

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM BY GCDE

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FISTULA&CLEFT

Fistula - Female cases

Cleft/Palate – Female and Female cases

FISTULA IN TANZANIA

Obstetric fistula is a physically disabling obstetric complication that affects about 3,000 women in Tanzania every year. The fistula, an opening that forms between the vagina and the bladder and/or the rectum, is most frequently caused by unattended prolonged labour, often associated with delays in seeking and receiving appropriate and adequate birth care.

CLEFT/PALATE

A cleft is an opening in the lip, the roof of the mouth or the soft tissue in the back of the mouth. A cleft lip may be accompanied by an opening in the bones of the upper jaw and/or the upper gum. A cleft palate occurs when the two sides of a palate do not join together, resulting in an opening in the roof of the mouth. A cleft lip and palate can occur on one side or both sides. A child can suffer from a cleft lip, a cleft palate or both.

Codes and categories from content analysis of birthing experiences of women affected by obstetric fistula

Category	Deciding where to give birth	Struggling to reach a health facility	Waiting at health facility	Receiving unskilled care
Codes	-Had no money -Husband and mother in- laws decided to wait -Afraid of embarrassment -Parents told me to wait -Birth care sought from TBAs	-Facilities too far -No transport -No fare for transport -Walked for many hours -Bad roads-rainy season	-Assisted by relatives -Cared by TBAs -Waited for many hours -No doctor or medical assistant to give referral letter -Felt alone -Fear of death -No ambulance	-Blocked mouth -Exerting pressure on the abdomen -Tightened legs -Slapped -Forced to push -Felt severe pain -Referred in critical condition

FISTULA CAUSES IN TANZANIA

- Home delivering that cause birth injuries
- an adequate birth services
- Unattended prolonged labour that associated with delays
- Early marriage

CASES SUPPORTED: JAN – MARCH 2016

- Sesilia January Kitupi 26 years Fistula
- Rodesia Kabenze Mkea 30 years Fistula
- Elizabeth John 24 years Fistula
- Ester Edward Kanyeta 34 years Cleft
- Ester Richard 24 years Fistula
- Sarah John Jilala 20 years Fistula

ARCHIEVEMENTS.

- Increasing number of the cases being supported for surgery both fistula and cleft
- Good collaboration that exist between CCBRT and GCDE
- Good collaboration that exist between health centres, ambassadors and GCDE

PROGRAM CHALLENGES

- Fund to coordinate training and workshop
- Ignorance among of the community
- Fund to motivate fistula and cleft ambassadors

PROGRAM WAY FORWARD

- To raise fund from donors that will keep program operate
- To conduct community sensitization meetings
- To motivate ambassadors through workshop and other trainings that based on business and entrepreneurship
- To refer more fistula and cleft cases for surgery

All three had a fistula cases bellow their photos are bus tickets S'nga - Dar

Rodasia Kabenze Mkea 30yrs

Ester Richard 24 yrs

Cesilia Januali Kitup 26 yrs







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GROUP PHOT WITH GCDE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ester Richard was accompanied by her mother before she left to Dar for surgery - Fistula case



Tatu Lespisi 16 yrs- Fistula case



Group photos - Executive Director, 2 ambassadors with their patient before leaving for surgery



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- To those who wish to join us by donating this program
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