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To Dr Catherine Hamlin and the staff of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital – especially to Mamitu Gashe, the patient turned surgeon
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