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Make your mark. Bring healing to East Africa.

LN is a nonprofit organization that creates innovative solutions for the everyday health challenges facing East Africa's poor. In 2011, LN launched a conversion franchise network in Burundi, East Africa to build the capacity of 10 local church-based clinics and hospitals through nurse training, management systems, growth financing, and medicine supply. We are rapidly expanding upon this foundation and target 60 partner facilities in Burundi by year-end 2014. Our goal is to improve clinical performance 50% within 24 months of partnership, but we regularly see performance double in that time. In addition, LN aims to help clinics achieve financial sustainability through our medicine supply and loan fund.

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Burundi ranks as the third least developed country in the UN Human Development Index. Under five mortality is a staggering 141.9 per 1,000 children. The country's roughly 300 doctors serve a population of 8.5 million people and are largely concentrated in Bujumbura, the capital, where only 10% of the population live. LN aims to make significant and sustainable improvements in the health of Burundi's poor through our clinical network.

JOB DESCRIPTION

LN is seeking a highly motivated and talented **Dentist Fellow** to join our dynamic team for a *three-month clinical training program the fall of 2014*. Burundi has less than a dozen dentists for a population of over 10 million people. Therefore, nurses are left to attend most of the basic dental tasks. Unfortunately, they often have very little dental training and those who are courageous enough to try often meet with complications.

LN currently works with a network of 40+ clinics, training hundreds of nurses every month. By teaching local nurses how to do basic techniques like dental extractions across our network, this dentist will be serving thousands of patients.

The training will include both on site training and teaching through direct patient care at all of our qualifying sites, specifics of which will be developed in conjunction with LifeNet's Medical Director.

The chosen applicant will receive housing accommodations and a modest stipend for the three-month period.



CONVERSION FRANCHISE

LN operates a conversion franchise network of church-based clinics and hospitals throughout Burundi, East Africa. Our franchise bundles innovative nurse training, management coaching, medicine supply, and access to growth financing in one package for our partners. In exchange, the clinical franchisee agrees to implement and uphold LN standards of care as well as contribute in-kind lodging and meals that enable LN to deliver training operations and truly build clinics' capacity to sustain themselves. We are growing our current network of 43 clinics and hospitals and target 60 partnerships by year-end 2014.

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Based on findings from our pilot, LN focused its partnerships on church-based health facilities as a means to effect systemic and sustainable impact in the Burundian health sector.

Churches operate health facilities as social enterprises that balance a primary mission of compassion with the need for financial self-sustainability. Additionally, many churches operate networks of clinics and hospitals with strong in-place management teams that make them ideal for LN partnerships.

APPLY

Send a letter of interest and resume or CV to Monica Slinkard, Medical Director at mslinkard@lninternational.org with "Dentist Fellow" in the subject line.