



AFRICAN  
SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
2019 ANNUAL REPORT

# MISSION



**AFRICAN SERVICES COMMITTEE** is a non-profit **HUMAN RIGHTS** organization dedicated to improving the health and self-sufficiency of the African community. African Services Committee provides **HEALTH, HOUSING, LEGAL, EDUCATIONAL,** and **SOCIAL SERVICES** to thousands of newcomers each year in **NEW YORK CITY**. African Services Committee also works on the frontlines of the global **AIDS EPIDEMIC**; operating three grassroots clinics in **ETHIOPIA**, and through **ADVOCACY AND POLICY WORK** in the U.S. and abroad.

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## JUNE 1979

I left Ethiopia in 1977 during the so-called Red Terror campaign where hundreds of thousands of Ethiopians were executed as a result of the political upheaval. I walked from Ethiopia to the Sudan and was fortunate enough to be given an opportunity to come to this country as a political refugee. That was in 1979, June, when I arrived here [United States of America] there was literally no organization, whatsoever, that voices, advocates on behalf of African refugees - that is how it [African Services Committee] started. I said 'I am here now, the opportunity in front of me, I need to do something and initiate a program and be a positive member of society.'

— African Services Committee's Founder and Co-Executive Director Asfaha Hadera during a televised interview on African American Legends hosted by Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, CUNY University Professor.

# DEAR FRIENDS

The past year has presented all of us with an incredible set of new challenges. The political environment has been hostile to immigrants and the poor, and COVID-19 has wreaked havoc throughout the country, hitting hardest the communities that can least afford it. And yet, despite these hardships African Services Committee continues to fight for the wellbeing and rights of the underserved and the African Diaspora.

Over the course of this past year, ASC served people from more than 110 countries from its offices in Ethiopia and New York. The individuals that ASC has helped are those who are most in need; newly arrived immigrants, victims of trauma, LGBTQ immigrants and asylum seekers, and people living with HIV or AIDS.

I am particularly inspired by ASC's legal team. In 2019, ASC's litigation efforts resulted in two major lawsuits that were brought before federal courts. ASC and their partners won an encouraging victory in an ongoing critical battle: U.S. District Court Judge George Daniels issued a nationwide injunction suspending the implementation of the Public Charge Rule. ASC also was a party to the DACA lawsuit which was heard by the Supreme Court.

African Services has also continued to provide case management, mental health services, care navigation, and counseling to hundreds of clients and has implemented a "LGBTQ Health and Human Services Program" that works to eliminate health care disparities. Their food pantry serves more than 6,500 individuals and families each year and they have led weekly

nutrition and cooking classes. ASC also has provided English language skills classes to dozens of new immigrant adult learners for decades now. And ASC's housing team provides essential aid to clients in NYC's incredibly challenging housing market.



SILENCE IS  
VIOLENCE

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to see first-hand the incredible work that ASC is doing in Ethiopia. I completed a tour of the ASC Ethiopia clinics with Kim and Asfaha and observed how those truly most in need rely on ASC clinics for support with basic and essential needs.

This past year has been filled with too many frightening and disheartening events. I have found myself worrying where it is all headed and what I can do to help those who are suffering at the hands of cruel and unjust policymakers. In a particularly dark moment several months ago, I made a monthly recurring donation to African Services Committee and I urge you do to the same. I cannot claim to offer any solutions or explanations for the dark turn our country has taken this past year, but I do know that organizations such as African Services Committee that provide life-saving help to those most in need have a more important role than ever.

Sincerely,  
Demetri Blanas MD  
African Services Committee Board Member

# SPOTLIGHT

## ASC HOSTS AFRICAN UNION PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.S. OF AMERICA AMBASSADOR



We were honored to host African Union Permanent Representative to the United States of America Ambassador, Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao for her “Meet and Greet” event at our Harlem headquarters in May. “The sleeping giant is rising... Africa is ready for its children. The question is: ‘Are its children ready for Africa?’ I hope you realize the clarion call that is coming from Mother Africa. I want all of you in the African Diaspora to know that you all have a very important role to play on the continent of Africa,” said Ambassador Dr. Chihombori-Quao. “Realize that Africa is your home, your anchor. You must reconnect with your anchor. Africa must speak in one voice.” Special thanks also goes out to spectacular speakers Mimi Plange, Dr. Drissa Kone, Thomas A. Isekengbe, and Queen Mother Dr. Delois Blakely as well as our friends at African Life Center for co-hosting and MCing and to master kora player, Yacouba Diabate.

