



Dear [[salutation]],

We're excited to share **highlights from the first quarter of 2025**. In January, UVP's Board of Directors convened for a strategic planning session to help shape the next chapter of UVP and the work we do. We're energized by the path ahead and the continued impact we will have on women, adolescents, and communities across Uganda.

We'd also like to extend our **thanks to Emily Wittlinger**, who has stepped down from the Board. We are greatly appreciative of the time and support she has lent us and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

In line with our strategic planning, UVP has made the intentional decision to step away from implementing WASH programming in 2025 to focus more deeply on our core strengths: obstetric fistula and adolescent reproductive health.

As part of our refined focus, **our goal is to expand access to our fistula reintegration programming** so that all women who receive fistula surgery through our camps are given the opportunity to fully heal—physically, emotionally, and socially. By scaling our reintegration support, we aim to address persistent stigma, foster community acceptance, and empower women economically, ensuring long-term success for all.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create lasting change in some of Uganda's most underserved communities.

Warmly,

Stephanie

Program Highlights

Obstetric Fistula

With a foothold now established in the Kiryandongo region, we trained **30** new Fistula Ambassadors in January. We equally welcomed **30** ambassadors, including **3** new ambassadors, to our annual debrief and training session in Iganga. UVP's Fistula Ambassadors simultaneously led **255** community meetings this past quarter, reaching over **24,000** people!

Our first fistula camp of 2025 took place in March at Kiryandongo Hospital, where **41** women received life-changing treatment. **Ten** of these women will join our reintegration program beginning in April. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of the **Fistula Foundation**, whose commitment makes this work possible. Their flexibility and compassion ensure that even women with the most complex cases—requiring referral to Uganda's National Referral Hospital in Mulago—receive the treatment they so desperately need.

We have recently forged a new partnership with Busolwe Hospital in eastern Uganda. The hospital has just undergone a 28 billion shillings renovation, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to work together to support women in this region. Our first camp will be hosted at Busolwe at the end of April.

Reproductive Health

We partnered with **8** new secondary schools and **2** returning schools to deliver our adolescent reproductive health program to a new cohort of students, reaching **1,163** students this quarter. We look forward to bringing our program to **5** new communities next quarter including: **Nawangaizi, Buswiga, Buganza, Naibiri & Buwolomera**.

A Chance Encounter, A Life Transformed

Lydia's story is shared with her consent.



**READ LYDIA'S
STORY IN FULL HERE**

When Lydia went into labor at just 17, she endured six days of pain and a traumatic delivery that left her with an obstetric fistula—an injury that led to years of isolation, shame, and silence. But everything changed when her mother attended a UVP outreach, learning that free treatment was available. That chance encounter led Lydia to our most recent fistula camp at Kiryandongo Hospital where Lydia earned a new lease on life. She has returned home filled with gratitude and hope for the future.



IMPACT

41

**FISTULA SURGERIES
PERFORMED**



255

**FISTULA OUTREACH
SESSIONS HOSTED**

8

**NEW SECONDARY
SCHOOL PARTNERS**



1,163

**SECONDARY
STUDENTS REACHED**

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