Fistula Support Program

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Fistula:

A tear between the vagina and the urethra and/or rectum that causes uncontrollable leakage of urine and/or feces.
How an obstetric fistula forms...
Fistula can also be caused by violent rape. TRAUMATIC FISTULA accounts for approximately 30% of fistulas in the Forest and Upper Regions of Guinea.
Why does fistula occur in Guinea?

- Poverty
- Poor nutrition
- Early marriage and pregnancy
- Female genital cutting
- Low use and poor quality of health care services
What happens to these women?

• Dual social stigma
• Rejection by husband & society
• Shame leads to disempowerment & loss of self-esteem, sometimes suicide
• Hardships of condition
ALL these women suffer from FISTULA.
Access to Treatment Services
Provider Skills

Sustainable Capacity
Fistula Treatment & Prevention
Community Awareness
Conakry:
48 Operated

Kissidougou:
86 Operated
Conakry: 42 Healed
Kissidougou: 69 Healed
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Odia Camara