

• Running Time

2:53

• Narrator Name

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**Script**

17 year-old Habiba lives in a small village in southern Niger's Tibiri region. She was married when she was barely 14 years old.

**SOUNDBITE: (Hausa), Habiba, 17**  
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A botched caesarean ripped her small uterus which made her urine and faeces come out of the same opening. Her fistula left her with chronic incontinence and pain. She lost her baby hours after he was born.

But Habiba's ordeal didn't stop here: her husband left her and the village rejected her. Today she lives alone with her mother. Ostracised and humiliated, she no longer ventures outside her house, not even to get water

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By 15 half of all the girls are married, by 17 they're either pregnant or already a mother.

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