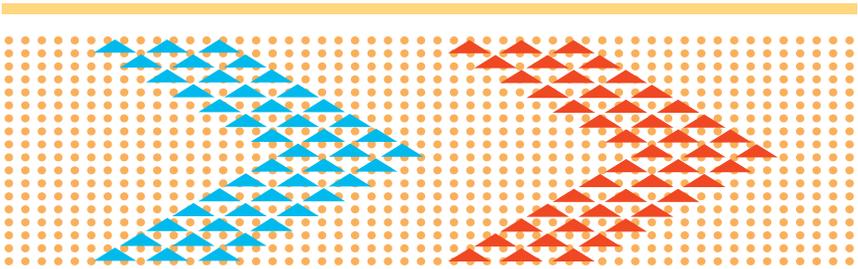
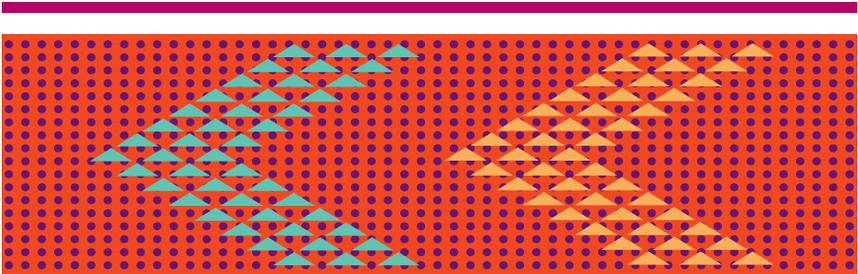




AFRICAN SERVICES COMMITTEE



ANNUAL REPORT
2017





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 **five grassroots clinics** in **Ethiopia**, and through **advocacy and policy work** in the U.S. and abroad.

|| 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.

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ASC Founder and Co-Executive Director **Asfaha Hadera** at African Services Committee's Health and Community Development Center in Mek'ele, Ethiopia.

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

DEAR FRIENDS

The deafening cries of young children at our borders. The emotional pleas of distraught individuals struggling to understand how they're being villainized for their religion or country of origin. We are in a critical moment in our history where individuals can choose how they will act in support of other humans.

African Services Committee strives to be that support system and resource to our fellow persons from across the world who have come to New York City for the next chapter of their lives. With the mission of improving the health and self-sufficiency of the African community and anyone who needs their services, the services are vast. They range from case management and counseling for hundreds of new immigrant clients faced with trauma to navigating clients to much-needed health care.

I was introduced to ASC through a professional development organization that encouraged members to lend our professional expertise through board service around worthy causes. As the topic of immigration permeates the 24-hour news cycle, I like many others, have been overwhelmed with where I can lend my hand. As a U.S. born Black woman descended from forcibly enslaved persons of African descent, I do not classify myself as an immigrant. However, the solidarity that I feel with

people from across the African diaspora who are facing challenges — both in the U.S. and around the world — propelled me to African Services.

The administration's horrifying attacks on immigration have besieged the immigrant community. Fellow New Yorkers live in constant fear, making the need for ASC greater now more than ever. As incidents like the Muslim ban grossly affected the nation, African Services Committee's team of lawyers mobilized in New York City to provide front line legal services at ASC's thriving Immigrant Community Law Center.

Now in its fourth decade, ASC has grown to become the largest and most sought-out African community service organization in New York City. ASC boosts immigrants' and refugees' prospects of success in this country with legal, health, housing, and educational services. ASC has also been steadfast throughout its more than 15 years of grassroots support to the poorest families in Ethiopia with five health and community development centers in five regions.

I am proud to be aligned with an organization committed to lending their hand and resources to successfully transition immigrants and refugees into our city and country.

