



LIFENET
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TRANSFORMING
HEALTHCARE
ACROSS AFRICA

saving lives,
together



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**Never again will
there be in it an infant
who lives but a few
days, or an old man
who does not
live out his years
(Isaiah 65:20).**

New mom Akimana with a LifeNet-trained health worker in Burundi.

FRONT COVER: Proud mom Shukuru with her twin babies, whose lives were saved through resuscitation by a LifeNet-trained midwife in Burundi.



Our Why

Nearly **8 million people** die every year because they are unable to access equitable and quality healthcare.

Every day, **800 women** die from pregnancy and childbirth-related causes.

1 in 9 children in sub-Saharan Africa will die before their 5th birthday.

But it doesn't have to be this way. The vast majority of those deaths are preventable.

Motivated by our faith and commitment to justice and caring for the poor, LifeNet was created in response to these staggering mortality figures. More than 40% of healthcare services on the African continent take place in faith-based facilities and our goal is to end preventable deaths by equipping all such health facilities to deliver high-quality, sustainable care.

We believe the answer lies in the hands of skilled, local healthcare workers who, when given the tools and training, are empowered to save thousands of lives each year.

Thank you for your partnership in inspiring this vision into action. Together, we provided access to life-saving and life-improving healthcare for some of the world's most forgotten communities.

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LIFENET NETWORK SINCE 2012

46,874,609

LIVES SAVED IN 2024

2,104 3,696
mothers babies

PATIENT VISITS IN 2024

10,482,855

LifeNet-trained healthcare workers at
the Health Center Maria in the DRC.

LETTER FROM
OUR PRESIDENT,
SHEP OWEN



Dear Friends,

As I reflect on 2024, the word that comes to my mind is **invest**. This took on different forms across our ministry as we celebrated remarkable growth in several key areas. The needs have never been higher in the areas where we work and in response, our motivation has never been greater. In the wake of profound uncertainty and crisis in our world, I am in awe of what we have accomplished together.

We invested in our capacity as we grew the amount of facilities in our health network to almost 500, and made pathways to add to the numbers of countries we operated in. Our revenue nearly doubled this year, a testament to the hard work of our advancement team and the investment our funders made in our reputation and our mission. We also invested in the growth potential of our staff as we launched the Leadership Development Program, and we invested in the future of medical work in the digital world as we piloted the digitization of our network in Uganda.

In all we did, we were guided by an unwavering commitment to bring our life-saving care model to more vulnerable areas. We stayed true to this vision as we expanded our reach into northern Ghana, where only 40 percent of the population has access to quality healthcare. We secured funding in areas that are historically challenging to do so, like Burundi, and laid a foundation to expand into fragile areas like western Kenya and the Sahel in 2025.

All of these investments allowed us to efficiently scale for greater impact, with one distinct goal: **to save more lives**. The success and expansion of our footprint would not be possible without your compassionate support. It has literally meant life to thousands of women and children in some of the most isolated corners of the globe.

Thank you for investing in us, and in the possibility of a transformed healthcare system where every person across Africa has access to quality, equitable care. What a gift it is to ignite this kind of bold hope into motion alongside you.

With gratitude,

Shep Owen
PRESIDENT, LIFENET INTERNATIONAL

**Meet Rehema and
David and their
midwife Noëlla,**

who saved
them.





PATIENT STORY

When I gave birth in Cigukiro Health Center (part of the LifeNet network), I bled too much and I began to think about how I was going to die and leave my baby orphaned. The midwife was very concerned about my situation and that scared me and comforted me at the same time. She applied techniques that I did not know about and was finally able to stop the bleeding. It was like a miracle! And I am alive now, happy with my baby, David. It is thanks to the courage of the staff here whom I sincerely thank. May God bless them and LifeNet who trained them on those lifesaving techniques!"