## LADAN OSMAN



Acclaimed Somali poet Ladan Osman read from her latest work “Exiles of Eden” (Coffee House Press) with the breathtaking backdrop “Noiseless” by Ethiopian artist Elias Sime, on view in a sold-out performance at James Cohan Gallery in Chelsea in June. Donations made during the event went to support African Services Committee. Special thanks to Ladan Osman, James Cohan Gallery, Blue Flower Arts and to all who turned out.

## HOLIDAY CHEER IN HARLEM THANKS TO THE TYLER PERRY FOUNDATION



Thanks to the generosity of the Tyler Perry Foundation, children of African Services Committee clients received holiday presents at ASC’s holiday gift distribution. ASC staff, members of our Board of Directors, and community volunteers pitched in to wrap and distribute gifts.

NOV 1982

We open our first office at the  
Community Church of New York

JULY 1987

Our refugee resettlement  
program begins in NYC

MARCH 1991

We launch our HIV prevention  
outreach program for African immigrants

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## TREATMENT ACTION GROUP HONORS ASC'S AMANDA LUGG



African Services Committee's Director of Advocacy and LGBTQ Programming, Amanda Lugg, receiving a well-deserved accolade on Nov. 14, 2019 at Town Stages in New York City as an Honoree at Treatment Action Group's 23rd Research in Action Awards, for being a champion in the fight against HIV, HCV, and TB and for her public health and human rights activism. Fellow 2019 Treatment Action Group honorees included David France, Matthew Lopez, Dr. John B. Steever, and Ms. Liza Minnelli (receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award).

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## CELEBRATING IMMIGRANT HERITAGE WEEK WITH STUDIO SQUARED | COLLAGING MIGRATION AT ASC



ASC was honored to celebrate NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs' Immigrant Heritage Week with a "Studio Squared | Collaging Migration" art making workshop hosted by The Studio Museum in Harlem at ASC's event space. The community turned out in April, sharing stories of migration within and across borders by experimenting with vibrant colors and geometric shapes – creating multiple collages that reflected their experiences. Inspired by the work of Jacob Lawrence, this hands-on workshop began with a brief discussion of selected images from his Migration Series. Big thanks to our neighbors at the Studio Museum in Harlem and teaching artist Monique Schubert. This was the second workshop held at ASC in an ongoing series in partnership with the Studio Museum in Harlem.

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## ASC HOSTS TEACH-IN FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

ASC's event space in Harlem was filled to capacity as immigrant survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, and other forms of gender-based violence took part in a Gender-Based Violence Teach-In to observe National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Facilitated by ASC's Equal Justice Works Fellow and staff attorney Samah Mcgona Sisay – who led ASC's Black Immigrant Gender Justice Initiative – the event was an opportunity for survivors to learn about the forms of legal relief available to immigrant survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. ASC's Black Immigrant Gender Justice Initiative provided free legal services to African and Caribbean immigrant women and girls (cisgender women, transgender women, and gender non-conforming femmes) who have faced some form of gender-based violence. Samah was sponsored by BNY Mellon and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP through the Equal Justice Works fellowship.

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**DEC 1994**

*Our name changes to  
African Services Committee*

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**MARCH 1998**

*We begin HIV legal services &  
case management for immigrants  
and their families*

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**JULY 1998**

*The UN Economic and Social Council  
approves African Services special  
consultative status to the United Nations*

# LEGAL PROGRAM

PROVIDING  
LEGAL  
SERVICES IN A  
CULTURALLY-  
COMPETENT,  
SAFE, AND  
MULTILINGUAL  
ENVIRONMENT



Throughout 2019, African Services Committee's dedicated legal team provided legal services in a culturally-competent, safe, and multilingual environment, advocating and educating the community to dispel widespread uncertainty and fear created by the Administration's relentless attack on immigrants and families.