Denise L. Bennett | Board Member

DEC 1994

Our name changes to African Services Committee

MARCH 1998

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

JULY 1998

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

SPOTLIGHT

'KING OF NEW AFRICAN CUISINE' SERVES UP SUPPORT FOR ASC

African Services Committee's "Come to the Table" Kitchen Campaign benefit featuring Senegalese master Chef Pierre Thiam kicked off with a magnificent show of support surrounded by the brilliant work of renowned Ethiopian artist Elias Sime at Chelsea's James Cohan Gallery. The campaign raised support for ASC's kitchen, nutrition education and food programs. Weeks before the special event, Chef Thiam, who is also the co-founder of Yolélé Foods, visited African Services Committee's community kitchen, where ASC staff and clients joined the chef as he cooked up a delicious, healthy feast using ASC's food pantry.



ASC'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR HONORED

ASC's Director of Program Operations, Mulusew Bekele, was honored at the End AIDS NY 2020 Coalition World AIDS Day 2017 commemoration to remember those lost, to advocate for health equity for all, and to call for an end to New York's AIDS epidemic by 2020.



DWAYNE 'THE ROCK' JOHNSON, ILFENESH HADERA GIVE SPECIAL SHOUT OUT

ASC BOARD LAUNCH RISING LEADERS COUNCIL

ASC Board of Directors kicked off the year with ASC's Rising Leaders Council initiative, which comprises a group of professionals from different industries and backgrounds — a dynamic network of leaders in law, business, media, health, arts, non-profit and international development — who share African Services commitment to helping immigrants and their families thrive in the face of sickness, discrimination, hunger and homelessness. This was a cocktail launch, which featured a surprise video shout out from Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Ilfenesh Hadera.



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

'I TOO, FOR MY PEOPLE' WASHINGTON D.C. BENEFIT FOR ASC'S ETHIOPIA PROGRAMS

"They eat, sleep, and breath their cause. And I can't remember a meal in thirty years when they have not discussed in some form, some capacity, African Services, because the work doesn't stop and neither does their commitment," said actress Iflenesh Hadera, speaking about her mother, ASC Co-Executive Director, Kim Nichols and father ASC Founder and Co-Executive Director Asfaha Hadera, at the "I Too for My People" July fundraiser in Washington, D.C., which benefited ASC's five health clinics in Ethiopia. We were grateful to all who gave their support, and to our generous Visionary Gift Sponsor Prolific Productions, and Kind Gift Sponsors Zene's Ethiopian Restaurant and Lesaac Ethiopian Restaurant. Thanks also goes to special guest, the acclaimed artist Bini Dana, and to our partner Blessed Coffee, along with the many volunteers who helped make it all happen.



GLOBAL CITIZEN & ASC RAISE AWARENESS IN LGBTQ REFUGEE VIDEO

African Services Committee partnered with Global Citizen for an important video featuring testimony from asylum seekers who have fled persecution in their home countries. ASC's Equal Justice Works Legal Fellow, Tsion Gurm — who was named among Forbes 30 under 30 2017 — worked throughout the year with Global Citizen and ASC's Queer Black Immigrant Project to help bring the video to fruition.



ASC TAKES TO THE STAGE IN SOMI'S PETITE AFRIQUE PERFORMANCE

Prodigiously talented songstress, Somi, performed her latest album 'Petite Afrique' in a "one NYC show only" kick off of her nationwide performance and dialogue concert series. Following the performance, a panel featuring African Services' Case Manager, Adizatou Maiga (pictured here), among others, discussed the African immigrant experience in the United States. It was a magical night of music and dialogue.



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

ASC NYC

DEEP ROOTED AND ON THE GROUND

Founded **37 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

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

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

Free and low cost **legal assistance**

Finding **housing** for HIV-affected families

Adult English and **literacy classes**

Asylum and domestic **violence legal services**

Anti-stigma and HIV/ Hepatitis **advocacy campaigns**

Know Your Rights / **Immigration Legal Education**

DEC 2010

ASC begins anti-retroviral treatment provision in Ethiopia

APRIL 2011

30-Year Anniversary

MAY 2011

ASC receives the Calderone City Health Award

ASC ETHIOPIA AT A GLANCE



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 **five regions of Ethiopia**.

www.asc-ethiopia.org

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**.

In one year, ASC Ethiopia provides:

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.



