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<b>Project Information</b>	
<b>Project name</b>	<b>TRAINING OF MEDICAL STAFF FROM AFGHANISTAN IN THE TREATMENT OF OBSTETRIC FISTULA</b>
<b>Target group</b>	Medical staff—particularly gynaecologists—in Afghanistan.
<b>Goals</b>	<b>Main goal:</b> Set up a competency centre for obstetric injuries and trauma, particularly obstetric fistula, in Kabul/Afghanistan. <b>Project goal WHI:</b> Training of gynaecologists and nurses from Afghanistan in prevention, surgical techniques and postoperative care of childbirth injuries (obstetric fistula).
<b>Background</b>	<b>Obstetric fistula:</b> Due to the high mortality rate for mothers in Afghanistan, it can be presumed that obstetric fistula are widespread. These injuries occur during protracted labour which goes on for several days. The tissue of the birth canal becomes necrotic and causes openings between the bladder and vagina and/or colon, resulting in incontinence. The women are surrounded by a permanent stench and are often rejected, despised and live at the fringes of society. <b>Partners:</b> In co-operation with the CURE Hospital in Kabul and the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, the competency centre for fistula surgery with the greatest experience worldwide, WHI is building up fistula work in Afghanistan. The modular training for local staff is the first sub-project.
<b>Project implementation and organisation</b>	WHI has organised training for four women. The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital is responsible for the training: <a href="http://www.fistulafoundation.org/hospital">www.fistulafoundation.org/hospital</a>
<b>Funding</b>	WHI bears the training expenses, which amount to approximately US\$ 20,000 for the first module.
<b>Timeframe</b>	Two gynaecologists and two nurses from the CURE Hospital in Kabul (Afghanistan) are taking the first module of the further training (prevention, surgical techniques, postoperative care of obstetric fistula) at the renown Fistula Hospital in Addis Abeba in 2007.
<b>Additional information</b>	Further details can be obtained from women's hope international.