



Dear Friend,

The final quarter of 2024 was filled with achievements for UVP - we are delighted to share these with you today.

Stronger Together: New Partnerships Forged!

In November, we forged new partnerships with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Agency for Cooperation in Research and Development - Uganda (ACORD-U). This was an exciting opportunity for us to provide 51 fistula survivors with a condensed skills-based training program. Over the course of two weeks, participants learned how to make products including bar soap, hair shampoo, bleach, petroleum jelly, and herbal jelly. They also participated in an intensive business training course, designed to teach them the basics of running their own businesses. At the end of the program, women also received start-up capital to assist with launching their own businesses. Given the relatively high upfront investment required to purchase the necessary equipment, UVP also helped the women to organize into small co-operatives. They each agreed to pool a portion of their start-up capital received and jointly invest in the necessary materials to get their businesses off the ground. We look forward to sharing their success stories down the road!

New Faces, Shared Vision: Introducing Our New Board Members!

We are thrilled to welcome Hellen Hipsagah and Astrid Poussel to the [UVP Board of Directors](#)! Their diverse expertise, passion for community health, and commitment to our mission will strengthen our efforts as we continue to expand our impact. We look forward to their insights and valuable experience they bring to the table that will help guide our strategic direction and support our programming.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Kristina Mani as she has taken the decision to step down from the Board. Her dedication and contributions have been invaluable in advancing our mission. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors!

Looking forward to the year ahead

As we look ahead to 2025, we are keen to continue building on the strengths of our fistula program, ensuring as many women as possible are granted access to life-changing treatment and post-operative care.

Our primary goal for our adolescent reproductive health program is to expand our programming into the Kiryandongo region, allowing us to engage with an even greater number of youth, providing essential education and resources to promote informed choices and well-being.

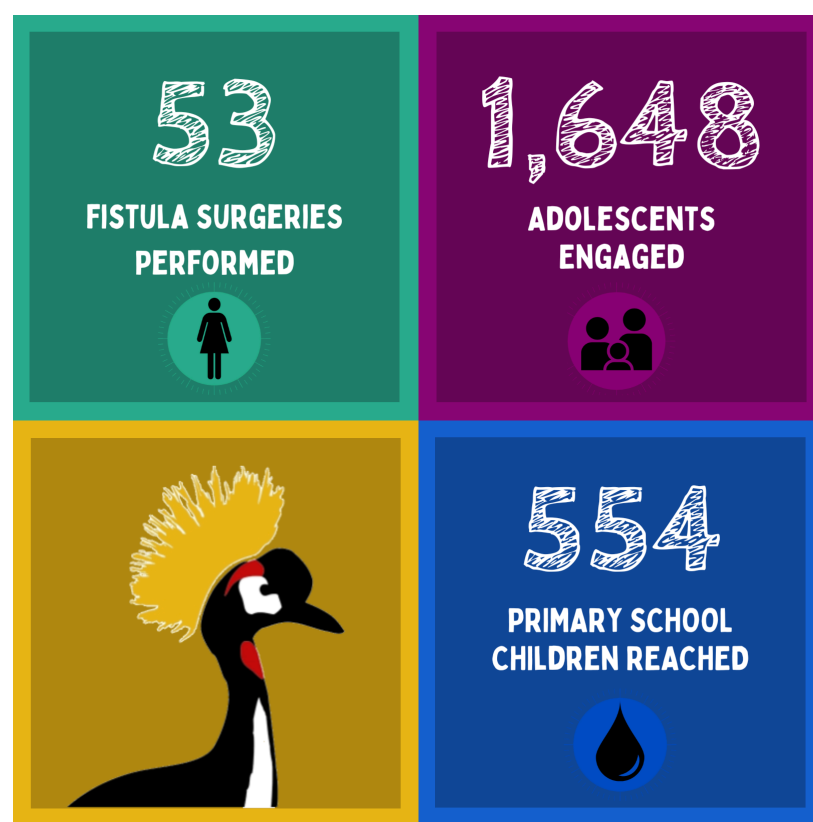
2025 promises to be a year of growth, impact, and lasting change. We invite you to join us on this journey as together, we transform lives. Whether it's through a donation or by sharing our mission with friends and family, your involvement makes a huge difference.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best wishes,

Stephanie

Impact Highlight



We worked in partnership with Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund to host a fistula repair camp at Kamuli Mission Hospital in October. A total of **27** women received treatment and **10** women joined our reintegration program. We hosted our second fistula camp at Kiryandongo Hospital in late November providing **26** women with treatment. UVP's Fistula Ambassadors simultaneously lead **133** community meetings, reaching over **18,000** people!

We partnered with **10** secondary schools to deliver **4** youth-focused, classroom-based family planning sessions and **10** reproductive health education sessions, supporting a total of **1,001** students. We returned to **Nabitende B, Bulumwaki, Bukalange, Naguwa, and Kalungami A** villages to conduct an additional round of community-based outreach sessions designed to reach out-of-school youth and young people. These **5** sessions reached a total of **647** young people. We also conducted **5** additional community-based sanitary pad making workshops, helping girls to make a total of **88** reusable pads.

We engaged the communities of **Bubeeko, Butabaala, Nabinoni and Kalungami A** with WASH programming, including education about the safe water chain and good hygiene practices. We also conducted handwashing sessions with **7** primary schools, reaching a total of **554** pupils. Our primary focus this past quarter was the installation of rainwater harvesting tanks at **St. Margaret Secondary School, Butabaala Primary School, Nawandaia Secondary School and Kamira Primary School**. These tanks provide schools with an easy source of water for hand washing and cleaning, reducing the number of journeys students and staff are required to make to collect water for their daily needs.

Read first hand how we are changing lives

From Despair to Dignity

Agnes' story is shared with her consent.

Agnes Tumungo is 38 years old and when the UVP team first met her, she had been suffering from fistula for over 20 years. She developed both rectovaginal and vesicovaginal fistulas at



the age of 15 during her first pregnancy. Agnes was able to attend both the September and November camps at Kiryandongo Hospital, with both fistulas now successfully treated. Agnes has had hope for her future restored: "Once I return home, I want to look for any available opportunity to work and can now consider the opportunity to start a family. I wish to be a good wife and live happily with my family."

AGNES' STORY

Want to learn more and get involved?

Read about our programs, our team, and the communities we serve on our [website](#). If you'd like to contribute toward better health and well-being for all, please [consider becoming a monthly donor for just \\$5](#) today.

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