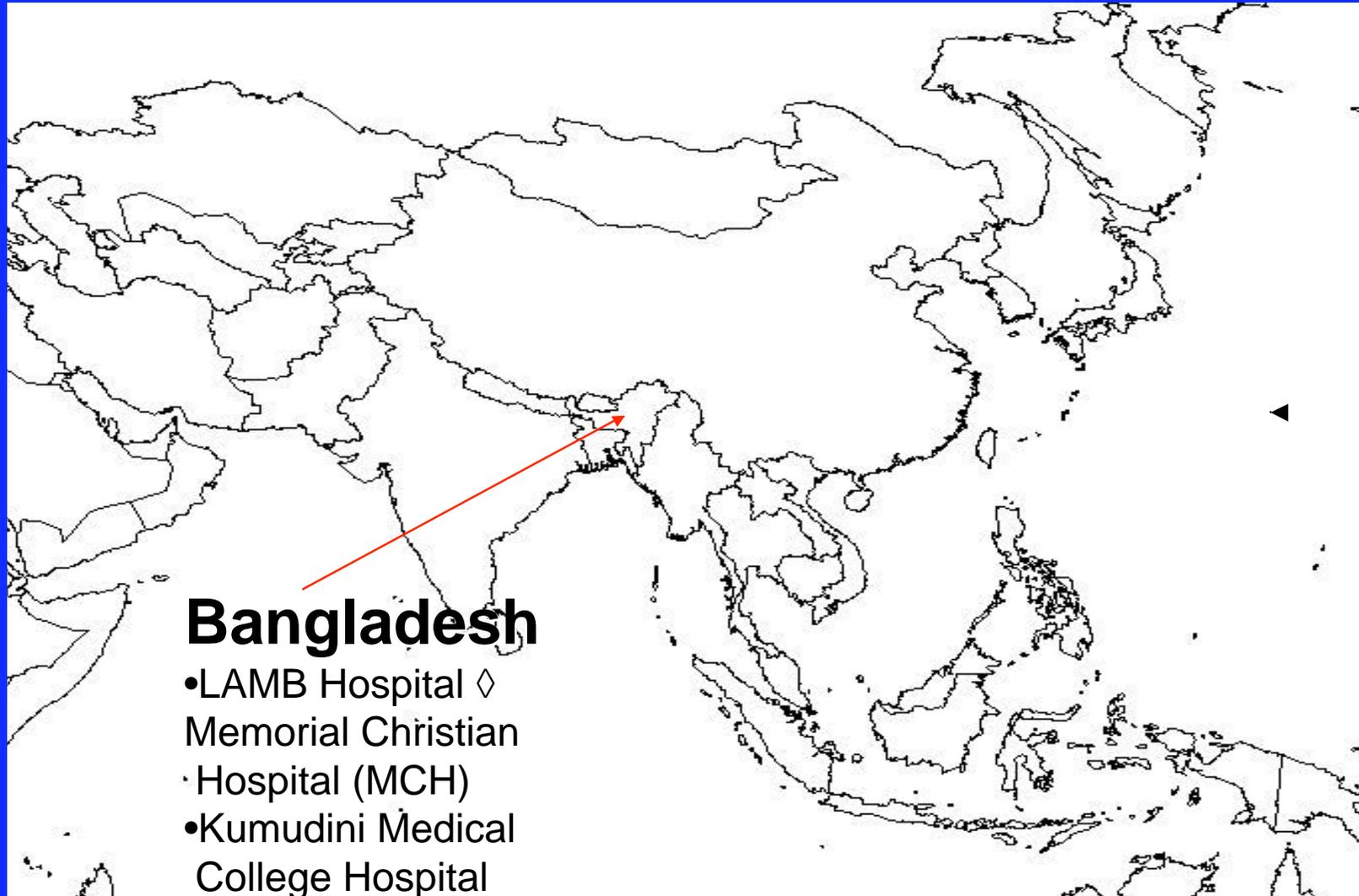
- Kigali University Hospital
- Ruhengeri Hospital

DRC

- DOCS Hospital
- Panzi Hospital



USAID-Supported Fistula Centers South Asia



USAID Fistula Program Funding

FY 04 Obligation	FY 05 Obligation	FY 06 Obligation	FY 07 Obligation
\$1.11 m	\$3.375 m	\$7.404 m	\$11.148



Fistula clients at Kitovu Mission Hospital, Uganda

Progress in Fistula Repairs

Country Program	Oct 04 – Sept 05	Oct 05 – Sept 06	Oct 06 – Sep 07	Oct 07 - Dec 07 (3 mos.)
Bangladesh	20*	93	119	44
DRC		53	524	n/a
Ethiopia		81	139	25
Ghana		21	42	
Guinea		199	292	48
Mali				
Niger			27	67
Nigeria			1,081	271
Rwanda		145	147	10
Sierra Leone			272	85
Uganda	121	335	401	79
Total	141	938	2,973	629

Fistula Programming Challenges



Recovering after fistula repair
Kitovu Mission Hospital, Uganda

- Shortages of surgeons & trainers
- Complicated surgeries with lower chance of success
- Missed opportunities for prevention of fistula
- Limited clinical and other research data on fistula
- Lack of standardized classification system

Fistula Programming Challenges

- **Government commitment for eliminating cost as a barrier for skilled care, EmOC, fistula repair**
- **Infrastructure needs: delivery room, operating theatre, bed space in wards**
- **Ethics: informed consent, choice of procedures, when treatment fails, long term care**



**Local nurse providing translation and nursing care to fistula client
Mercy Ships *Anastasis*, Ghana**

Fistula Program Partnerships



Fistula clients at post-repair rehabilitation site near Kano Hospital, Nigeria

- **Governments, NGOs, UN agencies, universities, foundations, etc.**
- **Public/private**
- **South to south**
- **Link with other services – FP, PMTCT, etc.**
- **International Fistula Working group – guidelines, coordination, etc.**
- **Research – avoid duplication, bring evidence into standards and practice, etc.**

Accra 2008 – Focus on Quality

Increase successful repairs and prevent fistula while ensuring quality --

- Adherence to ethical principles**
- Help for the greatest number of women – getting public health impact**
- Avoidance/minimization of complications**
- Preservation and enhancement of women's dignity and respect**
- Strengthening and institutionalizing quality improvement systems**



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