



She Is Us: The WFF Bulletin

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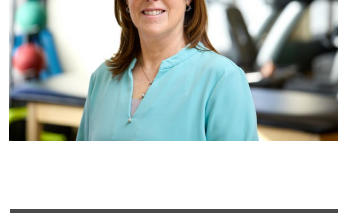
I'm honored to step into the role of Board Chair at the Worldwide Fistula Fund. This organization has long inspired me with its unwavering commitment to restoring dignity and health to women affected by childbirth injuries. As a physical therapist and advocate for women's health, I've seen the power of holistic healing—and I believe WFF is uniquely positioned to lead with compassion, innovation, and impact.

Together, we'll continue supporting transformative surgeries while expanding access to rehabilitation, mental health care, and economic empowerment. I'm excited about what lies ahead and deeply grateful for your support.

[Click here to read my full message](#) to learn more about my vision and hopes for our shared journey to support women experiencing childbirth injuries.

I hope you enjoy this second edition of our monthly newsletter, which has some exciting announcements, a link to our mid-year program update, **a new survivor story that highlights the importance of access** to quality maternal healthcare services and, my favorite, a photo reel of recent photos from our partners.

With gratitude,



Tracy Spitznagle, PT, DPT, WCS

Board Chair
Worldwide Fistula Fund

Dr. Itengre to Visit USA in September

We are excited to announce that Dr. Itengre Quedraogo, a globally recognized leader in maternal health and founder of ARENA Medical Center in Burkina Faso, will be making a visit to the US this fall!

Dr. Itengre will be in the United States during the second week of September, with events being planned in New York City and Seattle.

Dr. Itengre is a FIGO Certified Fistula Surgeon Trainer and Executive Secretary of the International Society of Obstetric Fistula Surgeons (ISOFS). He has dedicated his career to restoring the health and dignity of women suffering from childbirth injuries, and we have had the pleasure of partnering with him for over 12 years.

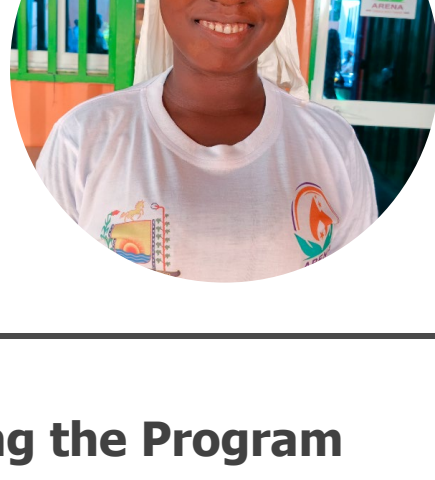


Keep an eye out for additional information about the special events, coming soon!

"My life has completely changed thanks to reconstructive surgery, I c[an] carry out my daily activities, and I also hope to have a child soon."

-Lizata, fistula survivor served by
ARENA Medical Center, Burkina Faso

[Read Lizata's Story](#)



Uniting for Impact: Launching the Program Partners Network



[Read the Full Announcement](#)

We believe that sustainable change begins with local leadership. That's why **we're thrilled to introduce our newest initiative: WFFs Program Partners Network**—a collaborative platform uniting in-country experts who are transforming the landscape of fistula care.

Through **regular knowledge exchange, shared innovations, and peer-driven capacity building**, the Network will empower these leaders to strengthen their programs and amplify their impact. It's a space for learning, collaboration, and solidarity.



Mid-Year Program Update Now Available

From remote villages to bustling clinics, advocates and medical teams are defying the odds to heal, rebuild, and thrive.

Discover how WFF program partners are driving change through grit, compassion, and community in our mid-year update!

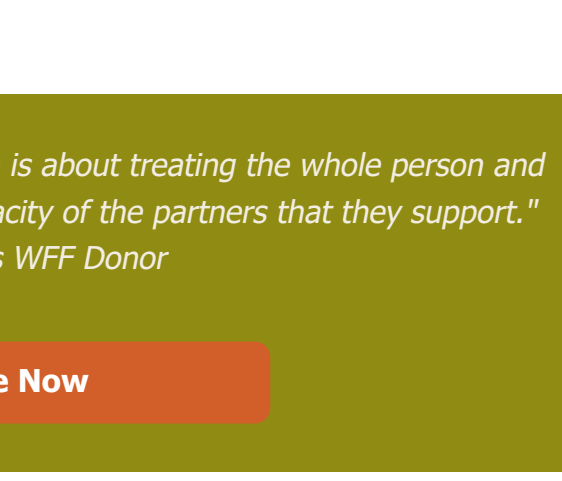
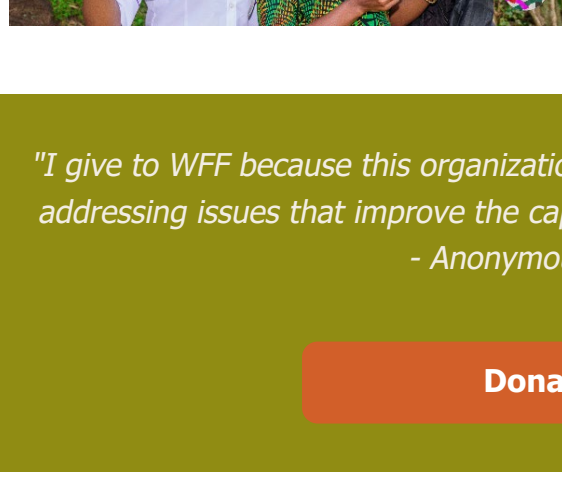
[Read the Mid-Year Update](#)

**AUGUST IS
MAKE A WILL MONTH**
*You can make a lasting
impact in the fight to end
fistula.*

[Learn More about
Planned Giving](#)

You made it to the end of our August update!

Here are some recent photos from our program partners:



"I give to WFF because this organization is about treating the whole person and addressing issues that improve the capacity of the partners that they support."
- Anonymous WFF Donor

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