African Services Committee Ethiopia
Henry van Ameringen Health and Community
Development Center Lab Technician, Haregeoyin
Asrat provides a free HIV test to a walk in client.

85 percent of our resources go to programs that directly help the most vulnerable families living with HIV and TB.

Outdoor market-based clinics in **Addis Ababa, Mekele, Kombolcha, Ziway** and **Awassa**. ASC's **four mobile clinics** (totaling 28 rooms) provide remote rural poor with critical access to health services.

OCT 2012

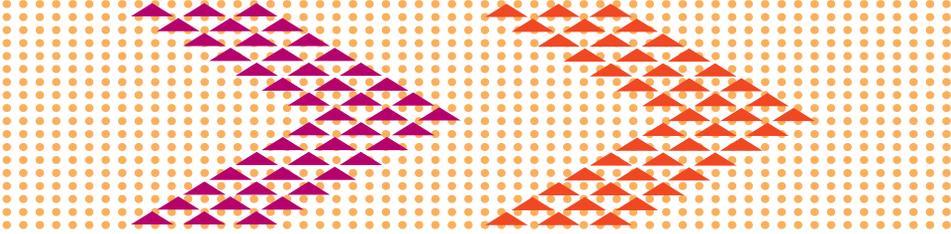
Hawassa Clinic opening
in Ethiopia

OCT 2013

ASC celebrates 10 years
of service in Ethiopia

MARCH 2015

ASC awarded Service Organization
of the Year at WomenWerk Gala



HEAD UP HIGH

"I don't think I'd be a part of my son's life if I was still living in Jamaica. I'd be dead by now," says Paul, who fled Kingston, Jamaica for the United States to seek asylum and build a better life for himself and his son. Paul's family rejected him because of his sexuality when he was nine years old. He survived living on streets of Kingston, unable to find steady, legal employment because of widespread, anti-gay stigma and violence. Over the years he witnessed hundreds of his friends die from hate-fueled homicide and AIDS. "Living in Jamaica and being gay — you are in hell. I've witnessed over 120 of my friends die. Some by AIDS, some attacked, their houses burned down, gunshots, and all kinds of things."

After many violent attacks on his life, Paul left Jamaica with his son. Not long after arriving in New York City, he fell very ill and a friend referred him to African Services Committee.

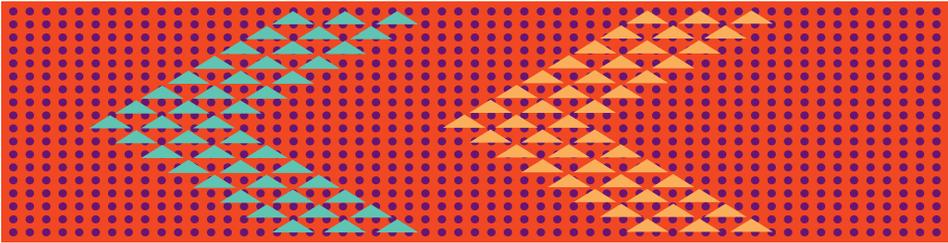
"AFRICAN SERVICES COMMITTEE SAVED MY LIFE AND THAT'S THE GREATEST MIRACLE THAT COULD HAVE EVER HAPPENED TO ME. MY GOAL IS TO HEAL, WORK PART TIME AND GO TO SCHOOL PART TIME. I JUST WANT TO LIFT MY HEAD UP HIGH AND BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL FOR MY SON, PROVIDE FOR MY SON,"

says African Services Committee client Paul.



At ASC's Harlem offices, he received a variety of urgent help: Health screening and navigation to affordable medical care from ASC's Testing Center, an apartment with the aid of ASC's Housing Assistance team, counseling from ASC case managers and mental health counselors, nutritious food from ASC's pantry, and a work permit and asylum application from ASC's legal team.

