

NEWSLETTER

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We are dedicated to bettering the health, wellbeing, and livelihood of the underprivileged people living in West Africa, one of the poorest areas in the world.

For the past 19 years, we have been working diligently to treat fistulas in West Africa by bringing physicians, nurses, and community members together to care for the many women in Sierra Leone with this severe medical condition that often leaves them childless, leaking urine, and isolated from their friends and family.

In addition to our established efforts in ending fistulas, we have expanded our foundation's mission to include the many orphaned, disabled, and impoverished people living in Sierra Leone in our efforts to bring West African families and communities together. Our goal is simple: Create a brighter present and future for Sierra Leonians.

Latest News

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS

Mohamed Soccoh →

Our longtime volunteer, Mohamed, became a permanent member of the West Africa Fistula Foundation this past July. Dedicated to caring for children and those less fortunate, Mohamed is currently attending nursing school in the city of Bo in Sierra Leone.

His dream is to create a home for disabled children where they can grow, receive an education, and be loved unconditionally.



← Jordan Lemming

Jordan joined our team in April of 2022 to help advance our communication, marketing, and development. Passionate about equity, she has worked in nonprofit marketing for almost 10 years in her home state of Texas.

Jordan is motivated by her love for her daughter and plans to continue bringing people together through stories of kindness and generosity for many years to come.

Juana Bockarie →

A WAFF volunteer for over a decade, Juana officially joined our staff as our permanent driver in July. He brings our patients to and from appointments, reports on their wellbeing and recoveries, and assists in locating those in need.

A father of 3, Juana received his education in teaching and now resides in the city of Bo.



← Joseph Kandeh

Wanting to create a positive impact on the people around him, Joseph joined our team in January of 2022.

He uses his talents in proposal design and statistics collection to help our foundation provide the best quality care possible for each patient.

Joseph attended university in Bo where he studied geography and continues to reside there with his 6-month-old baby girl.



STORY OF THE MONTH

We are currently caring for 26 disabled or orphaned Sierra Leonian children. Each month we will highlight one of those children's stories.

Meet Mohamed Kallon



At the age of eight, Mohamed came home from school complaining to his mother that his left leg had been itching. He went to bed that evening and woke to a very swollen leg. From that moment forward, his leg's condition rapidly worsened. His mother took him from one hospital to the next until all her money was exhausted and she could no longer afford to pay his medical bills or put food on

their table. Taking the advice of her many friends, and family, Mohamed's mother began seeking help from the traditional healers in her village, praying that something would ease her son's pain. During this struggle, Mohamed's father abandoned him, leaving his mother to fend for herself and care for her young boy alone. With his leg becoming more and more infected, Mohamed had been labeled by locals as demonic and a result of witchcraft, forcing him to drop out of school entirely. At the age of ten, our team found young Mohamed and his mother in "a sorrowful condition."

From that moment forward, our foundation was dedicated to bettering Mohamed's health and wellbeing. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to fully fund any medical costs that he and his mother incurred as well as

provide regular, filling meals for the both of them. Our team members began driving Mohamed and his mother to and from doctors' offices as we communicated with the healthcare professionals to ensure proper diagnosis and care. Thanks to those efforts, we have been able to save Mohamed's leg from amputation and provide him with a much brighter future. Residing in Bo, Mohamed is being cared for by his mother and a Community Health Officer who is monitoring and aiding in his recovery. **Our latest reports say that his leg is healing wonderfully and his ability to return to school may be possible again soon.**

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STAY TUNED FOR

OUR OCTOBER UPDATE

FEATURING MORE STORIES ABOUT OUR STAFF AND THE PEOPLE WE ARE HELPING

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A note from our founder, Dr. Darius Maggi

"I want to thank God for this opportunity to share His grace and unconditional love with those in need. We will continue to do the good work that we have been called to do for many generations to come. I encourage you to read Proverbs 14:21 this month as we move forward together in creating a better world."

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