

## **MY EXPERIENCE IN THE KAMULI MISSIONARY HOSPITAL FISTULA SURGERY CAMP.**

The kamuli fistula camp was the first fistula camp I have participated in.

As a fellow of urology student, I wanted to learn fistula surgery as just part of the scope of my practice.

But then meeting these women well dressed in the famous Ugandan Gomezi attire looking all well, It is only when you interact with them that you learn of the depression they are going through. It is indeed depressing when you set out to marry and start a family and only to end up being socially isolated from your family and even the entire community, you get subjected to unimaginable poverty in your life. How then does one access one of the most important solutions to the entire problem **Surgery**?

I participated assisting and performing under supervision repair of simple and complex fistulas, third and fourth degree perineal tears acquiring skills and the knowledge that is so vital to influence and change the quality of life of an individual and the entire family of a patient with Obstetric fistula.

I am grateful to the mentors Dr. Asiimwe Shane, Dr. Mhairi Collie, Administration and entire theater staff of Kamuli Missionary Hospital very committed passionate fistula Surgery team.

I look forward to the next camp to further develop the fistula surgery skills and knowledge so one day I could stand alone and offer the service to those in need.

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