



## FIGO Final Report to the Fondation Eagle

18 October 2019

**a) Donor name:** Fondation Eagle

**b) Name of Charity and Project:**

International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO)

"Funding Fistula Surgery Kits for our Programme in sub-Saharan Africa"

**c) Fondation Eagle reference number:** FF 456-17

**d) Date of grant accepted:** 28 August 2018

**e) Amount:** £19,550 GBP of which, due to bank charges, FIGO received **£18,888.38** GBP

**f) Name and exact location of the project:**

FIGO Fistula Surgery Training Initiative, run from FIGO office in Waterloo, London, trains local fistula surgeons to treat women with fistula in affected countries across the world. The project is presently active in 22 countries, with 62 FIGO Fellows (trainee fistula surgeons) involved. Despite running on a modest budget compared to many similar global projects, the initiative is making extraordinary progress, and the Fellows have together now provided almost 10,000 surgical fistula repairs.

However, because of a global shortage of trained, competent fistula surgeons, it is estimated that only 1 in 50 women with a fistula is presently able to access life transforming surgical treatment. For this reason, FIGO is working hard to raise more funds, in order to extend the reach and impact of the present project, to help significantly more women round the globe.

**g) Period of Project:** 28 August to 18 October 2019

**h) Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency:**

Amount received in FIGO account in USD 25,518.20

Conversion rate used by HSBC is 1.3052789

**£18,888.38** GBP received by FIGO Please [see attached snipped document reflecting this.](#)

**i) Detailed budgets and actual expenditure comparison:**

10 sets at a unit price of £1,725 GBP, inclusive of freight costs. [Please see attached invoice.](#)

Fistula instrument set including 3 modified items as follows: 1 better dissecting scissors (replacing the former ones) 1 smaller urinary catheter (replacing the former one) 1 slightly larger De Bakey Needle holder (to replace 1 of the 2 existing medium sized ones)	£1,450
Packing, administration and freight	£275.00
Total cost per instrument set	£1,725.00
Total cost for 10 instrument sets	<b>£17,250.00</b>

As each of the 3 amended items replaced existing but less appropriate items, and as the supplier, Medical Aid International, was able to secure a special deal with Braun, who make the instrument sets in Germany, the original budgeted price for the sets is the same as the final price (including freight charges), as reflecting in the above table, ie £1,725 per set.

**j) Over/underspend:** FIGO received £18,888.00 from the Foundation Eagle.

£18,888.00 minus £17,250.00 = **£1,638.00 underspend**

**k) Details of progress of the project, achievements, challenges, changes, differences etc, including photographs.**

One of the challenges faced by fistula surgeons (including Fistula Fellows on the FIGO Training Programme) when they are providing treatment to women in affected countries, is that they very frequently have little or totally inappropriate surgical instruments to undertake this often very complex repair surgery. This means that without the correct, specialized surgical instruments, many have no choice but to attempt the surgery using the inappropriate instruments and materials that they have available.

Performing this difficult surgery with inappropriate instruments makes the interventions even more challenging for the operating surgeon, but far more importantly, it compromises surgical outcomes, thereby potentially reducing the chances of a women with a fistula recovering fully from her condition.

After many discussions & surveys with FIGO Fellows on the Programme, it was apparent there was a serious equipment gap that urgently needed addressing to help them provide better quality treatment & improve the chances of their fistula patients having a full recovery.

The most urgent need was to supply Fellows with 2 good quality, specialized fistula instrument sets each. With the help of Fondation Eagle, about 40 of our present 62 Fellows on the Programme have received instrument sets so far.

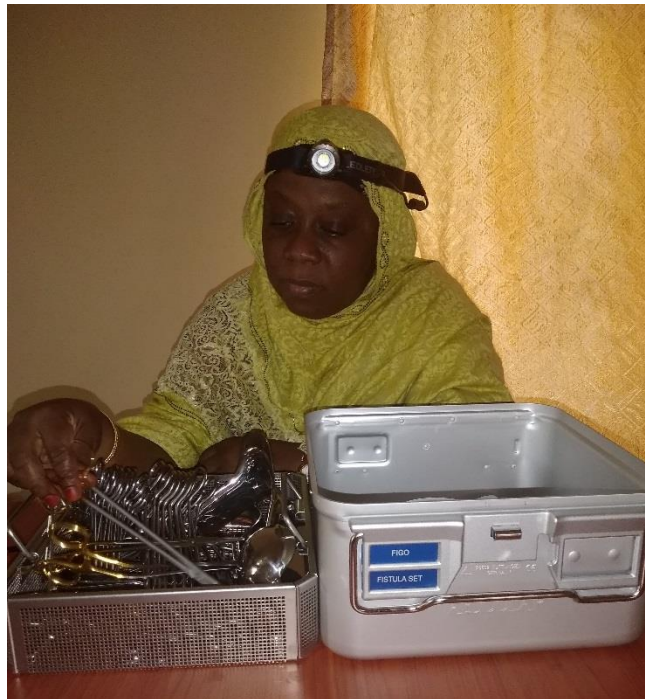
Other pressing equipment needs expressed by our Fellows are as follows:

- Better theatre lighting (& surgical head torches for fistula work away from their facilities)
- Ureteric catheters for repair of damaged ureters between kidney and bladder
- Specific sutures that are vital for fistula work

Once we have addressed the fistula instrument gap, we hope to also address the above pressing equipment needs of the existing (and future) Fellows on the Training Programme.

**Recipient Fellows of the 10 fistula instrument sets, kindly funded by Fondation Eagle**

1. Dr Sadiya Nasir, Katsina, Nigeria – 2 instrument sets gratefully received



2. Dr Elladan Aliyu, Katsina, Nigeria – 2 instrument sets gratefully received



3. Dr Lamaran Dattijo, Bauchi, Nigeria – 2 instrument sets gratefully received



4. Dr Shukri Dahir, Hargeisa, Somaliland – 2 instrument sets gratefully received



5. Dr Bariki Mchome, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania – 2 instrument sets gratefully received – photo awaited

**I) Other information relevant to progress**

While replacing the 3 items has involved some inevitable delays in dispatching the 10 sets, these changes have been recommended by expert fistula surgeons to further enhance the quality of these specialized FIGO Fistula Instrument Sets.

In the hands of the above 5 Fellows, these 10 precious, high quality fistula instrument sets, which can be used and re-sterilized repeatedly, will greatly facilitate their surgical work, helping many hundreds (and potentially thousands) of women with obstetric fistula to recover from this life-shattering condition in the future.

FIGO is deeply grateful to Bhavna and the Foundation Eagle for this important grant, to help address the urgent fistula equipment gap, currently adversely affecting the work of our trainee fistula surgeons.

We very much hope that we can collaborate again in the future to help many more women receive high quality surgical fistula treatment with the specialized materials required.

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