Program Title: Fistula surgery for the women of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea and South Sudan

Program Location: The Congo, Guinea and South Sudan

Program Summary: Ensuring access to quality fistula surgeries to women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea and South Sudan.

Program Objectives: The project will provide previously unavailable access to life-changing fistula repair surgery for women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in 2015, women in Guinea in 2016, and women in South Sudan in 2017. The grant would cover the surgery expenses for 135 of women (45 in each country).

Direct Reach: 135

Indirect Reach: 405

Grant pays for: Surgery and pre- and post-operative care

Why we love this project: The Fistula Foundation aims to end the suffering caused by childbirth injury and obstetric fistula. By doing so the Fistula Foundation also ends the shame and isolation that the women suffering from obstetric fistula experience while trying to bring a child into this world. The women post surgery can live more integrated and productive lives.