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LGT Venture Philanthropy provides a three-year investment commitment to support Muso's ongoing growth plan

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 26th May 2023 – LGT Venture Philanthropy Foundation (LGT VP) is pleased to announce the extension of its partnership with Muso through a three-year grant. Muso, a non-profit, works to remove barriers to health care and improve maternal health and child survival in the world's most vulnerable communities. LGT VP's non-programmatic funding will go towards scaling Muso's operations in its second country of implementation, Côte d'Ivoire, organizational capacity building, and support global dissemination of Muso's operational research findings.

A high-impact healthcare solution for Sub-Saharan Africa

Muso was founded in 2005 in Bamako, Mali on the conviction that no one should die waiting for health care. Muso's solution is anchored on a rapid care delivery model where Community Health Workers (CHWs) provide proactive daily home visits to identify and treat sick patients in their communities, preferably within 24 hours of symptoms onset. Those who require more complex care are evacuated to public clinics that have been upgraded and reinforced by Muso, to receive treatment with all point-of-care fees removed. A study in 2018 found that the communities where Muso works in Mali achieved and sustained the lowest documented child mortality rate in sub-Saharan Africa for 5 years running. In 2019, Muso was invited by the government of Côte d'Ivoire to support their efforts to strengthen the country's national community health system. Currently, Muso is providing quality healthcare services to over 500,000 people in Mali and Côte d'Ivoire as well as conducting rigorous research to inform national healthcare policies in both countries.

A core part of LGT VP's healthcare strategy

This partnership advances LGT VP's objective of accelerating the realization of SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) in underserved communities across sub-Saharan Africa. Muso's success in replicating its model in a second country (i.e., Côte d'Ivoire) proves that the solution can work in different contexts and could provide a blueprint for developing CHW-led healthcare systems in other Sub-Saharan countries. Nava Anvari, Investment Manager at LGT VP, says, "Our collaboration over the past year has further strengthened our conviction that Muso's solution meets a critical gap in public health in a dignified, effective and scalable way. We look forward to working with this impressive team in helping them reach even greater results over the next three years".

Dr. Ari Johnson, CEO and co-founder of Muso, adds "We are honored to partner with LGT Venture Philanthropy. Who gets care first and who gets care last should not depend on where we live or how much money we have. But in health care, delay is everywhere, and it is deadly. Delayed access to health care may be the world's leading cause of death. Our research over the past sixteen years has shown us: this is an injustice we can solve together. In partnership with LGT VP

Venture Philanthropy's committed team, we will build and scale up health care systems that save lives by reaching patients early, with the speed and urgency they deserve.”

***Muso** is a non-profit organization that works with government and academic institutions to design and test proactive health care systems that improve outcomes by reaching patients early and that cure delay. Muso delivers care to patients, serves national governments in redesigning community-based health care delivery and conducts rigorous operational research to test strategies for advancing universal health care, maternal health and child survival. For more information, please visit <https://www.musohealth.org/>.*

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