



Nearly 1 million people die every year in sub-Saharan Africa because the healthcare they access is substandard.<sup>1</sup>

But it doesn't have to be this way. We believe that well-trained, local healthcare providers can and will be the answer to African health crises.

LifeNet believes all people, and especially these underserved communities, should have the opportunity to live a healthy and whole life. So, we equip and empower local healthcare providers to provide high-quality care for their vulnerable communities. Our Christian faith and commitment to justice, compassion, and elevating the poor motivate our work. The result is local, African healthcare providers who are well equipped with the knowledge and tools they need to serve the poor, the sick, and the vulnerable in compassionate and medically-sound ways.

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<sup>1</sup> https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(18)31668-4/fulltext

# **Transforming Healthcare.** Saving Lives.

**MISSION** 

LifeNet International transforms African health facilities to provide quality, sustainable healthcare and save lives.

27,641,728

Patient Visits in the LifeNet Network Since 2012

LIVES SAVED IN 2022:



1,424



2,560
Babies



#### SUSAN'S STORY:

My name is Namutebi Susan and I live here in Butakaka. When my labor pains started, I first went to Bukakata Health Center. When I reached there, they said they could not handle my case because the baby was breech and they turned me away.

I told my caretaker that we should go to the LifeNet facility, SSunga Health Center. I was certain I would get help there. There, the LifeNet-trained midwife assessed me and said she would do everything possible to make sure we were both okay.

The labor reached a point where I became really scared. The baby had to be pulled out tactfully. However, the head got stuck and I was exhausted at that point. The midwife gave me medicine and the baby was delivered and I was okay. But when the baby was born, she was unresponsive.

I was losing hope but they kept giving care to the baby for what seemed like an eternity. Finally, after a long time, I heard my baby's first cry.

I honestly have no words to describe what the midwife did for me and my baby. I can only ask that God blesses her abundantly because she saved both of our lives.



## **GHANA 25** Partner Facilities **Catchment Population:** 578,445 UGANDA 107 Partner Facilities **Catchment Population: KENYA** 1,527,869 24 Partner Facilities

DRC

2,314,307

**76** Partner Facilities

**Catchment Population:** 

## Where We Work

**Total Facility Partners** 

383

**Total Catchment Population** for LifeNet Partner Facilities:

8,169,003

## **How** We Work

Our high-impact approach takes evidence-based knowledge and skills and places them directly in the hands of the healthcare providers that need them to provide quality healthcare, save lives, and give hope to their vulnerable communities.

