



She Is Us: The WFF Bulletin

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Dear Friend of WFF,

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to spend a week in Ethiopia visiting the Urogynecology Fellowship program at Mekelle University. As a clinician and educator, I was deeply impressed by the caliber of training and the commitment of the fellows working to improve care for women affected by childbirth injuries. The exchange of knowledge and the shared dedication to advancing urogynecologic care were both energizing and affirming.

October has also brought several other developments across our programs, which I'm excited to report as the Program Committee Chair. We convened the inaugural meeting of our Program Partners Network, establishing a collaborative platform for organizations working to end obstetric fistula and improve maternal health outcomes. In addition, multiple board members facilitated a virtual training on pessary techniques, principles and use in clinical practice, expanding access to treatment options for patients in Ethiopia and Uganda.

Also this month, in recognition of International Day of the Girl, we are proud to spotlight LEFI—Let's End Fistula Initiative. This program equips girls with the tools, education, and support they need to advocate for themselves and their communities. LEFI reflects our belief that prevention education and advocacy must go hand in hand.

Thank you for your continued partnership in this work. **Together, we are advancing care, building capacity, and creating lasting change.**



Sincerely,

Dr. Holly E. Richter, PhD, MD, FACOG, FACS

Board Secretary & Program Committee Chair

Worldwide Fistula Fund

Empowering Girls, Preventing Fistula

October 11th marked the **International Day of the Girl Child**. In Kenya, Let's End Fistula Initiative (LEFI) is leading a remarkable movement that puts girls at the center of change. In honor of that day, we celebrate the power of education, advocacy, and youth leadership in transforming futures and ending obstetric fistula. **Read more about LEFI's education and outreach programs on our most recent blog post.**



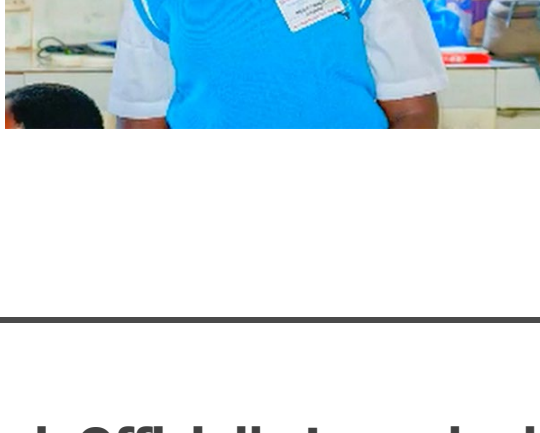
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...the education I've received through this organization has allowed me to improve the lives of other girls.

-Zuena, Young Champion Fistula Club Leader

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Program Partners Network Officially Launched October 6th

"When you are in the place of leadership, learning remains critical, and having an opportunity to learn from each other and...enrich each other, I think this is a brilliant opportunity."

- Sarah Omega, Founder & Director LEFI, Kenya



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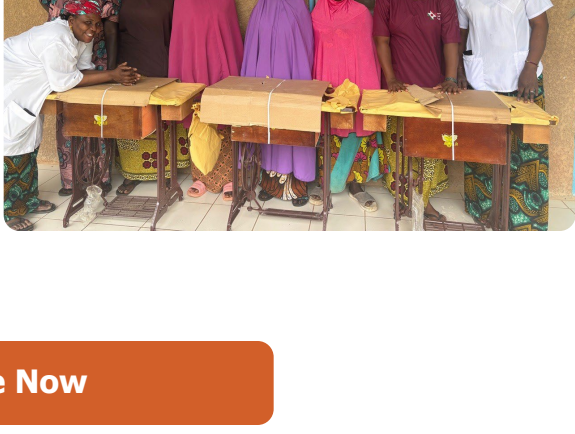
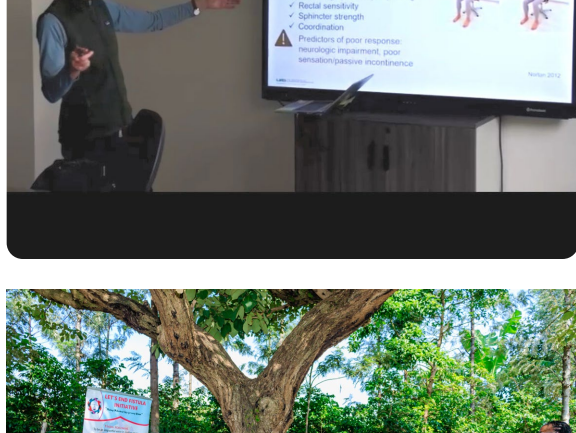
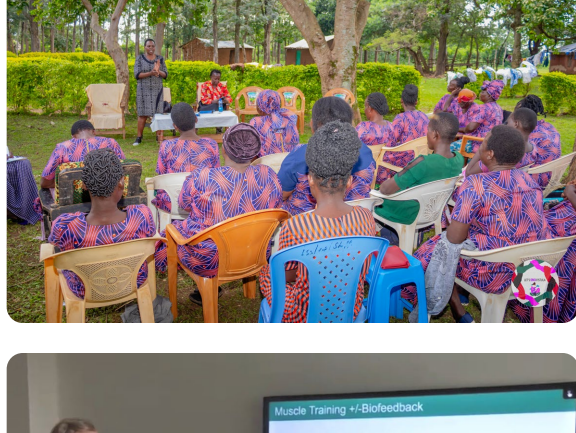
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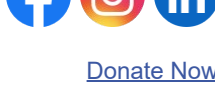


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