



Addis Abeba Fistula Hospital



" please try your best to restore my health back, I know I am old and I do not have a chance to have a child , but if you help me to get cured I will have the chance to thank my God after 50 years of suffering , I will be able to go to the mosque and pray , I would be able to be clean again."

We like to say **Merry Christmas** and thank you for the gifts you have send to our patients.

This month is a time when we celebrate the blessing we were given by God, it is a season of hope and joy . We would like to share a story of our patient who was treated in our Harar Hamlin Fistula Center, this way you will know how your help have changed a woman's life , your blanket have warmed her, stockings you have sent made her comfortable to walk around without feeling wet, your money have helped to restore her health , the make ups you have sent made her beautiful and feel like a woman again, the cloth you have given , showed the way you thought about her, the books you have send helped gain her dignity back , the medicines you have sent helped her to recover. The letter and cards send with the gifts helped her to feel worthy of friends.

Hawa had been a fistula patient for 50 years now and the reason she did not have help before was because she did not have money for transport or have support of family to get her to Addis Abeba. If she had found this her life would have been different , she would have children to hold and brace and see them grow not only that she would have been a grand mother, she would have been able to thank her God and pray for her family, she would have been able to have her own house and work hard to gain income. She would have been respected and treated like a woman. Unfortunately for her she could not afford to pay a transport cost which was less than \$1 and find a person who would bring her to the hospital.

Hawa was able to get to our center with a help of treated patient who was cured at our Harar Hamlin Fistula Center and since the center was near to her village she managed to receive treatment after 50 years of suffering. She was happy to know that she could be treated and if cured she will have the chance to thank God and able to go the Mosque for prayer.

We like to thank you for giving as a chance to help Hawa and give her hope.

Merry Christmas & Happy New year

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