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Project Information	
Project name	HAMLIN MIDWIFE PROGRAMME IN ETHIOPIA
Target group	Rural population of Ethiopia, particularly women of childbearing age.
Goals	<p>Main goal: A competent midwife for each rural community.</p> <p>Project goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Hamlin Midwives' College in Addis Abeba. • In cooperation with the village elders, selection and training of five women each (total 25) from the five regions where the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital runs mini-hospitals. • Each midwife will return to her native region after training. • A well-equipped midwifery clinic and a small house will be provided to each midwife. • In order to prevent migration of trained midwives to cities, an appropriate salary will be provided. • The midwife clinics shall remain under the supervision of the mini-hospitals.
Background	<p>In most of Ethiopia's rural areas, women must bear their children without any medical aid or support. Many women die from the complications of pregnancy and childbirth; many more remain permanently injured.</p> <p>The tragedy of the situation lies in the fact that these deaths and injuries could have been prevented with competent medical care. The Hamlin Midwife Programme is being initiated in order to provide such care.</p>
Project implementation and organisation	The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital is responsible for the training of the midwives, the construction and the running of local midwife clinics: www.fistulafoundation.org/hospital
Funding	The total costs for the first four years (until and including 2010) amount to approx. US\$ 1.9 million. whi has committed to support the programme in the year 2007 with US\$150,000.
Timeframe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the midwives' college in September 2007 • Start of training course in autumn 2007, with 12-15 students • 2008/09 Start of second course • 2009/10: Construction of first midwives' clinics, graduation of first midwives' class.
Additional information	Further details can be obtained from women's hope international..