

### Project summary sheet

Country of project implementation	Benin
(Main) beneficiary institution/counterpart	Université de Parakou
Project title	Renforcement des capacités de la Faculté de Médecine de l'Université de Parakou, pour une meilleure prise en charge des fistules obstétricales dans le nord du Bénin
Project period (start/end date)	1/5/2014- 31/4/2019
Contract value (approx.)	1.400.000€
Source of funding	Niche capacity building projects - NUFFIC
Other institutions involved in implementation	CINOP, Zuyd University of Applied Sciences
Proportion of activities implemented by UM/Mundo (approx. in %)	
Number of UM staff involved (approx..)	5
<p><b>Descriptive summary of the project (main goal(s), main activities, main results)</b>            In Benin obstetric fistula is still a considerable health problem. The patients depend largely on European surgeons flying in to operate on women in a certain period that they can spend in Benin. The Université de Parakou has expressed the desire to set up a specialization training to train Beninese doctors to become skilled fistula surgeons in order to eventually be able to continuously assist the women in need. We work closely together with a Senegalese/Beninese team of fistula surgeons to help set up the specialization. Attention is given to Beninese stakeholder support to assure the required financial arrangements to support the interventions once the project is completed. Additional modules and training of trainers is organized for nurses, anastesists, midwives. The whole care chain related to the obstetric fistula problems from prevention to reintegration (of which surgery is just one step of the process) is brought together to work out a sound cooperation system.</p> <p><b>Result 1:</b>            Strengthening the institutional and organizational capacity of the FM of UP to offer specialization in fistula surgery and to manage the chain of providers involved in the prevention, detection, care, reintegration of patients and monitoring / evaluation.</p> <p><b>Result 2:</b>            A University Diploma (DU) and training modules in fistula surgery and fistula care are offered at the FM and in the training centers of the providers. Analyses and studies carried out to inform the public authorities and the population</p> <p><b>Result 3:</b>            Strengthening of the capacities of teachers and trainers at UP and in training centers of health care providers, to eventually train sufficient human resources for the treatment of fistula in northern Benin. Strengthening providers in the chain of care for fistula carriers.</p>	