#### **INPUTS AND ACTIVITIES**



**Catchment Population:** 

250.503

BURUNDI

1,765,816

90 Partner Facilities

**Catchment Population:** 

MALAWI

1,732,063

**61** Partner Facilities

**Catchment Population:** 

Medical and Management **Capacity Building** 



**Continuous Monitoring** and Evaluation



Access to Equipment

#### **Immediate OUTCOMES**

Improved ability to provide holistic and quality services

Strengthened management, planning, and health facility leadership

**Equipment and** medical supplies supplemented, pharmaceuticals properly managed

Monitoring, evaluation, and learning documented

#### **Long Term OUTCOMES**

Mothers and babies thrive during the first 1,000 days

Common diseases among men, women, boys, and girls are prevented and treated

Health facilities are well managed and financially sustainable

#### **IMPACT**

Maternal, neonatal, and childhood **Lives Saved** 

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## 2022 by the **Numbers**



countries



383 health facility partners



**7,633,283** patient visits



healthcare workers trained in evidence based best practices

77,809

cases of diarrhea properly treated\*

62,992

cases of pneumonia properly treated\*





2,560 newborn lives saved at birth

1,424 mothers' lives saved at birth

160,396 safe deliveries

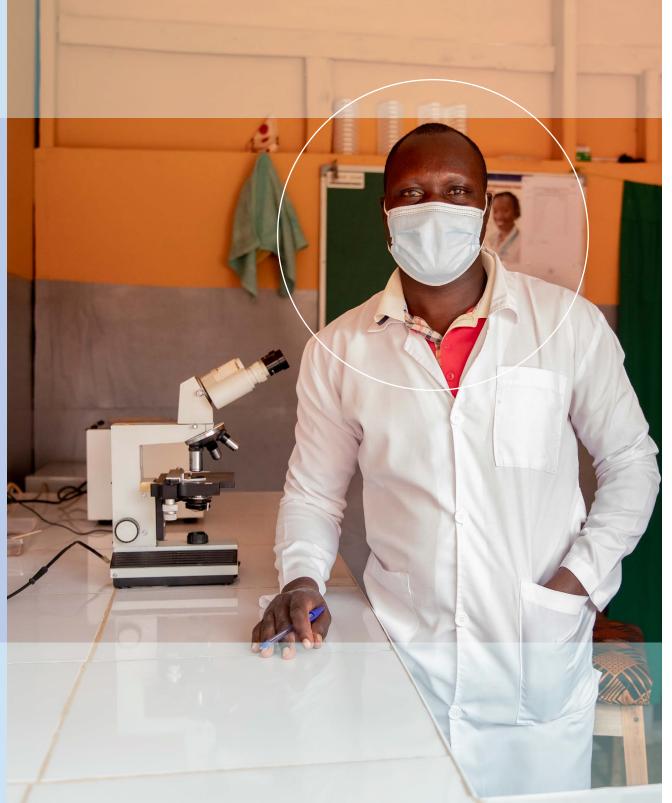
\* These remain top cause of death for children in sub-Saharan Africa



Prior to LifeNet's interventions, we set up IVs incorrectly. As a result, we put our patients at risk and some of these patients contracted diseases at our facility. On the maternity side, we deliver a lot of babies, but examining a newborn after birth was previously unknown to us. But nowadays, even the nursing assistants know what to do. We even do late clamping of the umbilical cord and it prevents anemia. This was new information for us and is now the routine procedure. Thank you to LifeNet for all this new acquired knowledge to better save lives at our health facility.

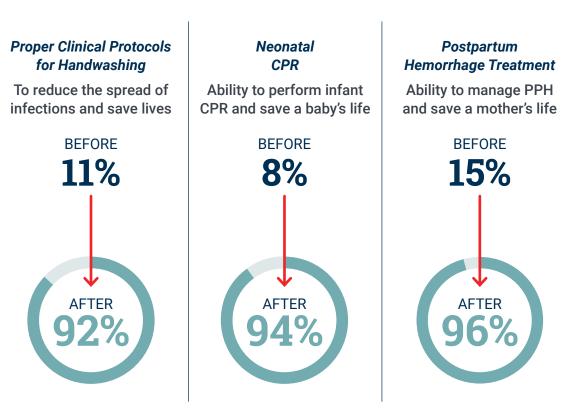
HEAD NURSE AT A PARTNER HEALTH FACILITY IN BURUNDI

Nearly 1 million people die every year in the region because of poor quality healthcare, which leads to infections and diseases acquired at health facilities. Thankfully, this is no longer the case at our partner facility highlighted above.



## **High Quality** Healthcare

With the right training and tools, local healthcare providers can and will be the solution to Africa's health crises.



These percentages represent average facility quality scores before and after LifeNet training.

## Sustainable Health Facilities

Health facilities that implement financial and management best practices are sustainable and able to provide care to their vulnerable communities for the long term.

31%

Average revenue growth among LifeNet partner facilities from 2021 to 2022

34%

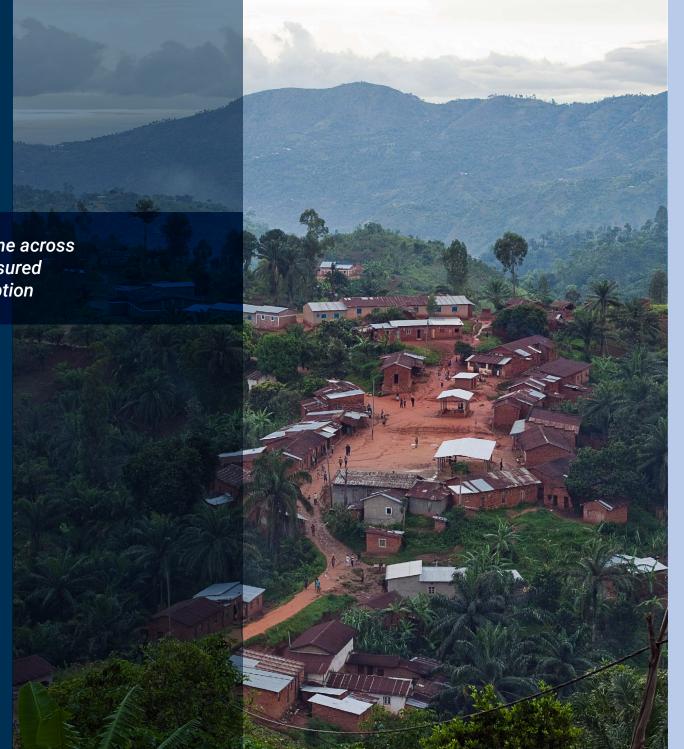
Average increase in patient volume across all LifeNet partner facilities, measured four years after partnership inception