"I've come from far away and many times I considered taking my life because I feel like I'd be better off to die than live. But one thing I can say: My son. My son. Every time I looked at him, all my thoughts of hurting myself or committing suicide disappeared. I look at him and he takes it away. He is my joy. He is my everything. People said 'You are a gay. You can't have a child, you can't grow a child.' I want to prove to everyone that, although I am a gay, I was born this way. I'm going to be a good dad, and let everyone who wishes bad for me in Jamaica or around the world know. I'm going to show them. I'm going to lift my head up high. I'm going to do whatever it takes to live my life and be a good dad."



LEGAL SERVICES

African Services Committee's legal team provided legal services in a safe, multilingual, culturally-competent environment throughout 2017, as well as advocated and educated the community to combat the uncertainty and fear created by the emergent administration's onslaught against immigrants and families.

ASC legal staff, comprising licensed attorneys, and paralegals, offers free legal services for people living with HIV, and low-fee immigration legal representation — through our Immigrant Community Law Center (ICLC) — for clients who don't qualify for our free services. African Services continued participation in the Black Immigrant Engagement Initiative (BIEI), which was spearheaded by The New York Immigration Coalition in 2016 to build collaboration between different black immigrant-led community groups to boost support and legal services for the black immigrant community. ASC also continued providing direct, pro-bono legal representation throughout the year to create a path for LGBT African and Caribbean immigrants to assert asylum claims based on sexual orientation and HIV/AIDS status.

"The work that we do has become increasingly more difficult. We have more clients coming in requesting help, especially for immigration issues. On top of that, the cases we are seeing are becoming incredibly more complicated. We say internally that there is no such thing as a simple immigration case anymore. Cases that were straight forward two, three years ago now have so many layers of complexity. The law is changing every single week and that is not an exaggeration," says African Services Committee Supervising Attorney Corina Bogaciu.

ICLC's innovative, low-fee model is uniquely positioned to address the current volume and complexity of this ever-changing climate. ICLC was created to provide an innovative solution that fills a gap in services and offers immigrants a better option for legal representation.

"Before ICLC, clients often had two choices: Free, restricted services with long wait times, or private representation that is largely unaffordable or predatory," says Bogaciu. "We pride ourselves in helping clients in their time of most urgent need and taking the cases that others won't."

African Services Committee and ASC's
Immigrant Community Law Center



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

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Many clients walk in to African Services Committee in Harlem with only a suitcase and no where else to go.

“Housing is life,” said Aida Diallo-Diagne, ASC’s HOPWA Housing Director — who has been helping immigrants find homes in New York City for more than 15 years. “It is a major component in the stability and health of a client. Our job is to advocate, assist the placement of new immigrants and find rental assistance on a long term basis for our clients.”

Finding long-term housing for a client is a proven first step to better treatment and a healthier life. In 2017, about 75 families found homes with the help of African Services Committee’s Housing Placement Assistance program. The team also provided thousands of housing-related services to clients affected by HIV/AIDS — people who can suffer from a loss of income because they are too sick to work, and often face discrimination and rejection from family, friends and roommates. The typical new housing client is from Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America and learns about ASC’s services from a former client.

Housing advocacy on behalf of a client is not a simple task: The role requires experience to navigate New York City’s housing market, an ability to creatively multitask in the face



ASC Housing Team from left: ASC’s HOPWA Housing Director, Aida Diallo-Diagne, and Housing Placement Assistants Mariama Diallo and Nataliah Rodriguez.

of emergencies, and rapport with landlords and brokers. Often 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. 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.

“We had a family who came in one afternoon. It happened to be a Friday, and we really could not go home and just leave them outside. The whole team was on the phone calling everybody we knew. Finally one of the brokers said ‘Okay, if you say you are going to pay, we have an apartment. He can come get the keys,’” said Aida. “I have to say: in those instances — I go home and think I had such a great week.”

“WE REALLY COULD NOT GO HOME AND JUST LEAVE THEM.” ASC’s HOPWA Housing Director, Aida Diallo-Diagne.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Launched in 1994 to support immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and their families, African Services Committee's Individual Case Management and Family Case Management programs offer caring, multilingual, intensive case-management to thousands of individuals and families affected by HIV/ AIDS.