REHEMA

MIDWIFE STORY

"I have attended births for more than 20 years, but I did not master the management of postpartum hemorrhage. However, now LifeNet has equipped us and I am now able to take care of any case of postpartum hemorrhage. It is a great pride for me to be able to save lives. I can give you the example of Rehema who gave birth here but the postpartum period was complicated and she experienced heavy bleeding, which scared us all. I applied the techniques we learned from LifeNet and managed to stop the hemorrhage and save Rehema's life. **I felt more useful than ever to society and proud of my job.** Had it not been for this very valuable training from LifeNet, Rehema would have died."



NOËLLA NYENYEZI CIZUNGU

LifeNet-trained midwife

THE LIFENET MODEL

LifeNet's low-cost, highly scalable model results in quality healthcare through a concerted, streamlined process. This efficient model creates great impact, translating into more lives saved through focus on the following areas:

Leverage local assets

Capitalize on current human, process, and physical capital already invested in critical sectors of national health systems.

Improve care quality

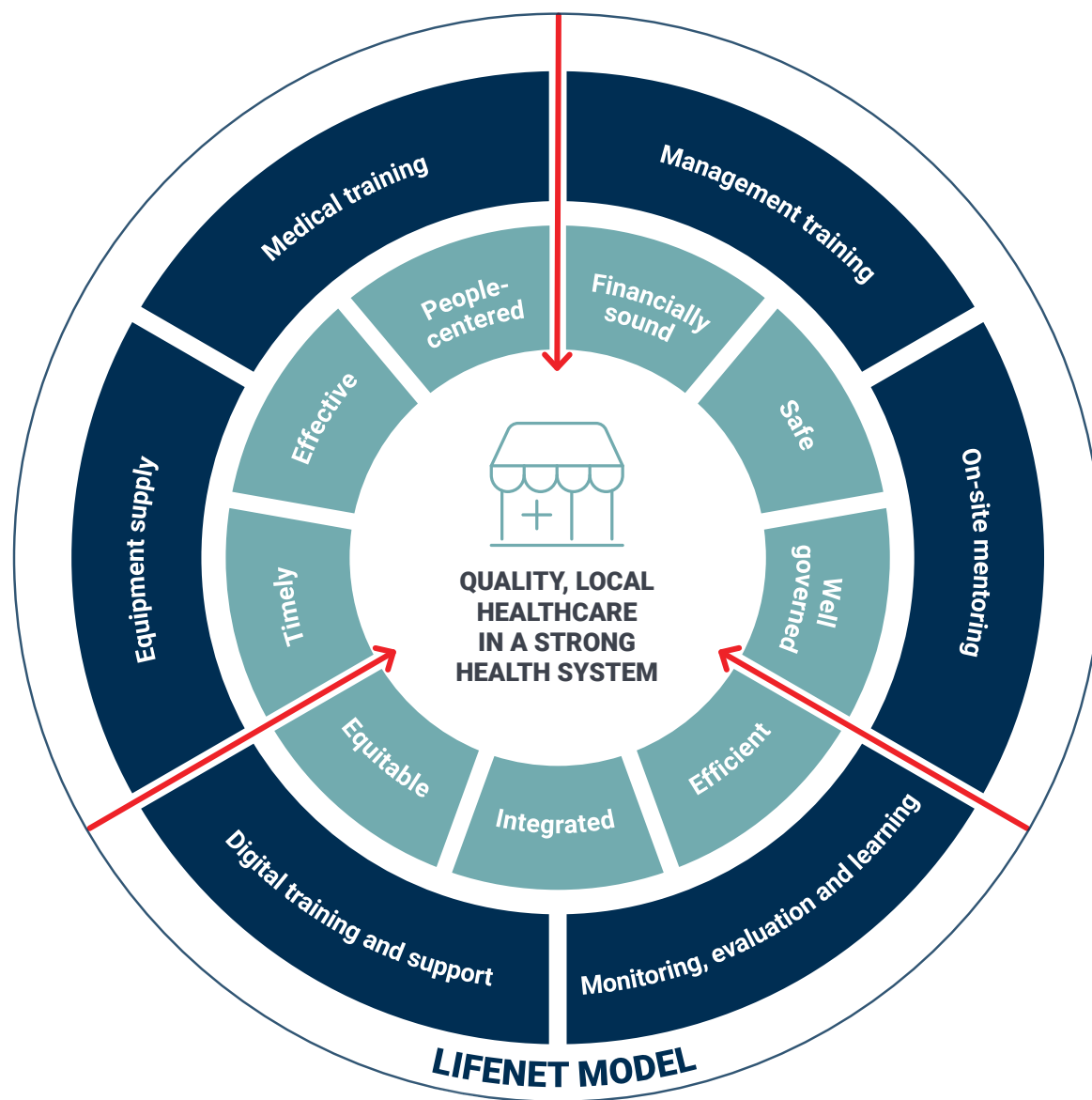
Utilize evidence-based best practices & behavior change theory to create quality, patient-centered care.