The patients that use our health services have always asked us to build an advanced treatment site. A number of our patients had to go to other health facilities for advanced treatment but the healthcare at those facilities is questionable. We thought the only way we could build an advanced site and provide the good care patients requested was if we received humanitarian aid or a government grant. After attending LifeNet's management training, we embraced their strategies for increasing revenue, managing costs, and saving. We now have money for investments like these. The chief of the village just gave us a space of land and we started construction of the advanced treatment site using the money we saved with LifeNet strategies. Now, our patients will receive this care from us. No longer will they walk long distances for poor care at other facilities.

PAULIN MUDERHWA, IN-CHARGE NURSE
OF LUDAHA HEALTH CENTER, S. KIVU DRC



## The Model

Vulnerable communities suffering the effects of multi-dimensional poverty often bear the burden of health inequities and that results in high rates of death and disease.

Vulnerable people in sub-Saharan Africa face some of the most dire healthcare realities in the world. The region leads the world in rates of child death, HIV infections, and Malaria. Two-thirds of all maternal deaths in the world occur in sub-Saharan Africa (WHO). The region is also the most dangerous place for a new baby to enter the world—8 of the 10 countries with the highest newborn mortality rates are in sub-Saharan Africa (UNICEF).2 The vast majority of these deaths and diseases are preventable.

Every individual, made in the image of God, should have the opportunity to live a healthy and whole life, regardless of where they are born. Together with our partners, we can make this a reality by ensuring vulnerable communities have high-quality healthcare.

#### OUR PROGRAM:



#### MEDICAL TRAINING

Five modules of high-impact clinical care training addressing leading causes of disease and preventable death.



#### MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Four modules of management training that build financial resilience.



#### SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISION

On-site, hands-on mentoring to ensure knowledge transference and behavior change.



#### **EQUIPMENT SUPPLY**

Access to the tools facilities need to save lives.



#### **DIGITAL LEARNING**

Accessible online training & support designed for low-resourced settings.



#### MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING

Real-time information on how we can improve and grow.

<sup>1</sup> https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/children-reducing-mortality, https://www.afro.who.int/health-topics/hivaids, https://www.afro.who.int/health-topics/malaria

<sup>2</sup> https://www.unicef.org/publications/files/Every\_Child\_Alive\_ The\_urgent\_need\_to\_end\_newborn\_deaths.pdf

## **Digital**Enablement

LifeNet equips healthcare providers and health facility managers with the digital training and tools they need to provide high quality healthcare at safe, well-functioning, and sustainable health facilities. This includes digital training and support designed for low-resourced and low-connectivity settings.



We are even more glad that LifeNet has now introduced us to a clinic management system and is training us on how to digitize our patient flow processes as well as our patient records and inventory management. From the early results, we see improvement in financial records keeping and tracking with less errors in patient clerking. We now have access to medical history and are able to easily track debtors. We are already starting to realize profits.

JANE FRANCIS NALUYIGA, IN-CHARGE NURSE
OF OUR LADY OF LORDES NAKASONGOLA IN UGANDA



## **Equipment Program** in Burundi

Together with the DAK Foundation, we equipped 41 health centers and hospitals with 1,121 pieces of essential medical equipment in Burundi. This equipment included ultrasounds, delivery beds, resuscitators, infant warmers, equipment sterilizers, and much more. LifeNet and DAK Foundation's work in Burundi will improve the quality of care available to millions of patients and save many lives.