"The first priority in terms of the care we provide to someone who comes in to African Services is making sure that those living with HIV and AIDS are able to get the treatment that they need and manage taking care of themselves within the context of that treatment," says ASC's Health Education Officer, Emily Bishop — who leads the individual Case Management team as they guide clients to care, provide interpretation and hospital navigation, give HIV/AIDS treatment education and adherence support, as well as assist in health insurance applications for ADAP and Medicaid.

"Our approach is very much about the whole person and their good health overall. We don't want our clients just to cope. We want



Family Case Management program staff (from left) Family Case Managers, Mada Sene and Adizatou Maiga, and Supervising Family Case Manager, Aida Diallo.

our clients to thrive and do well," Emily says. Health educators, navigators, and case managers also collaborate to help clients self-manage their health and achieve viral suppression. As needed, clients are referred to ASC's Legal and Housing Programs, Food Pantry, Nutrition Program, English as a Second Language classes and support groups.

ASC's Family Case Management staff, under the Supportive Counseling Program, serve hundreds of clients each year by helping them learn to become their own advocate within a stable, self-sustaining family unit.

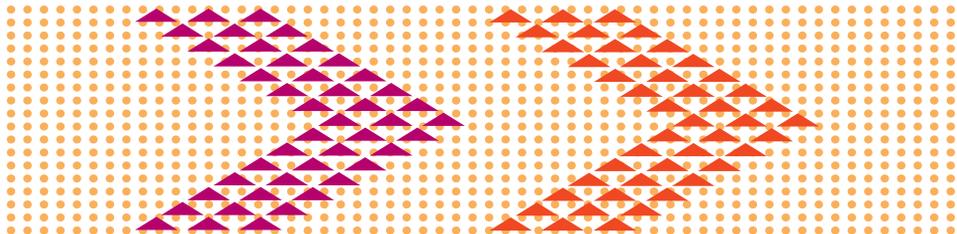
"Family Case Management team's number one priority is to foster an environment of acceptance in order to reduce stigma. This in turn supports clients in facing their diagnosis and consequently empowers them to care for their overall health and well-being," says Supervising Family Case Manager, Aida Diallo, who heads the Family Case Management program.

African Services Committee's Case Management team (from left) Emily Bishop, Health Education Officer, Navigators Christine Ogotu and Emmanuel Ndabishuriye, and Case Manager and Policy Advocate Bakary Tandia.



"WHEN PEOPLE COME TO US, WE DON'T SAY CLIENT. WE SAY BROTHERS, SISTERS. THEY FEEL AT HOME" African Services Case

Manager and Policy Advocate Bakary Tandia



TESTING

African Services Committee's 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 low income, unsafe neighborhoods, immigration status, 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.

The typical client who walks in to ASC's Testing Center can receive free and confidential health screening for HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, diabetes, hypertension, maternal and infant health education, low-fee TB testing, navigation to affordable care, and referral to cancer screening. They 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.

"In 2017, there was a noticeable increased fear of deportation in the immigrants we see walking for testing," says Testing Center Coordinator, Dr. Halimatou Konte, whose Testing Center team provided nearly 1,000 free and confidential HIV tests and counseling in 2017. Clients who are diagnosed with HIV receive comprehensive care and support from ASC's other departments, including ASC legal services, linkage to care, nutritional support from our food pantry, housing placement assistance, case management, and client support groups. "We take extra care to assure our clients that the screening is confidential."

An integral part of ASC's Testing Center program are ASC's Patient Navigators, Adama Traore and Daouda Ndiaye who have been helping



ASC Patient Navigator, Adama Traore, counsels a testing center client at a free health screening event hosted by longtime ASC partners The Senegalese Association of America.

ASC clients enroll in affordable health care and providing hospital escort and medical interpretation for more than a decade — working closely with New York City hospitals such as Bellevue Hospital Center and Montefiore Medical Center, among others.

Utilizing long-time partnerships with local African leaders, African community radio shows, and community and faith-based institutions, African Services continued combatting 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 disproportionately affects African, Asian, and Pacific Islander immigrant communities in the U.S. An estimated five to 18 percent of African immigrants in the U.S. are affected by hepatitis B alone, with less than 20 percent aware of their infection because symptoms might not show up for decades, according to Hepatitis B Foundation.