Comprising licensed attorneys, Department of Justice Accredited Representatives and paralegals, ASC legal staff

provides a range of free legal services for people living with HIV, and free immigration legal services for New York City residents. Under the guidance of ASC's Supervising Attorney and ASC's Pro Bono Coordinator, ASC's pro bono legal program continued in 2019 to help serve the influx of newcomers in need of immigration legal services.

ASC's Equal Justice Works Fellow, staff attorney Samah Mcgona Sisay (pictured above) at Voice of America's studio talking about African

asylum-seekers bearing the brunt of proposed travel curbs. "I strongly believe that the reason why we even have talks of trying to limit the number of visiting visas is because the whole objective, it seems, of this Administration in regards to immigration, is finding ways to go around the law, to go around the legislation and to change things that are obligations the United States has to uphold, such as family unification or asylum."

**JUNE 1999**

*Our HIV Housing Program begins*

**APRIL 2000**

*African Services moves to Harlem*

**JUNE 2001**

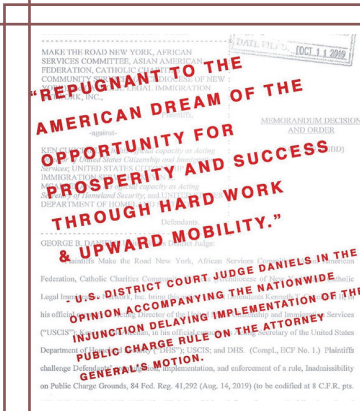
*We play a key role in the first UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS*

# ADVOCACY AND

# LITIGATION

**"THE RULE IS SIMPLY A NEW AGENCY POLICY OF EXCLUSION IN SEARCH OF A JUSTIFICATION."**

As 2019 ended, ASC's litigation efforts had major lawsuits before the federal courts to combat the Administration's systematic attack on immigrants. African Services Committee, as one of five plaintiffs, won an encouraging, although temporary, victory in an ongoing and critical battle in the protection of immigrant rights in the United States: U.S. District Court Judge George Daniels issued a nationwide injunction suspending implementation of the Public Charge rule from taking effect. ASC's New York lawsuit remained the only shield protecting millions from the Administrations' cruel Public Charge revised rule from devastating countless immigrant families. We stood proud of this outcome with fellow plaintiffs Make the Road New York, Asian American Federation, Catholic Charities Community Services, and Catholic Legal Immigration Network ("CLINIC"). We thank Legal Aid Society, the Center for Constitutional Rights, and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, for their representation at the U.S. District Court.



**from becoming Lawful Permanent Residents in the United States," says Franco Torres, African Services Committee Supervising Attorney.**

meetings, and participated in Public Charge Know Your Rights community forums with partner organizations and elected officials, including Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer's Town Hall on Public Charge at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in September.

**"We will continue our fight to defend immigrants against the arbitrary and capricious actions of the Trump administration to disenfranchise otherwise lawfully eligible immigrants**

Funded through a grant from the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign, ASC's Director of Advocacy and LGBTQ Programming, Amanda Lugg, Supervising Attorney Franco Torres, and the diligent research and analytic prowess of ASC's Staff Attorney Gabriel Guimaraes have educated ASC staff and clients at ASC-client group

**APRIL 2002**

*African Services joins the NGO communities' delegation to the board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria*

**JAN 2003**

*African Services becomes the North American representative to the UNAIDS Coordinating Board*

**JULY 2003**

*African Services Ethiopia is established, launching our first testing center in Addis Ababa*



# HEALTH SCREENING AND

## FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH SCREENING

African Services Committee's Health Testing Center helps immigrants overcome a range of obstacles often encountered when accessing health care in the United States, including social determinants of health, such as unsafe neighborhoods, immigration status, low income, lack of English language fluency, health insurance, and absence of culturally-competent caregiving, in addition to unfamiliarity with what can be a challenging health care system for newcomers.

