

## **Darius Maggi, MD** **WAFF CEO and Founder**

Dr. Darius R. Maggi is a retired, board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist and the founder of the WestAfrica Fistula Center Foundation (WAFF), established in 2004 to address obstetric fistula and maternal health disparities in underserved regions of West Africa. After a distinguished 22-year clinical career in Denison, Texas, Dr. Maggi dedicated his professional life to advancing global health equity, inspired by a medical mission to Ghana in 2000 and a subsequent visit to Sierra Leone in 2002.

Since that time, Dr. Maggi has made more than 65 medical humanitarian trips to Sierra Leone, where he has performed thousands of life-restoring fistula repair surgeries, trained local healthcare professionals, and helped deliver essential medical supplies and infrastructure support to improve maternal health outcomes.

Beginning in 2023, the focus of his work in West Africa expanded to address the critical needs of medically underserved children and youth. This shift emerged following team visits to remote villages, where **widespread, untreated seizure disorders were identified as a major contributor to injury, disability, and failure to thrive across multiple age groups**. This evolving mission reflects Dr. Maggi's continued commitment to addressing root causes of preventable suffering in vulnerable communities.

Dr. Maggi earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine (1970–1974). He completed his internship at St. John Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma (1974–1975), and his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana (1975–1978). Board-certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology since 1981, he maintained a private practice in Durant, Oklahoma (1979–1980), and Denison, Texas (1980–1999). In September of 2024, he was honored as the Doctor of the Year in Private Practice by his alma mater, OU College of Medicine.