

Information on Organisation	
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Project Information	
Project name	SURGERY FOR SEVERELY INJURED WOMEN IN CHAD
Target group	Girls and women with very severe obstetric injuries in Chad.
Goal	Main goal: Provision of the best possible treatment of severe and complicated obstetric fistula for women in Chad. Project goal whi: Competent treatment of the women concerned at the Fistula Hospital in Addis Abeba in Ethiopia.
Background	<p>At the end of 2003, UNFPA (United Nation Population Fund) began a fistula project in N'Djamena in Chad. Simple and average fistula can be operated there by a Chadian doctor. The treatment of severe and complicated vesicovaginal fistula surpass the capabilities of the fistula project in N'Djamena and also exceed the budget provided by UNFPA.</p> <p>These women can receive optimum care and treatment at the world famous Addis Abeba Fistula Hospital (AAFH) in Ethiopia. The women concerned travel by airplane to Addis Abeba. Generally, more than one operation is required. Their stay at the hospital can last from several months up to one year until the best possible result is reached. During this time, the women learn to read and write, and are also trained in handicrafts.</p> <p>Because of the history which connects whi with Chad, we were asked by persons in Chad as well as our friends in the AAFH if whi would be willing to provide funding for these patients' treatments.</p>
Project implementation and organisation	Upon request to AAFH for the treatment of a patient from Chad, whi shall be informed of personal details and the extent of the woman's injuries. Travel documents and the ticket shall be organised by UNFPA in Chad and our friends from AAFH. whi shall be informed regularly of the progress of the treatment. After completion of treatment and the patient's return to Chad, whi shall receive a detailed invoice and shall then effect payment.
Funding	whi will cover the full costs for transportation and treatment of the girls and women concerned. This would amount to US\$ 15,000 to 30,000 for 1-2 women per year.
Timeframe	Until further notice.
Further Information	Further details can be obtained from women's hope international.