"We welcome everyone to our Testing Center in Harlem," says Health Programs Director, Dr. Halimatou Konte, whose multilingual Testing Center team provided almost 1,000 free and confidential HIV tests and counseling in 2019. Clients are often newly arrived immigrants from Africa, South America, and the Caribbean, speak little to no English, are uninsured, and need help navigating the city's health care system and connecting with social services.

ASC's Patient Navigators, Adama Traore and Daouda Ndiaye, have been an integral part of ASC's Testing Center program for more than a



ASC'S PRASHANT PUTTAGUNTA CONDUCTS FREE HEPATITIS B TESTING AT THE ASSOCIATION DES SENEGALAIS D'AMERIQUE (ASA) IN HARLEM.

decade by helping ASC clients enroll in affordable health care and providing hospital escort and medical interpretation – working closely with New York City hospitals Bellevue Hospital

Center and Montefiore Medical Center, among others.

Utilizing long-time partnerships with local African leaders, the Coalition

### MARCH 2005

*Our second clinic in Ethiopia opens, a public-private partnership to serve employees of BGI and greater Amhara Region*

### SEPT 2005

*African Services Ethiopia marks an important milestone – 25,000 HIV tests provided*

### MAY 2006

*We celebrate our 25th anniversary in NYC*



# NAVIGATION TO CARE

## HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

Against Hepatitis for People of African Origin (CHIPO), African community radio shows, and community and faith-based institutions, African Services continues to combat pervasive viral hepatitis stigma and lack of

awareness by conducting a targeted, multilingual outreach and mobile testing campaign throughout NYC's five boroughs. Viral hepatitis B disproportionately affects African and Asian immigrant communities in the U.S.

In addition to offering free and confidential testing for HIV, viral hepatitis, blood glucose, blood pressure, pregnancy, TB, and STIs to walk-in clients throughout the week at ASC's testing center, the team provides referrals to cancer screening and holds monthly maternal and infant health and nutritional workshops. The workshops are free and conducted in French and English. ASC also offers free reading glasses and over the counter seasonal medications.

## LGBTQ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

African Services Committee provides a safe, welcoming and supportive space to address the particular vulnerabilities experienced by recent LGBTQ immigrants and asylum seekers. "In an affirming and culturally-

appropriate manner, African Services Committee's 'LGBTQ Health and Human Services Program' addresses the racial disparities in health care access and wellness by focusing support on those issues directly related to the

key social determinants of health that impact LGBTQ immigrants and asylum seekers," says the program's director, Amanda Lugg, ASC Director of Advocacy and LGBTQ programming.

**JULY 2007**

*Doors open at our third clinic in Mekele, Northern Ethiopia*

**MAY 2008**

*Pediatric HIV care is begun at all three clinics in Ethiopia*

**MAY 2009**

*African Services Co-executive Director joins UNITAID as NGO alternate board member*

# NUTRITION & PANTRY

**SERVED  
NEARLY 100,000  
HEALTHY MEALS  
TO HUNDREDS  
OF FAMILIES  
SINCE 2012**

“Anyone who needs supplemental nutrition can count on African Services Committee to make sure that their table is full each day,” says ASC Food Pantry Coordinator Youma Nafo. The Nutrition Program and pantry at African Services Committee has served nearly 100,000 healthy meals to hundreds of families since 2012 through recurrent nutrition and cooking classes, and food pantry. A critical component to successful HIV treatment, program staff help clients and families affected by HIV/ AIDS make informed, healthy choices to maintain a nutritionally-rich diet.



**NYC FOOD BANK NUTRITIONIST  
BRENNA DE SOUZA  
DEMONSTRATES HOW TO MAKE  
A DELICIOUS, HEALTHY MEAL  
TO ASC CLIENTS UTILIZING  
ITEMS IN ASC'S FOOD PANTRY.**

“When I came to this country I didn’t know anyone. I had no food. ASC is very special: The staff shows so much love to their clients – like a big family – and it feels like Africa. The program helps us with so many things,” says

ASC Nutrition Program client Aminata from Burkina Faso.

