
Event Highlighting Fistula Victims Held at the Ethiopian Embassy in London

30th June 2015

On Friday 26th June 2015, a successful event was held at the Ethiopian Embassy in London to mobilise support for alleviating the plight of fistula victims. Around a hundred people attended the event.

Obstetric fistula is said to affect more than 2 million people in Africa. In Ethiopia, it used to be a nightmare for many young women in the rural areas of the country until Dr. Reginald Hamlin and his wife, the now world famous, Dr. Catherine Hamlin, arrived from Australia 57 years ago.



Thanks to the outstanding effort by the Hamlins, there are now five hospitals in Ethiopia where fistula victims can get specialized care. The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital has been an institution of effective treatment and provides huge relief to tens of thousands of fistula victims.

Even though a lot of work has been done to alleviate the problem, the effort to do away with fistula has to continue by treating the victims and raising awareness to prevent new cases.

At the event, a film showing the work done in the past five decades was screened and highly appreciated by the audience. Participants were also given the opportunity to network and exchange views.

The event was organized by the Catherine and Sarah Hamlin, the grand daughters of the original founders and Hamlin Fistula UK.

The Ethiopian Embassy in London which always supports initiatives that contribute to the social and economic welfare of the country, was happy to associate itself with the event and will continue to do so in the future.



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