

Dear [[salutation]],

As the year enters its final quarter, we are grateful to share what your support has made possible over the past several months.

In August, we hosted a fistula repair camp at Kiryandongo General Hospital and further supported our partner Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund (UCIF) with a camp at Kamuli Mission Hospital in September. I love hearing the stories of gratitude my team often share, knowing that we are bringing an end to an eternity of leaking, isolation and lost income for so many women.

The Board of Directors is growing and we are pleased to be welcoming three new board members to the UVP family. I am most grateful for the many hours the board dedicates to ensuring our continued success and thank them all for their contributions.

I certainly prefer to share our quarterly successes and don't often highlight the numerous challenges that most NGOs face. This past quarter, our trusted vehicle came to the end of its useful life and will soon be retired to greener pastures. Reliable transport is how our team reaches the schools, communities and camps where our work happens, so replacing it is our next big goal. We'll share more about our plans in the coming weeks.

We continue to build a solid reputation for our work and the dedication of the team in Uganda is unparalleled. But our incredible family of supporters are at the core of what we do: none of it happens without you!

With gratitude,
Stephanie

Q3 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

64 SURGERIES SUPPORTED

147 FISTULA AMBASSADOR OUTREACH SESSIONS HOSTED

165 REUSABLE SANITARY PADS MADE BY STUDENTS

4,179 ADOLESCENTS ENGAGED

OBSTETRIC FISTULA

Different Districts, Shared Purpose



In August, UVP hosted a fistula repair camp at Kiryandongo General Hospital and supported surgery for **32** women. Many travelled a considerable distance after hearing about the camp from our staff and our fistula ambassadors.

We are pleased to be able to continue supporting the surgeons and nurses from UCIF with the camps they journey from the United Kingdom to provide. In September, we supported their camp at Kamuli Mission Hospital where a further **32** women and girls received treatment.

Taking Fistula Awareness Where People Gather



Community outreach doesn't always happen in conventional settings. It's not uncommon for fistula ambassadors to raise awareness about fistula when attending burial ceremonies. While it may seem unconventional, these gatherings bring community members together and provide a valuable opportunity for ambassadors to share information, challenge misconceptions and encourage women experiencing symptoms to seek treatment. By meeting people where they are, our ambassadors help ensure that awareness of fistula and access to treatment reach beyond the usual community settings.

Working Together to Reach More Women



In September, we joined the Fistula Foundation as they launched their new partner treatment network in Uganda. We welcome this initiative, which aims to strengthen collaboration among organisations working to prevent and treat fistula across the country. The Fistula Foundation also helped us acquire more fistula instruments from MedAid, and its CEO, Tim Beacon, hand-delivered them at the end of September. We are also excited to be exploring a new partnership opportunity that could help us reach more women in need of treatment. Stay tuned for further details!

IN HER OWN WORDS



"I had no hopes of recovering from this condition and I had lost almost everything in life."

– Janet

Ayikoru Janet is 28 and comes from Honhwa. After a prolonged, obstructed labour in which she lost her baby, she began leaking urine. Unable to continue working as a casual labourer digging gardens, she found herself increasingly isolated and dependent on handouts. A relative who had previously received fistula treatment and now serves as one of UVP's fistula ambassadors connected her with our team. UVP staff visited Janet, explained what to expect and told her when the next repair camp would take place. She subsequently made her way to Kiryandongo for treatment.

Today, Janet is continent again and already thinking about returning to work and rebuilding her life. Read Janet's full story **here**.

ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Helping Girls Stay in School



In Q3, our programme reached **4,179** adolescents through **eighteen** school sessions, **four** community outreach sessions and **five** reusable sanitary pad-making workshops.

Eight of our current schools will complete their two-year cycle next quarter and we will once again be surveying and interviewing students who have participated in our sessions to determine just how beneficial our programming is. We already know that for girls who lack reliable access to menstrual products or accurate information, menstruation can become a barrier to regular school attendance. Our midpoint results last year were encouraging, with fewer girls reporting menstruation-related absence than when they were first surveyed, and we hope the end-of-cycle results will confirm it.

GOVERNANCE & BOARD UPDATES

Welcoming New Voices

We are delighted to welcome three new members to our board, each stepping in to chair a committee. **Noor Aziz** joins as Chair of GRC & Data, **Amir Mesri** as Chair of Systems & Technology, and **Dan Dickeson** as Chair of Financial Oversight. Their full bios are now available on our **website**.

Their expertise will help us strengthen how we manage risk, data, technology and finances as UVP continues to grow.



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