"You often don't feel anything until it is too late — that is why we call hepatitis B a silent killer in the African community," says Halimatou. "Just with HIV, viral hepatitis is transmissible and we recommend getting tested so you know your status as early as possible, because it could make the difference between life or death for you and your family."

ADVOCACY

African Services Committee's Advocacy team engaged multiple fronts throughout what was a volatile year fighting a newly-elected administration's onslaught against immigrants and health equity, as well as abhorrent issues abroad like slavery and apartheid in Mauritania and Libya. Led by Advocacy Director Amanda Lugg, Policy Advocate Bakary Tandia, and ASC/ ICLC attorneys, ASC advocates took to the streets, the press, podiums, panels, and offered pro-bono counsel to counterbalance the new administration's destructive assaults on immigrants and families.

On the health equity front: African Services Committee was elected Manhattan hub lead organization for community-based organization Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) strategic planning. In this role, African Services worked throughout the year in tandem with the Communities Together for Health Equity (CTHE) Consortium of Manhattan-based CBOs to increase the engagement of community-based providers in the Medicaid reform effort now underway in New York State, addressing the social determinants of health. The consortium aimed at enabling CBOs to fulfill their rightful role in promoting and facilitating the health of the community. When not leading the CTHE Manhattan Hub, speaking to the media, or advising policymakers, Amanda took part in a number of protests in 2017 and was among nearly a dozen anti-Tax Reform Bill protesters arrested on Capitol Hill for a sit-in as representatives debated a reprehensible bill.

On the immigration front: The team held a series of well-attended "Know your Rights" forums, aimed at explaining immigration issues, protecting your family against ICE, dispelling immigration myths and misunderstandings, and preventing legal service provider fraud. ASC and ICLC attorneys frequently spoke to the press and attended events across NYC's five boroughs to educate the immigrant community about these important legal immigration topics. They volunteered at John F. Kennedy International



ASC Advocacy Director, Amanda Lugg, in Washington D.C. fighting for health justice.

Airport's Terminal 4 as part of a spontaneously-formed coalition calling itself No Ban JFK, which mobilized to help people clear customs after the President signed an executive order temporarily restricting entry to the U.S. from seven Muslim-majority countries. ASC attorneys also became early members of Immigrant Advocates Response Collective. ASC activists joined ASC's Policy Advocate, Bakary Tandia to raise their voices against islamophobia and racist immigration policies in a D.C. protest against the Muslim ban.

When the President ordered an end to the Obama-era executive action that shielded young undocumented immigrants from deportation, Tandia was arrested, along with more than a dozen New York Immigration Coalition members and fellow activists, after protesting in a defend Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) rally. ASC and Immigrant Community Law Center also offered free legal consultations to any of the hundreds of young ICLC clients who sought temporary immigration relief under DACA program.

"African Services Committee attorneys are first responders in a climate fraught with the imminent threat of deportation and separation for countless immigrant families at a time when we are experiencing an unprecedented rise in demand for our services and need exceeds capacity," said ASC Supervising Attorney Corina Bogaciu at City Hall.

NUTRITION AND FOOD PANTRY

The Nutrition Program 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.

“The nutrition program has been very helpful for me because I came here to also help my children — my one-year old and three-year old. So whatever food and knowledge I got from the program went to my family,” says ASC Nutrition Program client Djénéba from Burkina Faso.

More than 6,500 individuals and families each year are served by ASC’s food pantry alone, which 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.



ASC’s Nutrition program staff, from left, Nutrition Education Assistant Franco Barragan, Nutrition Education Coordinator, Shana Johnson and Food Panty Coordinator Youma Nafa.

“When I came to this country I didn’t know anyone. I had no food. This program has helped me so much. African Services Committee staff shows so much love to their clients — like a big family — and it feels like Africa. The [nutrition] program helps us with so many things,” said ASC Nutrition Program client Aminata from Burkina Faso.