More than 4,000 individuals and families were served by ASC’s food pantry in 2019. The pantry provides essential supplemental nutrition,

including weekly fresh bread donations from Orwasher’s Bakery and organic fruits and vegetables in the summer months through a partnership with the Central Harlem Community Supported Agriculture Program.

**JUNE 2009**

*Love & Let Live, the first African-language HIV awareness campaign launches in NYC*

**APRIL 2010**

*We celebrate 10 years based in Harlem*

**OCT 2010**

*Zeway Clinic opens in Ethiopia*

# MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

## THE WARM AND WELCOMING AFRICAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ATMOSPHERE IS IDEAL FOR DELIVERY OF SENSITIVE SERVICES

African Services Committee's Mental Health Services Program provides HIV and mental health counseling services to men and women from the African and Caribbean Diaspora, living in New York City, by reducing stigma and shame associated with receipt of "mental health" services, and offers supportive mental health services as an adjunct to other social services offered to ASC clients. Funded by the H. van Amerigen Foundation, and led by Mental Health Counselor Nathalie Weeks, LMSW, the existence of the counseling program is ASC's recognition of the unmet psychological and emotional needs of immigrants, refugees and persons seeking asylum, and its commitment to meeting those needs. From Legal to Housing, every program at ASC referred clients for mental health assessments and ongoing treatment in 2019. NYC governmental agencies and non-profit organizations also referred clients to receive ASC's Mental Health Services throughout the year.

"The warm and welcoming African Services Committee atmosphere is ideal for the delivery of sensitive services," says Weeks. "ASC's diverse staff speak many languages and are highly representative of the African and Caribbean countries from which clients originate." In 2019, nearly 100

individuals — hailing from 35 countries — received bilingual professional mental health services in more than 500 individual sessions. With more than half of the clients HIV positive, mental health services are often a necessary component of managing a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS, adhering to medical

regimens and sustaining a positive attitude in the face of a chronic illness. Clients receive a comprehensive array of services. Many who received mental health services suffered from severe trauma, anxiety and depression and were diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

DEC 2010

ASC begins anti-retroviral treatment provision in Ethiopia

APRIL 2011

30-Year Anniversary

MAY 2011

ASC receives the Calderone City Health Award

# AT A GLANCE

## NYC DEEP ROOTED AND ON THE GROUND

Founded **39 years** ago by an Ethiopia refugee in response to the Horn of Africa refugee crisis and **resettled refugees** from around the globe.

More than **20,000 lives** are changed each year: 7,000 in NYC and more than 20,000 in Ethiopia

Serving refugees and immigrants from nearly **120 countries** across the globe.

Services by staff in **25 languages and dialects** from Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and around the world.

In 2019 at our headquarters in Harlem, our diverse and compassionate staff served refugees and immigrants from nearly 120 countries across the globe — testing for infectious diseases such

as TB, HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis, distributing nutritious food to thousands of families, supporting LGBTQ asylum seekers, providing free and affordable legal immigration services to newcomers, teaching

### NYC IN ONE YEAR

More than 500 HIV-affected families secured or maintained housing

600 people provided free legal services

800 people provided free HIV tests and Hepatitis B and C testing

6,500 people received healthy food

### NYC FOR HEALTH

**Integrated health services:** HIV, STI, Hepatitis, TB testing and treatment, prevention and support

Free HIV, viral hepatitis testing and counseling

Linking clients to quality medical care

Food pantry and nutrition counseling

Mental health counseling

Maternal and infant health education

### NYC FOR COMMUNITY

Enhancing the **power to thrive** in the community

Advocating for sound and effective public policy, addressing immigration

**OCT 2012**  
*Hawassa Clinic opening  
in Ethiopia*

**OCT 2013**  
*ASC celebrates 10 years  
of service in Ethiopia*

**MARCH 2015**  
*ASC awarded Service Organization  
of the Year at WomenWerk Gala*



literacy to new immigrant adult learners, providing case management and housing assistance, and navigating clients to much-needed health care.

and access to health care.

