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Women Helping Women
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Dear Ms. McClure and Ms. Roe,

I would like to thank you once again for the generous donations of \$845 from Women Helping Women and \$1000 from Women Helping Women supporters received in December 2014. As requested, we will allocate your gift to the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa. Your gift will enable 170 women suffering from fistula to receive the medical treatment they so desperately need.

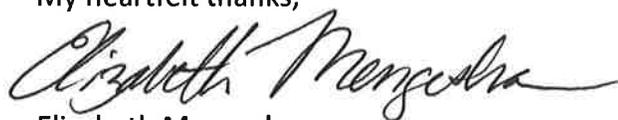
Obstetric fistula has a devastating effect on women. In addition to the primary symptom of obstetric fistula – incontinence – the side effects are many. Women suffering from fistula are shunned by their husbands and families, which leads to isolation and loneliness. Some women suffer nerve damage in their legs from the obstructed labour, and others encounter muscle wastage from years spent lying down in an attempt to stop the endless trickle of urine. Many women arrive at the hospital severely under-nourished, having begun to refuse food and water in the hopes that it will help their condition.

However, obstetric fistula is treatable. With your support, the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital is transforming the lives of these women. The Hospital is a truly amazing institution where women regain their hope and health; build friendships and self-confidence; and reclaim their future.

Per your request, I have enclosed additional information on Ethiopiaid Canada. Please find enclosed our Winter 2015 newsletter and 2013 Annual Report. We are in the process of producing our 2014 Annual Report and also updating our website; I will share those materials with you once they are available.

I also wanted to share that I will be visiting Ethiopia in March 2015 to monitor our projects and see the impact of your donations. I look forward to sharing an update with you upon my return.

My heartfelt thanks,

Elizabeth Mengesha
Executive Director

Thank you once again for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.