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FISTULA CARE SUPPORTED SERVICES BEGIN IN MALI

In March 2009 Fistula Care conducted a needs assessment of the Gao Regional Hospital and determined that the hospital has sufficient equipment and staffing to begin providing routine simple to moderate repair services. The hospital held its first surgical repair camp and repaired 13 complex fistula cases.

FISTULA CARE CO-SPONSORS AN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM TO DEVELOP FISTULA CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

A standardized classification system for obstetric fistula is needed as a basis for training and for the comparison of surgical outcomes. USAID and the Fistula Care Project co-sponsored the first meeting of the International Consortium on Classification of Obstetric Fistula in collaboration with UNFPA, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and WHO in order to begin the process of reviewing and validating an internationally recognized fistula classification system.