Adult English and literacy classes

Anti-stigma and HIV/ Hepatitis advocacy campaigns

Asylum and domestic violence legal services

Know Your Rights / Immigration

Legal Education

Free and low cost legal assistance



# ETHIOPIA

[ASC-ETHIOPIA.ORG](http://ASC-ETHIOPIA.ORG)

African Services Committee provides free HIV and TB testing and treatment, nutrition, and reproductive health services from our locally-run, model clinics in public markets, in **three regions of Ethiopia**.

Since 2003, ASC's Ethiopia clinics have provided free HIV and TB clinical services to nearly **200,000** of the most marginalized and educated approximately **1,000,000** people in HIV prevention.

## ASC ETHIOPIA IN ONE YEAR

20,000 children, women, and men with HIV & TB testing & treatment, 7,000 children and pregnant women get intensive nutritional support, 18,000 children get new shoes, 6,000 women and girls receive reproductive health care, and over 100 families get income-generating support.

Staffed entirely by Ethiopian doctors, nurses, lab technicians, case managers, pharmacists, administrators, and outreach workers

Outdoor market-based clinics in Addis Ababa, Mekele, and Ziway.

ASC's four mobile clinics (totaling 28 rooms) provide remote rural poor with critical access to health services.

MAY 2016

ASC awarded Organization of the Year at the New York Immigration Coalition's Gala

# CASE MANAGEMENT

## “MY GOAL IS TO EMPOWER THE POWERLESS”

Year after year families and individuals turn to the compassionate case-management provided by African Services Committee’s Individual Case Management and Family Case Management teams. These intensive programs were launched in 1994 to support immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and their families affected by HIV/ AIDS.



ASC’s Family Case Management staff, under the Supportive Counseling Program, served more than 100 families in 2019 by helping them learn to become their own advocate within a stable, self-sustaining family unit.

Funded by Ryan White HIV/ AIDS Program and also the NYSDOH AIDS Institute, ASC’s Family Case Management program helps clients who have fled persecution and violence in their country of origin and were diagnosed with a chronic medical condition shortly after arriving in the United States. “I believe in all people having the power to lead their own lives to bring about their inner dreams,” says Chrystelle Adé Touvoli, LMSW Supervising Family Social Worker. “My goal is to empower the powerless by helping them find the power that lies within them and within every

human being.” The team determines client’s needs and offers counseling, linkage to care, translation, advocacy and referral services, often working in collaboration with ASC housing, legal and health education departments to best serve the client.

In 2019, ASC’s Individual Case Management team guided more than 100 clients to care, provided interpretation and hospital navigation, gave HIV/ AIDS treatment education and adherence support, and assisted in health insurance applications for ADAP and Medicaid.

As ASC’s Health Education Officer, Emily Goldberg-Hall,

Ed.D leads the Individual Case Management team and works to provide a respite from stress for clients. Health educators, case managers, and navigators, also collaborate to help HIV-positive clients self-manage their health to achieve viral suppression. Clients are often then referred to ASC’s Legal and Housing Programs, Food Pantry, Nutrition Program, English as a Second Language classes and support groups.

“The most rewarding thing that I can do is really make someone feel welcome, make someone feel comfortable,” says Bishop.

**EMPOWER THE  
POWERLESS**

# HOUSING ASSISTANCE

"Housing is life," says Aida Diallo-Diagne, ASC's HOPWA Housing Director who has been helping immigrants find homes in New York City for nearly two decades. "Housing provides critical stability and health of a client. African Services Committee's Housing Placement Assistance team advocates and facilitates placement of new immigrants while locating rental assistance on a long term basis for our clients. Long-term housing is a proven first step to better treatment outcomes and a healthier life.

A typical new ASC client in need of housing assistance hails from Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America and walks into African

Services Committee's offices in Harlem with a suitcase and nowhere else to go. The program is supported by a number of sources, including HOPWA, which is administered by The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the MAC AIDS Fund.

In 2019, more than 100 households were served with the help of ASC's Housing Placement Assistance team, providing thousands of housing-related services to clients affected by HIV/AIDS — people who often face discrimination and rejection from family, friends and roommates and can suffer from a loss of income while on treatment because they are too sick to work.

