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**CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION DISBURSES \$300,000 TO LIFENET
INTERNATIONAL**

*Grant Equips Catholic Sisters in Uganda to Provide Lifesaving Healthcare
to Vulnerable Patients*

Kampala, Uganda, February 20, 2018 – LifeNet International announced today it has received a \$300,000 grant installment from The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to fund life-saving and life-improving healthcare trainings with Catholic Sister-led health facilities in Uganda.

A global non-governmental organization (NGO), LifeNet is a “conversion franchise” model of improving healthcare quality, that takes a unique and holistic approach by providing both business and healthcare-related training to existing faith-based centers to ensure the delivery of a compassionate, efficient, and enhanced standard of care.

The \$300,000 is the second installment in a three-year, \$900,000 grant from the Foundation. To date, the grant has enabled LifeNet to establish 10 new partnerships with sister-led health centers in the districts of Bukomansimbi, Kalungu, Luwero, Masaka, and Sembabule in Uganda. As part of these partnerships, LifeNet trains and equips health workers at the sister-led centers, giving them the power to dramatically improve healthcare outcomes for 56,000 patients in sub-Saharan Africa.

“Our facility has greatly benefited from the LifeNet trainings,” said Sister Mary, a health worker in the Luwero Diocese. “We were not consistently taking weights for children until we learned during the training that weight was required for correct calculation of medication. After realizing we may have been giving incorrect doses, we have now made it a routine to take every child’s weight to avoid potential errors.”

Sister Mary works as a nurse in a health center in Uganda, where she and her fellow health workers are receiving life-saving medical and management training from LifeNet. Trainings are equipping them with the knowledge and tools they need to provide quality healthcare to their patients. Health workers are learning proper hand washing, which the World Health Organization calls “the building block for infection prevention and control”; compassionate care, which is often overlooked during health worker training; IV insertion; sterilization of instruments; correct medication dosing; financial and organizational management; and other best practices that are saving and improving lives in Uganda.

About LifeNet International: Founded in 2009 by an American entrepreneur, LifeNet International partners with local, last-mile health facilities in sub-Saharan Africa to bridge the deadly gap separating existing knowledge, tools, and resources from the health workers who need them to save lives. LifeNet rapidly and effectively deploys life-saving and life-improving interventions directly to health workers and staff at remote facilities. Through its growing franchise network of 100 plus facilities, LifeNet transforms healthcare for more than one million patient visits every year in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Uganda. For more information, visit: www.lninternational.org.

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