



A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



## Dear friends of Terrewode Women's Fund,

We are proud to present to you our first Annual Report, marking the culmination of a dream that began for us in 2014. Inspired by the work of TERREWODE, a non-governmental organization in Soroti, Uganda, that had been helping women with obstetric fistula since 2001, we joined forces with them to raise funds to build the first specialized hospital in Uganda to address this birth injury. It gives us great pleasure to share news of the opening of the Terrewode Women's Community Hospital, confirming our belief that we have the ability to change the lives of thousands of women in Uganda through our ongoing partnership with TERREWODE. The hospital is a shining example of what capable and dedicated Ugandans can achieve, if they have the necessary funding. It symbolizes to the community and nation that maternal morbidity can be decreased.

This year marks a turning point for Terrewode Women's Fund. Opening the hospital is a great leap forward in providing quality health care for women in Uganda, and we are grateful to all of you who helped us get to this point. Looking to the future, we must ensure that TERREWODE has the necessary resources to continue to provide excellent medical care and reintegration support at no cost to the women, to educate communities to prevent maternal death and injury, and to advocate for improved maternal health services.

Your engagement and commitment inspire us. TERREWODE's life-saving programs help create a healthier and more just world, one that helps women regain their dignity. Thank you for joining us in support of women in Africa.

### **Sharon Howe**

President & Co-founder

### **Bonnie Ruder**

Executive Director & Co-founder

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# HIGHLIGHTS

- **Terrewoode Women's Community Hospital opened August 16th, 2019.** The opening of Terrewoode Women's Community Hospital (TWCH) represents the culmination of a 4-year capital campaign that supported the purchase of six acres of land and construction of the hospital complex in Uganda. The capital and initial operating budget was UGX 8.7 billion (USD \$2.37 million). Terrewoode Women's Fund worked closely with several other international partners to support TERREWODE in realizing their dream. [Watch the celebration video here.](#)
- **TERREWODE hired Dr. Josephine Namugenyi as Medical Director and surgeon for the new hospital.** With the support and supervision of visiting senior surgeons, she is rapidly gaining experience in this specialized surgery. The hospital, with its 30-bed surgical unit and 30-bed Reintegration Centre, will eventually provide holistic treatment and reintegration services for up to 600 women per year.
- **Three board members of Terrewoode Women's Fund attended the opening ceremony for the hospital:** Executive Director Bonnie Ruder and board members Lynne Dobson and Connie DiMarco. Ugandan Ministers, Members of Parliament, Ambassadors, representatives of international organizations and partners, women and girls treated for fistula, and community and district leaders were all present for the celebration.



# WHERE WE ARE NOW



With the completion of hospital construction and the launch of services in the new facility this year, we reevaluated our mission. While the capital campaign was fulfilled, our **larger mission of supporting holistic treatment for obstetric fistula and other childbirth injuries for women in Uganda--as well as safe childbirth services eventually--requires that we stay engaged.**

We determined that we must continue to **support TERREWODE's ongoing work with women through hospital services and extended community programs.** In August, we changed our name from Uganda Fistula Fund for TERREWODE to Terrewode Women's Fund (TWF) to reflect our long-term commitment to raise funds and awareness on behalf of the hospital and its outreach to the community.

According to the Ministry of Health, more than 1,900 women in Uganda experience obstetric fistula each year; for most of them, their baby dies as a result of the difficult delivery. While TERREWODE is working with the Ministry of Health and other partners to end the occurrence of fistula in the long run, in the near term they will continue to need our support to enable them to serve women free of charge.



# MEET EMMA & MATHIAS

In a remote area of eastern Uganda, Emma and her beautiful baby survived a difficult birth, but this young mother had developed an obstetric fistula. Emma might have spent her lifetime suffering with this dreadful birth injury. But the generosity of the TWF community made it possible for her to receive life-transforming surgical treatment at Terrewode Women's Community Hospital. She is now a healthy and productive mother.

**EMMA AND HER SON MATHIAS RECOVER AT TERREWODE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.**



# ABOUT TERREWODE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (TWCH)

TWCH, a specialized women's hospital for treatment and management of fistula and related childbirth injuries, replicates the model of care provided by the world-famous Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. The key components of TERREWODE's obstetric fistula program are: awareness, advocacy, treatment, reintegration, prevention, and research.