Finding a home for a client requires knowledge and experience to navigate New York City's housing market, a rapport with landlords and brokers, and an ability to creatively multitask in the face of emergencies. Many times the team must convince a landlord to rent to a person who cannot demonstrate how much he or she earns because they lack documentation and a credit score. Once a client is placed in a new home, the department monitors post-placement living conditions, makes referrals whenever further supportive services are needed, and helps furnish the apartment.

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Nearly one in four New Yorkers have limited English proficiency, according to data from the NYC Office of Immigrant Affairs. African Services Committee's awarded English as a Second Language program (ESOL) works to mitigate this

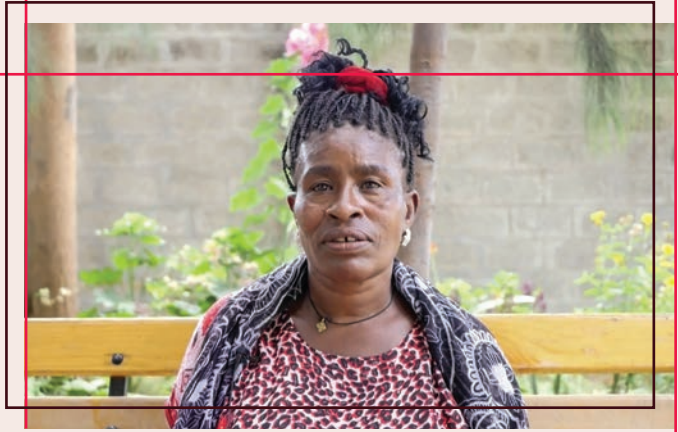
common social determinant of health by providing tailored language and literacy lessons, free-of-charge, to help immigrants communicate and build opportunity for themselves and their families. ESOL instructors and volunteer

tutors taught an average of a dozen students of all nationalities, in each of three class levels, languages and academic backgrounds twice a week in 2019 — totaling more than 200 classes.



# SELAM

## "MY SON DREAMS OF BECOMING A DOCTOR."



"Eight years ago I tested positive while I was pregnant with my first child and I've been receiving ART free from ASC ever since," says ASC Ziway Health and Community Development Center client, Selam. "Both my son and daughter are negative and healthy."

Since learning she was HIV positive years ago, Selam has been receiving a variety of free supportive services from ASC Ethiopia's Health and Community Development Center in Ziway including: Free sexual and reproductive health education, contraception, CD4, hematology, serology, screening, HIV antiretroviral

treatment, as well as income-generating support, and nutritional support. Today, Selam is healthy and works with ASC Ethiopia to promote ASC's HIV prevention and support programs to the city's commercial sex workers.

"My son dreams of becoming a doctor."

# ASC ETHIOPIA

"African Services Committee Ethiopia was founded by Ethiopian Asfaha Hadera and aims to serve Ethiopians who are very poor, in fact the poorest of the poor," says African Services Committee Ethiopia Country Director Hana W/Gebrial. Bringing African Services' community based HIV-testing model to the front lines of the HIV epidemic in 2003, African Services Committee Ethiopia's three grassroots health and community development centers provide a free, one-stop service to

the most destitute segments of the community who find it difficult to get medical and social support, particularly integrated support, from larger institutions. Our Ethiopia programs serve patients who are impacted by climate change, human rights abuses, war and ethnic persecution, famine, and diseases of poverty.

ASC Ethiopia staff comprise Ethiopian doctors, case managers, pharmacists, administrators, nurses, lab technicians, and outreach

workers — directly helping the most vulnerable families living with HIV and TB get back on their feet through our attention to diagnosis, free treatment access, nutrition and reproductive health support, and school and income-generating subsidies.

ASC Ethiopia has worked under contract with many institutions, including UNFPA, UNICEF, American Jewish World Service, PEPFAR, WHO, BGI Ethiopia, H. van Ameringen



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Foundation, and Harman Family Foundation, among others. ASC Ethiopia has been supported by our many partners over the years, including Vitamin Angels, TOMS Shoes, the Ethiopian

federal Ministry of Health and Addis Ababa, Oromia, Amhara, SNNPR, and Tigray Regional Health Bureaus, Mekdim, Ethiopian Midwives Association, and more.



