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ADVOCACY TRAINING IN SIERRA LEONE

Fistula advocacy training will now be conducted at intervals throughout the year in Sierra Leone. This follows the success of two previous trainings – one in Northern Bombali last year and one in Freetown this past June. At the most recent training, six women who had received or were awaiting repair surgery were trained to: be empowered to talk with other women about the issue of fistula; know the causes of fistula and how to describe them; talk with pregnant women about the importance of seeking antenatal care; reinforce the need for early referral in obstetric emergencies; discuss with community leaders their roles and responsibilities in fistula prevention; and effectively use training materials in sharing ideas with others.