

Hamlin Fistula UK

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The Story of the Shawls

Many of you have been knitting squares and shawls for the patients at the Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia for a number of years and I thought you may like to know what happens to them once they leave your busy fingers.



1. Another delivery arrives

1. They somehow miraculously arrive at my home. Kind people arrange for them to be brought or posted to me.
2. I check them to make sure they are securely stitched together and then pack them into large boxes. Each box holds 18 shawls

When 18 boxes are packed and sealed, it is then that the couriers (TNT) become involved to take them on the next leg of their journey to the airport and then on to Addis Ababa. We pay for a door-to-airport service



2. Shawls packed ready for transportation

3. Once cleared at Customs, one of the vehicles from the hospital is taken the airport at Addis to collect the boxes. They are soon opened and the shawls distributed to the patients. It is probably the first time in their lives that these young women have been given something that is really their own, such as their poverty. Now that we have our five Outreach Hospitals open, the shawls are distributed here too.



3. Proud new owners

4. Because of the generosity of you kind people here and many others far away we are now able to supply shawls in sufficient quantities so that each patient can be given one to take home when they are discharged.

How wonderful you people are!

Thank you very much for all you do. I know the staff at all of our hospitals would wish to add their thanks to you for your kindness and on-going generosity to these dear fistula patients.

Jean Hadley. (Trustee)



4. "A shawl of my very own"