Improve facility management

Create sustainable, transparent, and accountable businesses that can manage staff, supplies, and resources.

Continuous quality improvement

Provide ongoing quality monitoring, action planning, and evaluation while improving the data collection chain.





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I am really delighted to express my deep joy to LifeNet International and the donors who do not stop supporting us with equipment and training that is up to date, so that we can offer better care to our patients and all the Burundian population in need of health.

SISTER GERARDINA

Head nurse at
Gasorwe Health Facility

A LifeNet-trained midwife practices CPR on a baby mannequin at Cigukiro Health Center in the DRC.

THE OUTCOME:

Nearly 8 million people die every year because of poor quality healthcare. With the right training and tools, local healthcare providers are equipped to end preventable deaths. They are the solution to local health crises.

The LifeNet Network

Over 40% of healthcare services across Africa take place in faith-based facilities, yet they are often under-resourced and under-regulated. The health facilities that LifeNet serves implement financial and management best practices, so they become sustainable and able to provide high quality care to their communities for the long term. The measurable outcomes from LifeNet's interventions show a remarkable increase in quality and sustainability at these facilities – proving that these interventions work and equate to thousands more lives saved each year.

New mother Elaine and her baby, Happy, who received care at a LifeNet facility in Burundi.



Quality Care, Sustainable Facilities

93%

FROM 17%

Facility ability to save a woman's life through managing and treating a postpartum hemorrhage

89%

FROM 11%

Facility implementation of proper clinical hand washing protocols to reduce infection and save lives

87%

FROM 7%

Facility ability to save a newborn's life at birth through infant CPR

88%

FROM 10%

Accurate daily and monthly financial accounting

79%

FROM 5%

Efficient pharmaceutical stock management

96%

FROM 11%

Performance reviews conducted for staff

87%

FROM 11%

Operational financial management system

Average increase in patient volume across all LifeNet partner facilities, measured 5 years after partnership inception:

44%

These percentages represent average facility quality scores prior-to and after LifeNet training.

OUR IMPACT TOGETHER IN 2024,
BY THE NUMBERS



10,484,855

patient visits



2,104

mothers' lives
saved at birth



3,696

newborn lives
saved at birth



195,280

safe deliveries



207,445

cases of pneumonia
properly treated*



115,947

cases of diarrhea
properly treated*



1,142,234

cases of malaria
properly treated*

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

7,380

healthcare workers in
the LifeNet Network

426

health facility partners

6

countries

PARTNER
FACILITIES

37

GHANA



129

UGANDA



86

DRC



KENYA



23

BURUNDI



90

MALAWI



61

WHERE AND HOW WE WORK

Our high-impact approach takes evidence-based interventions and places them directly in the hands of the healthcare providers that need them to provide quality healthcare, save lives, and give hope to the communities where they live and serve.

