



UGANDA CHILDBIRTH INJURY FUND NEWSLETTER 2025



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Mhairi & Kate in Madagascar

Dear Friends & Supporters,

This year has been a busy one for UCIF with seven surgical camps either ran or supported by us in Uganda. In addition, we have provided support to the fistula units working in Sierra Leone Angola and in Madagascar, leading to 256 operations undertaken.

We expect to spend more time in Angola and Madagascar over the coming years as the numbers of cases of fistula in Uganda continue to decrease and the team of surgeons there grows.

It has been rewarding for us in Uganda, as our senior colleagues Dr Asimwe and Prof Baragine continue to undertake much of the surgery. The next tier of senior trainees, Dr Fiston, Dr Tinka, Dr Tino, and Dr Paul Muwanguzi continue to develop their skills, attending various camps during the year.



Nurse training programs have been run by Ishbel Campbell in Angola and by her Ugandan team in Kamuli, Kyangwali, Tororo, Mbale and Arua in Uganda. In total 19 nurses received training in fistula nursing care.

The second edition of the textbook 'Nursing Care for Women with Childbirth Injuries' has just been completed and we are awaiting printed copies by FIGO. It has also been translated into Portuguese and will be available soon.

Christine Wood has spent time in Kyangwali in the labour ward with hands on clinical training in the prevention and recognition of perineal tears.

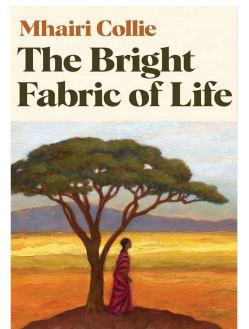


Finally, congratulations to Mhairi Collie on being awarded a Distinguished Service medal from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to recognise this important fistula work.

Her book "The Bright Fabric of Life" continues to be enjoyed by many and provides financial support to the charity.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Love Brian, Mhairi, Kate, Ishbel, Christine and Sarah



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