



A Challenge Grant (\$120,000 over 3 years, 2017-2019) has been jointly awarded to LifeNet International (LN) and Global Emergency Care Collaborative (GECC) for a program to “Transform Emergency Care in the Masaka District of Uganda.”

LifeNet International seeks to transform African health centers by implementing best practices in infection prevention, hygiene, postpartum hemorrhage treatment, newborn health, and management. Currently, LN’s conversion franchise model includes nurse training, management training, growth financing, and improve pharmaceutical supply-chain. Since 2011, the network has grown to 86 facility partners across Burundi, Uganda, and DRC.

Founded in 2008, Global Emergency Care Collaborative is a nonprofit organization funded and operated by American board certified emergency physicians. GECC’s goal is to create sustainable, scalable emergency care systems in resource limited countries, and to improve health worker capacity through emergency care education. Currently, GECC runs a 2-year train-the-trainer program in emergency care for non-physician clinicians in Uganda. Thus far, GECC-trained emergency care practitioners have treated more than 40,000 patients.

The Challenge Grant program entails 1) LN expanding its operations to two new health centers in the Masaka District, 2) GECC and Masaka Hospital hosting 9 didactic trainings per year for 4 or more LN nurse trainers, 3) LN’s nurse trainers will then train 16 health center staff in newly acquired emergency care skills, and 4) LN and GECC working together to plan, implement, and evaluate a new emergency referral system for the outlying health centers within the Masaka District. At the conclusion of the 3-year grant period, LN would have added emergency care into its training curriculum, GECC would have permeated its emergency care methodology into a large region of Uganda, and many lives would have been saved.