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Bridging Hope: Empowering Women with Obstetric Fistula in Nkhotakota

Implementing partner: UNFPA and Nkhotakota District Authorities.

Programme period: 2023-2026.

Budget: \$2.010.100.

Location: Nkhotakota District.

Summary:

The goal of the project is to ensure universal access to quality obstetric fistula care and social reintegration for women and girls suffering from fistula in Nkhotakota.

Fistula patients in the district will be identified, treated and cured through a more sustainable and holistic approach to treatment which will contribute to the reduction of obstetric fistula prevalence in the district and consequently in the country.

The aim of the programme is three-fold:

- Firstly, increase knowledge and awareness of Fistula, its causes, consequences and services available;
- Secondly, supply side interventions to improve access to quality care. Improve the capacity of the health facilities to provide obstetric fistula care starting from the identification of cases to their transportation to the referral hospital where a team of qualified professionals will provide quality surgical obstetric fistula repair, both for simple and complex cases;
- Thirdly, provide access to small income-generation activities, business management, financial literacy, savings initiatives to facilitate their reintegration back to their communities.



Reach 459 women and girls living with fistula.



Construct Fistula Center at Nkhotakota district hospital.