



WORLDWIDE FISTULA FUND
HEALING WOMEN, RESTORING LIVES



Honor Mothers with a Gift of Healing and Hope

On Mother's Day you can help heal a woman and transform her life.

Imagine a childbirth that left you childless, incontinent and alone. As we celebrate Mothers Day, women are suffering in prolonged, obstructed labor without medical care. For 100,000 women each year these labors result in obstetric fistula, a stillborn child and a lifetime of pain.

Mariama, a young woman from a village in Eastern Niger, is among these women. She struggled for two days in obstructed labor at home before being taken to the hospital. Her baby was stillborn and her urine started flowing uncontrollably. She did not understand what was happening to her. She thought it was part of the delivery process that would eventually stop. After a few months of enduring the smell, her husband started avoiding her and asked her to return to her parent's house.

She said, "he never came to my parents' home to find out how I am fairing."



When Mariama arrived at the WFF Danja Fistula Center, she was shocked to see how many young women had fistulas and became reassured that she was not alone. After more than one surgery, Mariama was healed and eagerly completed a skills training class that allowed her to return home with a starter sewing and embroidery kit. She is now making and selling curtains, baby wraps and simple women's blouses to mothers in her community. Mariama explained that many of her customers do not have cash.

"The business class at Danja Fistula Center helped me think of collecting millet instead

of money for my goods," she said.

She now has two sacks of millet that she will sell when the price increases.

Every year it is estimated that we spend \$18 million on Mother's Day gifts. This year, give a gift of healing and hope. Honor a mother you love with a donation to The Worldwide Fistula Fund.

Your gift will restore the health and dignity of fistula survivors like Mariama with life-changing surgery, post-operative care and a full complement of prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration programs.

Happy Mother's Day!



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