TWCH is the first specialized hospital in Uganda and one of just a handful in Africa dedicated to obstetric fistula repair. It is located about 7km northwest of the town of Soroti in Soroti district. TERREWODE's initial service area was Soroti and the surrounding Teso District. Over the years they expanded to serve women in eastern, central and northern Uganda, along with Sudanese refugees resettled in Uganda.

All the women they serve live in poverty, and many experienced their fistula in their teens or early twenties. Since 2001, TERREWODE has supported treatment and reintegration of more than 5,000 women and girls. With the opening of the hospital, TERREWODE's support of women's health will significantly increase.



**77**

77 women had surgery and rehabilitative post-operative care at TWCH (August 19-December 31 2019)

## IMPACT

**240**

240 women had surgery at public hospitals supported by TERREWODE

**120**

120 women received skills training (tailoring, goat raising, soap making)

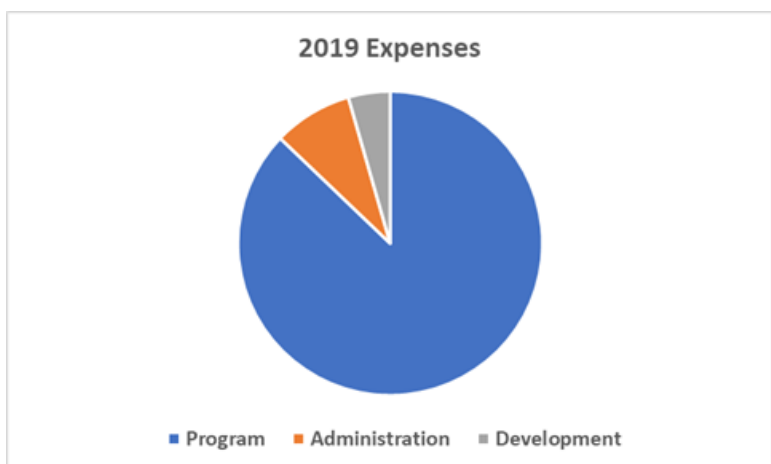
**5 DISTRICTS**

impacted by TERREWODE community outreach

**800**

800 women received technical and/or financial support across 27 solidarity groups

# 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT



Terrewode Women's Fund depends entirely on the generosity of individual donors. After four years of steady growth (see chart below), the number of donors and amount of donations in 2019 declined somewhat as the campaign goal was reached and construction neared completion. Over the years of the campaign, nearly 400 people joined the effort and gave generously to help build the hospital.

**Revenue: \$ 90,786**

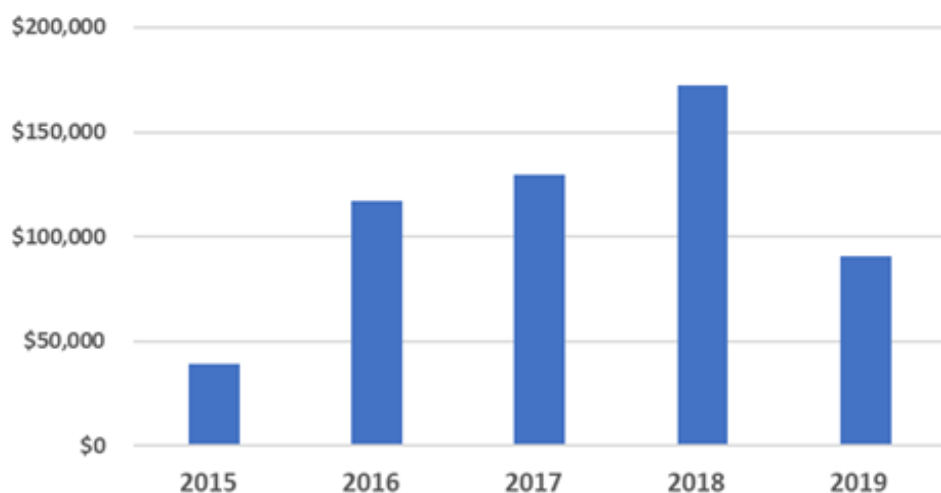
**Total Expenditure: \$57,373**

- Program: \$50,000
- Administration: \$4,829
- Development: \$2,544

**Net assets at start of year: \$ 11,775**

**Net assets at end of year: \$ 45,118**

Annual Financial Contributions



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS JULY 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

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