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## LGT Venture Philanthropy Invests in Health For All Through a Three-Year Follow-On Engagement with mothers2mothers

**Cape Town // Zurich, 23 November 2022.** LGT Venture Philanthropy (LGT VP) and mothers2mothers (m2m) are pleased to announce a three-year follow-on engagement from LGT VP to m2m. The LGT VP and m2m partnership began in 2009, when LGT VP invested in m2m’s scalable, adaptable model, and has continued uninterrupted since then. Now, this new, flexible funding is to support [m2m’s 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan](#), which seeks to cut preventable deaths by one-third for people enrolled in m2m programs across the African continent, achieved through further evolution of m2m’s peer-led, community health worker model and deeper partnerships with Governments. It also cements m2m’s place as one of LGT VP’s longest standing portfolio organizations—LGT VP and m2m will celebrate 15 years of continuous partnership in 2024.

### **LGT VP’s flexible core funding combined with talent support has been instrumental to m2m serving 15 million clients**

m2m’s “Mentor Mothers”—local women living with HIV, trained and employed as community health workers to deliver health care services to their peers—have already reached over 15 million people across the African continent since 2001. They have delivered health outcomes for entire families, including [virtually eliminating](#) the transmission of HIV from mother-to-child among enrolled clients for eight consecutive years, and [helping to keep](#) over two million at-risk mothers and children alive. Support from LGT VP has been instrumental in achieving these outcomes, especially as m2m has been able to invest LGT VP’s flexible core funding into innovation and growth initiatives that have underpinned these impacts. The relationship also goes well beyond financial capital —LGT VP has supported m2m in dynamic ways, including bolstering m2m’s human capital through the placement of 10 fellows over 13 years through the [LGT VP Impact Fellowship](#).

### **m2m’s new 2026 strategy will expand direct service delivery as well as doubling down on health system strengthening**

Over the next five years, m2m will leverage its proven peer-led model to double down on its original mission of ending HIV and achieve [the UNAIDS triple elimination target for](#) HIV, Syphilis, and Hepatitis B for enrolled clients, while also tackling life-threatening health issues that pose major risks for people living with HIV—all with the aim of building a fairer, healthier future. Expanded health areas to be addressed by m2m will include tuberculosis, malaria, and non-communicable diseases (including cervical cancer)—many of which occur alongside HIV and in settings of marginalization and poverty. To increase and accelerate impact, m2m’s new strategy also includes a focus on supporting African governments to unlock the power of female community health workers through certification,

employment, and career pathing, while also advocating for greater recognition and upliftment for this critical group of health professionals.

**Frank Beadle de Palomo, m2m President and CEO commented:**

*“With this investment into m2m’s new strategy, LGT VP has once again proven their commitment to ensuring transformational health outcomes for African families, achieved by ensuring women closest to the problem lead the solution. The fact that this is—again—non-programmatic support is critical. This means we can continue to invest LGT VP’s resources where they are most needed and will have the greatest impact. This award for m2m is an important step on our journey to double our reach, and our annual revenue and support by 2026 to achieve our ambitious strategic goals. We hope this vote of confidence from LGT VP will help spur additional investment from partners old and new alike.”*

**Tom Kagerer, Partner at LGT VP, added:**

*“We believe that for philanthropic funding to be truly transformative, we must strengthen the capabilities of organizations delivering effective solutions so that they can drive more significant impact and embed their models in wider systems. Through our partnership with m2m we are doing exactly this. For more than a decade of collaboration, we had the opportunity to learn alongside m2m what it takes to provide quality healthcare. We witnessed their expansion to over 10 lusophone, francophone, and anglophone countries in sub-Saharan Africa, targeting new demographics such as adolescent boys and girls, and using tech and data to steadily increase reach and quality of their intervention. Through the Health System Strengthening focus of their new strategy, m2m doubles down on their work with national and regional government partners. That approach will ensure that m2m’s experience is not only benefitting the communities they directly serve, but also influences governments and NGO partners in shaping primary healthcare solutions that can be implemented within the public system, that are cost-effective and improve health in the communities they intend to serve.”*

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**mothers2mothers (m2m)** is an African Primary Health Care organisation that employs women living with HIV as community health workers across 10 African nations. These “Mentor Mothers” deliver integrated health services at clinics and in communities to ensure everyone, everywhere has access to the services they need to be healthy and stay in care. Over the next five years, this proven, peer-led model is being scaled up to double down on ending HIV, as well as to tackle new health challenges and reach more people—all with the aim of building a fairer, healthier future. The employment of local women as community health workers means that m2m is delivering a model that prioritises healthcare for families who need it most, delivered by women who know them best. For more information, visit [www.m2m.org](http://www.m2m.org).

**LGT Venture Philanthropy** is an independent charitable foundation established in 2007 with teams in Switzerland, Sub-Saharan Africa, and India. The Foundation strives to improve the quality of life of people facing disadvantages, contribute to healthy ecosystems and build resilient, inclusive, and prosperous communities. LGT VP focuses on strengthening the capabilities of locally rooted organizations that deliver effective, scalable solutions across health, education, and the environment contributing directly to the SDGs. For more information, please visit [www.lgtvp.com](http://www.lgtvp.com).

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