

Guiding Principles

We are called to care for the poor and vulnerable. Underserved and marginalized people in sub-Saharan Africa are dying because health workers lack access to known, effective interventions that are readily available in other parts of the world. Our Christian faith and commitment to justice, compassion, and elevating the poor motivate our work. All people, made in the image of God, have the right to live healthy and whole lives. So, we equip and empower local health workers to provide high-quality healthcare for their vulnerable communities. Through LifeNet's work, health workers in hard to reach, last-mile health facilities in Africa are equipped with the knowledge and tools they need to serve the poor, the sick, and the vulnerable in medically-sound ways.

What We Believe

We ascribe to the tenets of the historic Christian church and affirm the truth of the Apostles' Creed.

Core Values

LifeNet's commitment to transforming African healthcare is inextricably linked to our core values, which are:

- Honoring God and others in all we do
- Sustainable impact at scale
- High-quality, compassionate healthcare
- Evidence-based programming
- Local church ownership & decision making

How Our Core Values Affect Our Approach

Valuing honoring God and others in all we do is foundational to every aspect of our work. From our work in the field with health facilities to our team meetings and assessments, we are committed to honoring God, one another, patients, and our partners. This commitment to caring for one another extends throughout the organization as we make decisions, develop strategies, and pursue the LifeNet mission to transform healthcare in Africa.

Valuing sustainable impact at scale motivates every member of the LifeNet staff to tackle high-impact needs and large-scope problems. As LifeNet continues to scale in sub-Saharan Africa, our leaders closely monitor key impact indicators and evaluate all programs and decisions with sustainable impact at scale in mind.

Valuing high-quality, compassionate healthcare provides a framework for all LifeNet trainings in health facilities in the LifeNet network. Our belief that all people bear the image of God motivates our desire to pursue quality, compassionate care and elevate the poor and the vulnerable in our world. We work to see our health center partners embrace this value in their own practices and hearts, elevating the dignity and quality of care for every patient entering their facilities.

Valuing evidence-based programming informs all LifeNet operations. No programmatic design or decision is considered “too small” to evaluate with an evidence-based mindset. Keeping best practices in mind, a significant amount of data are analyzed and taken into account when evaluating all strategies, tactics, and decisions. LifeNet’s robust monitoring and evaluation team are central to our work and provide ongoing data-based insight into the effectiveness of LifeNet interventions in health facilities in the LifeNet network. We aim to see health center partners embody this evidence-based mindset in their own decision making and care practices.

Valuing local church ownership & decision making inspires our partnerships with local, church-based health center staffs and motivates us to deliver evidence-based interventions to people who need them in sub-Saharan Africa. LifeNet is dedicated to recognizing, encouraging, and strengthening the skills and capacity of local men and women in sub-Saharan Africa. LifeNet staff work side-by-side with these men and women and it is our privilege to take part in increasing their capacity to flourish in their callings and ownership of the health services they provide to their communities.