This equipment program also supported Burundi's Ministry of Health in its COVID-19 response efforts as it provided 27 oxygen concentrators and 200 oxygen cylinders to health facilities with high volumes of patients requiring breathing support.

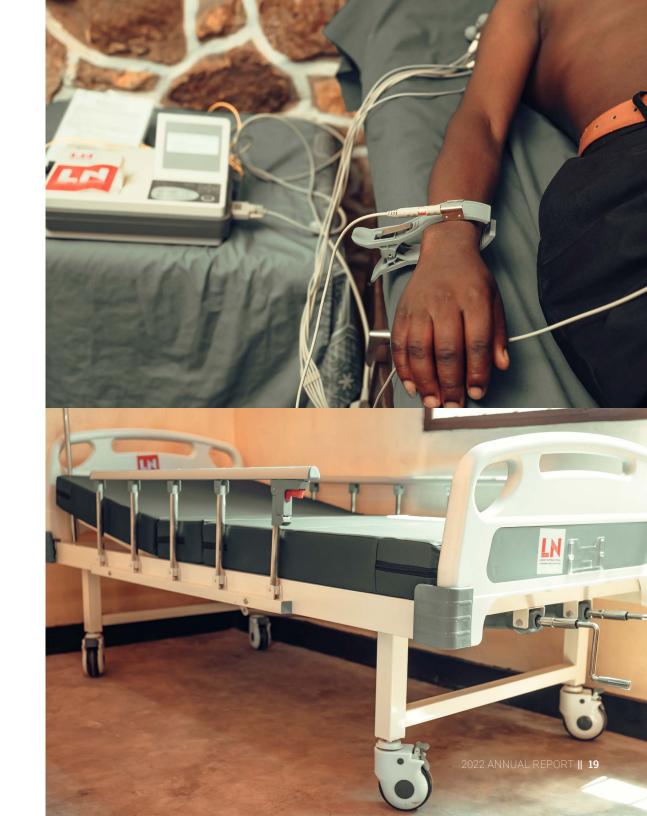
All of LifeNet's equipment programs, including this work with DAK Foundation, ensure no piece of equipment is left unused. We provide training on maintenance and proper usage so patients can benefit for years to come.





The accompaniment and support of the technician and LifeNet trainers is very commendable. They accompany the equipment to the hospital, assemble the pieces, and teach the staff how to use it.

EDUARDO, OTTORINO ALDO CATINA HOSPITAL DIRECTOR



# Then I saw the nurse doing everything possible to resuscitate my baby. And, then, finally, I heard my baby crying. It is an unforgettable moment in my life because I was about to lose my first baby! IFENET INTERNATIONAL

#### **CLAUDINE'S STORY:**

My name is Claudine Rwasa, I am 22 years old. I live in Giteranyi commune on Kayove hill. The day I gave birth was very particular. When it was time to deliver the baby, I had very few contractions. This went for a while then the baby came out but he was almost dead because he stayed for ten minutes without crying. I repeat he was almost dead!

Then I saw the nurse doing everything possible to resuscitate my baby. And, then, finally, I heard my baby crying. It is an unforgettable moment in my life because I was about to lose my first baby!

Because the delivery took so long, I was bleeding a lot and I lost consciousness. Ruzo Health Center medical staff used their skills and they were able to stop the bleeding. I stayed at the health center and after three days I was doing well.

## Financials\*

\$5,050,387

\$221,047

\$4,829,340

total income

in-kind income

cash income



\$809,624 UGANDA
\$677,070 BURUNDI
\$655,001 USA
\$269,476 KENYA
\$511,003 MALAWI
\$338,364 GHANA
\$555,999 DRC
\$266,548 AFRICA SUPPORT OFFICE

PROGRAMS
85%

ADMIN AND FUNDRAISING

\* 2022 Unaudited Financials



The impact of 2022 is thanks to you and your partnership. You make this all possible and we are grateful for all you do to advance hope and healing.

You ensure hopeful tomorrows.

You widen futures. You save lives.

**Thank you** for doing all of this alongside LifeNet.

