

**KAMRA receives a \$50,000.00 grant from The Fistula Foundation to implement the Obstetric Fistula & Pelvic Floor Disorders Project at the Kirker Hospital.**

The goal of the project is to develop an Obstetric Fistula and general Pelvic Floor Disorders program that blends optimally with the regional needs of the women in the Diffa region and the mission of Kirker Hospital.

The project will provide quality care to women in the region, suffering from fistula and reach out with and education programs to let them know where they can get treatment. Activities include among others the training of surgeons on fistula surgeries, actual fistula surgeries, upgrade the technical platform of the Kirker Hospital of Maine Soroa, and airing of behavior change program on local radio stations.

In the long term, KAMRA plans to establish a Fistula Center that provides Obstetric Fistula and general Pelvic Floor Disorders program services under model for Lake Chad Basin Medical Initiative.

From February 10th to February 20th, 2013, the Executive Director of KAMRA undertook a field trip to Niger. The main objective of the trip was to coordinate and facilitate the needs assessment for the implementation of the Kirker Hospital Obstetric Fistula & Pelvic Floor Disorders Project.



The mission arrives to the Diffa Airstrip, before driving to the Kirker Hospital (from left to right – Mark Shaker, Dr. Lauri Romanzi, Abdou Gagara and Kelle Gremah (Gen. Secretary of Kirker Foundation/Niger)

Mr. Mark Shaker, Executive Director of Fistula Foundation and Dr. Lauri Romanzi, MD, FACOG, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Urology at New York University Langone Medical Center, were part of that mission.



Dr. Germain G, head surgeon of the Kirker Hospital presenting the surgical unit