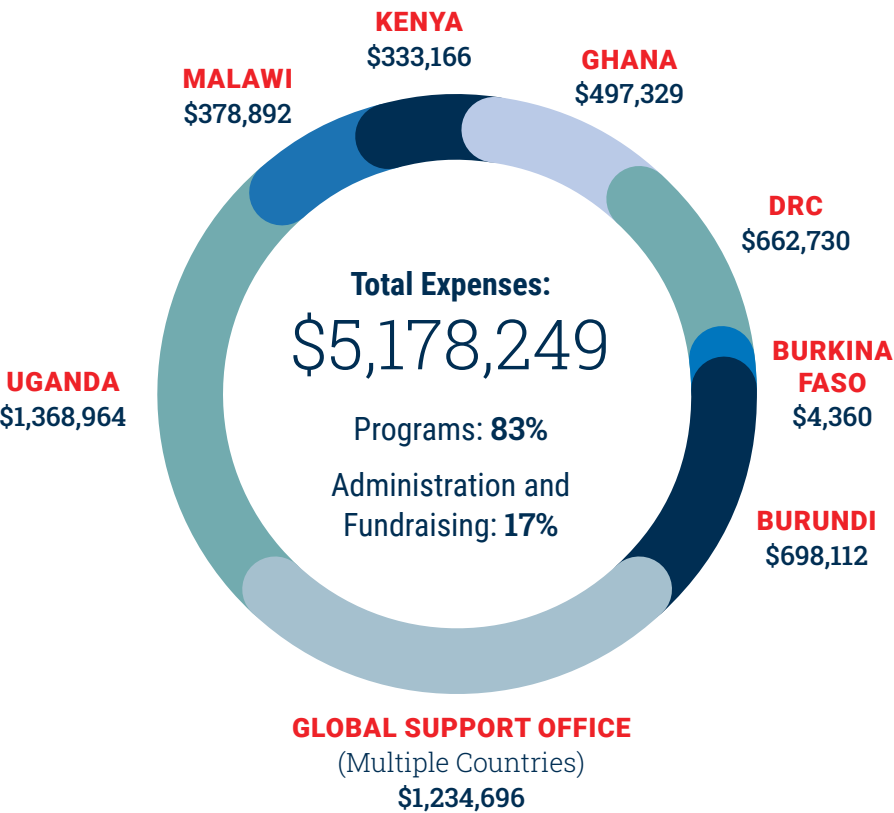
FINANCIALS

LifeNet International strives to steward the generous gifts given to us from the individuals, private foundations, churches, and government partners who invest in the goal to stop preventable deaths. This compassionate support impacts thousands of women and children and men’s lives across Africa each year and allows us to scale our impact to reach more health facilities in regions with high burdens and poor health outcomes.

Total Income (Accrual):*
\$7,706,868

In-Kind Income:
\$168,199

Cash Income:
\$7,062,091



In 2024,
LifeNet’s cost-per-improved-patient-visit was \$0.49.



*2024 unaudited financials



PATIENT STORY

My name is Claudine, from Gitaramuka village. I want to thank Nurse Cynthia who saved my life from death. My husband and I will never forget her good work and her kindness. When I came to give birth, I was welcomed by this nurse. I was in an active labor. I gave birth without any problems but six hours later, I began to bleed severely, and lost my conscience. I could not know what was going on around me. When I recovered from my unconsciousness state, the nurse told me what happened to me and explained I needed to be transferred to the hospital for blood transfusion. After three days, I was sent back home with my baby being healthy. My husband and I are very thankful for the nurse who used her skills to rescue my life from an abrupt death. **I would have died on the way to the hospital if it was not her professional skills.** I will testify to other mothers like me the goodness of going to give birth at Gitaramuka Health Facility, and the good care offered by the nurses who are working there!"

CLAUDINE







Noella (right), a LifeNet-trained midwife, provides mentorship to Mapendo at Cirhegera health facility in the DRC.

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Dr. Gustave (middle), LifeNet's medical program manager, trains two doctors on using the ultrasound machine at Burhale Health Center in the DRC.

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**Thank you for your
investment in quality
healthcare for millions,
and for your partnership
in saving thousands
of lives this year.**

Together, we **advance** *hope and healing*.

Together, we **save** *lives*.

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Chradrack, a LifeNet-trained medical worker, cares for a patient at the Cigukiro Health Center in the DRC.

BACK COVER: New mother Nzigire and her baby receive care at the Cidasa Health Center in the DRC.

thank you



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