

The courage to leave

Fatimata is left alone with her fistula problems. Her husband doesn't accept this disease which he judges shameful and for which he holds Fatimata responsible. Despite her wish to see her husband support her, Fatimata has to come to terms with this: he doesn't want her any more. Humiliated in front of her co-wife and eventually fully ignored, her own brother will come to save her.



After two years in hell, she leaves her home to go to her brother's place, who'll help her access traditional medicine. Without success. Sentinelles enables her to participate in a mission in Benin. The surgical procedure is conclusive. At the Farida centre, where she pursues her convalescence, she learns how to knit and make soap.

"I am very happy today and this is thanks to Sentinelles; they also promised me support for my social reinsertion after my recovery" concludes Fatimata