Progress Report from LifeNet International

“Thanks to your partnership, Ruzo Health Center in Burundi has built on the successful completion of LifeNet’s third medical training module on reducing maternal morbidity and mortality and have been hard at work learning new skills and knowledge on caring for children under five years of age. While Modules 1-3 are critically important for ensuring the life and wellbeing of new mothers and newborn babies, the skills and knowledge taught in Medical Module 4 help to ensure that children under five are given the healthiest start to life possible. This is all the more critical in Burundi where the mortality rate for children under five is particularly high (53 out of 100,000). Because of you, mothers and newborns are not only alive today, but are receiving improved treatment of fevers, pneumonia, and diarrhea, and receiving critical vaccines.”

PATIENT STORY: A CLOSE CALL: "My name is Emmanuelline Nkurikitumukiza, I am 38 years old and now, thanks be to God, a mother of eight healthy children. I am from the Giteranyi commune near the Ruzo Health Center. The labor and delivery of my eighth child this
year was not easy. When the due date came, I went to the Health Center as usual. I had been having contractions, but not regularly and they had slowed to a stop. The medical staff at Ruzo Health Center gave me medicine to reactivate my contractions.

My contractions continued to be weak and infrequent. I labored for quite a while. When the baby finally arrived, I had a lot of bleeding. I was exhausted and somewhat unconscious. I don't remember many things from that time, but the staff at the Health Center were able to stop the bleeding. They cared for me for several days until I was able to return home. I thank the Ruzo health staff who did everything to save my life."

Progress Report from Superkids Foundation

“In 2022, our main program, Niños Profes (Kid Teachers), taught over 6,000 hours to more than 100 students. We also delivered over 23,000 hours of child leadership coaching in topics such as Public Speaking and Reading Comprehension. In 2023, we are targeting 8,000 teaching hours.

In Q1, Superkids kicked off the 2023 cycle with summary camp training for 174 Kid Teachers, a 24% increase in reach. Many of our veteran children formed the initial cohorts of Jóvenes Profes, a new middle school track that focuses on Reading Comprehension and reaching more kids with special needs. In March, the Kid Teachers were divided into cohorts to tackle illiteracy in four elementary schools and a special needs center. Due to popular demand, we also decided to offer an additional tutoring program out of our offices for emerging readers from other
community areas that have not yet benefited from our programs; currently, there are 18 students taking advantage of these tutoring classes.

**FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER**  
The story of Gael Aguilera

Gael is a 4th-grade Niño Profe. Thanks to Superkids, Gael learned to read during the scholar year. In 2023, Gael officially joined the Niños Profes crew, where he underwent a training process full of meaningful learning experiences and fun. He also met his two former teachers, now Jóvenes Profes. Both teachers were surprised and excited to see how their former student became their new teammate. Nowadays, Gael is eager and super happy to start his adventure as a Kid Teacher and change the lives of his students just as his teachers changed his life.”