



mothers2mothers

Cape Town, South Africa



Problem

- In parts of Africa, up to 75% of babies born to HIV+ mothers stand to lose their mothers to AIDS-related illnesses
- Without intervention, more than 25% of these children will themselves inherit the virus
- By 2010, an estimated 18 million children in Sub-Saharan Africa alone will be orphaned by HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Solution

- mothers2mothers (“m2m”) aims to (1) reduce the transmission of HIV from mothers to babies, and (2) keep mothers healthy by increasing their access to health-sustaining medical care.
- m2m hires mothers living with HIV (mentor-mothers) to educate and support new HIV+ mothers to learn how to live with HIV/AIDS
- It uses education and empowerment tools to prevent mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV/AIDS during and after pregnancy, combat stigma within families and communities, support a mother’s adherence to medical treatment, and reduce the likelihood of AIDS orphans.

Impact

Impact m2m	2007	2008	2009e	2010e	2011e
HIV+ mothers reached annually (in thousands)	50	150	300	600	750
Mentor mothers employed	300	1000	1600	2500	3300
Active sites	155	460	600	1130	1500
Active countries	2	7	10	12	15

The most important goal for m2m has always been the delivery of its services to the largest number of women, over the shortest possible time frame, for the smallest cost per client intervention.



Reducing the number of babies born with HIV, and helping women access medical care for themselves and their families across Sub-Saharan Africa

LGT VP’s Involvement

- A grant over three years for set-up and ramp-up costs for expansion into new countries
- Funding an innovation center to ensure the quality of the intervention program, curriculum development, and improvement of the overall monitoring and evaluation program
- Intellectual capital in the form of a financial analyst/business development strategist, part of LGTVP’s Fellowship program
- Access to LGT VP network and ongoing mentoring support