



**Update – October 6, 2009**

#### **FISTULA CARE IN THE NEWS**

Fistula Care Project Director Karen Beattie and Senior Program Associate Carrie Ngongo were featured in leading news journals last week. Ms. Beattie is quoted throughout the article [“Mothers of Ethiopia Part III: Battling Pregnancy Complications”](#) in The Huffington Post. She sheds light on the physical and social causes and consequences of obstetric fistula to help tell the story of a fistula survivor at the USAID-supported Mekelle branch of the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia.

Ms. Ngongo won an honorable mention for Nicholas Kristof’s [“Half the Sky” Contest](#) in The New York Times, in which readers were asked to contribute personal stories about their work with women’s issues worldwide. Ms. Ngongo [reflects](#) on her own experience as a first-time mother in contrast with the reality faced by fistula survivors in Niger who do not have adequate access to obstetric care.