## ASC ETHIOPIA CORE COMPETENCIES

- Targeted OUTREACH, HEALTH EDUCATION, & CONDOM DISTRIBUTION to vulnerable populations
- LABORATORY MONITORING services (CD4, hematology, chemistry, serology, parasitology)
- Laboratory services are provided to patients from referral partners, including government hospitals & health centers
- PEDIATRIC HIV TESTING for children over 15 months of age. Capacity-building VCT practice provider, data collection, lab services & quality assurance
- HIV ANTIRETROVIRAL AND OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTION TREATMENT and Prophylaxis for TB, STI, malaria and viral hepatitis diagnosis & treatment
- INCOME-GENERATING SUPPORT for destitute HIV positive women.
- MOBILE HIV TESTING through ASC Seven Tents program
- SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, contraception & family planning,
- NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT (Plumpy'Nut, Plumpy'Sup, multivitamins, & basic food commodities) for pediatric HIV patients & their siblings
- Voluntary COUNSELING AND TESTING for individuals & couples

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	DEC 31 2019	DEC 31 2018
<b>SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>		
Grants and Contracts	3,142,147	2,913,736
Contributions	399,824	132,403
Total Support	3,541,971	3,046,139
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Service Income	33,447	113,158
Miscellaneous Income	12,094	9,458
Pharmacy Services Income	1,433,031	905,936
Investment Income	3	51
Total Revenue	1,478,575	1,028,603
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>5,020,546</b>	<b>4,074,742</b>
<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>		
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Health Services	1,506,102	874,183
Housing Services	399,866	397,741
Legal Assistance	1,128,478	974,347
Social Services	611,640	722,455
International Program	293,676	381,184
Total Program Services	3,939,762	3,349,910
<b>SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>		
Management and General	725,531	691,238
Fundraising	123,529	103,683
Total Supporting Services	849,060	794,921
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,788,822</b>	<b>4,144,831</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>		
Change in Net Assets	231,724	(57,916)
Beginning of Period	561,954	653,712
Net Assets at End of Year	793,678	595,796

# FUNDING & SUPPORT

## GOVERNMENT

### FEDERAL

Federal Emergency Management Agency

### STATE AND LOCAL

New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute

New York State Interest on Lawyers Account

New York City Council

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

New York City Department of Youth and Community Development

New York City Human Resources Administration

## CORPORATIONS & FOUNDATIONS

ADP Benevity Community Impact Fund

AJG Foundation

American Express Employee Giving Program

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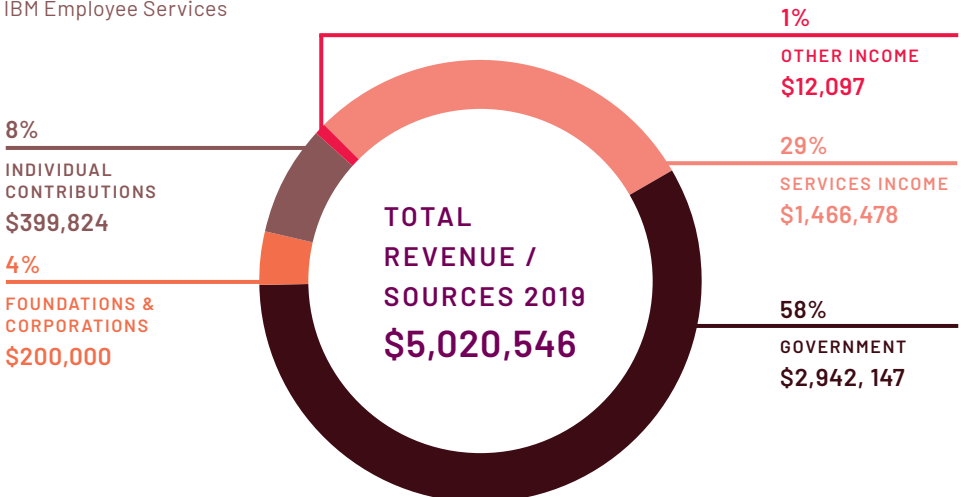
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