

### “Fistula Fortnight” Partners



**UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund**, has taken the lead on overall coordination of the “Fistula Fortnight.” The two-week project is part of UNFPA’s efforts in the broader Campaign to End Fistula ([www.endfistula.org](http://www.endfistula.org)) – the first-ever global initiative addressing this pregnancy-related disability. The Campaign currently supports fistula projects in more than 30 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and the Arab States and involves a wide range of partners.



The **Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN)**, through the Ministries of Health and Women’s Affairs, purchased and distributed surgical equipment and supplies to the four fistula treatment facilities in northern Nigeria. Additionally, the federal government has mobilized funds for skills training activities that will help women reintegrate into their communities after surgery.

In preparation for the Fortnight, the **State Governments of Kano, Katsina, Kebbi and Sokoto** renovated facilities and selected staff (nurses, doctors and social workers) for training and deployment to the four treatment centres. The state governments will provide food and transportation for all patients over the two-week period.



**Virgin Unite** is providing financial support, flights for non-Nigerian project participants, and amenity kits and blankets for all patients. Virgin Unite, an independent charitable organization, tackles the tougher social challenges on a global and local level by uniting people and Virgin’s global resources to give others a hands up. For more on the organization, visit [www.virginunite.com](http://www.virginunite.com).



The **Nigerian Red Cross Society**, a humanitarian organization established in 1960 to help victims of natural and man-made disasters, is lending assistance in three key areas: logistics, awareness-raising activities and social support for patients after surgery. The “Fistula Fortnight” project will be supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. For more on the organization, visit [www.nigerianredcross.org](http://www.nigerianredcross.org)



**Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)**, a leading development charity, coordinated the screening process of the volunteer foreign doctors for the “Fistula Fortnight” project. The organization has some 2,000 skilled professionals working in over 40 countries. For more on VSO, visit [www.vso.org.uk](http://www.vso.org.uk)

### “Fistula Fortnight” Donors



**Johnson & Johnson** will provide all of the required sutures for fistula repair operations during the two-week project. The company’s primary goal is to provide scientifically sound, high quality health care products and services to help heal, cure disease and improve quality of life. For more on Johnson & Johnson, visit [www.jnj.com](http://www.jnj.com)

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