



May 2024 Featured Grants

Championing the health of mothers and babies



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About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

- direct services
- new projects
- expansion of existing projects
- general operations
- capacity building



The Global Issue

Maternal and Newborn Health

- One maternal death almost **every two minutes** globally in 2020 during & following pregnancy/childbirth
- About 6,300 newborns die **every day**
- Access to skilled care saves lives

May Featured Grantee: Fistula Foundation

- The global leader in fistula treatment
- Provides more surgeries to more women than any organization, including U.S. government & UN
- Created local, sustainable Fistula Foundation Treatment Networks (FFTNs)
- Avg. cost for fistula surgery: \$619

Life Challenges of Women: Tanzania

- Extreme marginalization
- 60% in extreme poverty
- Gender-based violence
- Limited healthcare access
- Suffer average of 8 years with fistula before help



How Our Grant Will Be Used

\$50,000 General Operations

Grant

- Supports work at FFTN partners: Maternity Africa & Nkinga Referral Hospital
- Training of Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) & patient ambassadors
- Information, education, & communication



May Featured Grantee: One Heart Worldwide

- Saves lives, promotes wellbeing of mothers & newborns
- Works in underserved areas of rural Nepal
- Rural areas: lack infrastructure and human resources for attended births
- Expands simulation-based mentorship program (SBMP) for maternal and newborn health providers

Life Challenges of Women: Nepal

- Systemic discrimination and marginalization
- Entrenched patriarchy
- High gender-based violence
- Lack healthcare infrastructure
- Isolated locations



How Our Grant Will Be Used

\$50,000 Project Grant to fund:

- Building team of highly trained Master Trainers & skilled birth attendants (SBAs)
- Establishing well-equipped simulation labs
- Regular, on-site simulation training