“AFRICAN SERVICES COMMITTEE IS OUR HOME, OUR FAMILY,”

says ASC Ethiopia Henry van Ameringen Health and Community Development Center Lab Technician Haregeoyn Asrat (left) and Nigussie Gonche Dispensary Technician.



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

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ASC's English as a Second Language program provides free, tailored language and literacy lessons 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 2017 — totaling more than 200 classes.



ASC English as a Second Language program Coordinator Sanae Nakayama tailors language instruction to a small group of adult students.

"I love teaching English to these students," said African Services Committee ESL Coordinator, Sanae Nakayama. Prior to moving to the United States from Japan, Sanae was a very accomplished professional musician and music teacher. She turned to teaching English after she developed a disorder that prevented her from playing the flute.

"I've been mainly teaching non-literal adults and it is wonderful seeing students be able to read or write for the first time."

The program has been lauded as a "model for excellent community-based ESOL programs" by the Lexington Institute and awarded an "Excellent" rating from the Department of Youth and Community Development.



One of African Services Committee's two honey farms are lead by beekeeper Meresit (pictured second from left) and family, at home in remote Wukro, Gheralta in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region. A scattering of natural springs near the farm boosts the honey production from the 19 hives, now in their third year.

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

ASC ETHIOPIA

COMMUNITY-BASED RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY NEED

“African Services Committee Ethiopia represents a true **grassroots community**-based response to community need — serving the most destitute mothers and their children,” says ASC Founder and Co-Executive Director, Asfaha Hadera. “We were the **first services** to start **free HIV testing and counseling** in 2003.”

African Services Committee Ethiopia’s five grassroots health and community development centers provide a **free one-stop service** to the most marginalized

segments of the community who find it difficult to get medical and social support, particularly integrated support, from larger institutions. ASC’s institutional strength is in its integrated, free community-based clinics and **community development** centers, providing health services and prevention and treatment commodities for the most destitute. We have **fully integrated sexual and reproductive health and family planning and child nutrition** with HIV and TB testing and treatment.

“My son is a brilliant student. He is a leader at school and he is healthy. He does not have HIV because I took medication while I was pregnant. I’m not educated, but my son tells me he wants to be a pilot. He gives me hope. He tells me, ‘don’t worry mama, I’ll be there for you. I’ll fly you around,’” says African Services Committee Ethiopia client, Alemitu, at our Health and Community Development Center in Ziway.

Alemitu found out she was HIV positive when she learned she was pregnant with her son. Since then, Alemitu and her son have 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.



ASC Ethiopia client Alemitu at ASC’s Health and Community Development Center in Ziway.

“My health has improved since coming to ASC. I’m fine now and whenever I feel sick, I always run to African Services. They will welcome me. It doesn’t matter if I have money or not. I don’t have to worry about money when I get sick because there is African Services.”

Today Alemitu is a leader in her community and frequently works with ASC Ethiopia’s Outreach team to promote ASC’s HIV prevention and support programs to the city’s commercial sex workers.

ADDIS ABABA, INCLUDES TEN SUB CITIES AND 99 KEBELES

The **Henry van Ameringen Health and Community Development Center**, located in the Shola Market in Addis Ababa, was the first location established upon ASC's return to Ethiopia in September 2003. Located in a large open-air market in Addis, this clinic provides free services to thousands of the most vulnerable people in this community, each year. Number of beneficiaries each year: **21,571**

OROMIA REGION EAST SHEWA

In the Fall of 2010, in collaboration with Castel Winery and BGI, African Services expanded to the southern region of Ethiopia with the **Blavier Health & Community Development Center**, in Zeway. Number of beneficiaries each year: **26,250**

TIGRAY REGION MEKELE ZONE

The **Kim E. Nichols Health and Community Development Center**, based in Mekele, was established in March 2007. Mekele is ASC's northernmost clinic based in the Tigray Region. This clinic is located in the downtown area of Mekele, which is a principal economic and education center in Ethiopia. Number of beneficiaries each year: **21,662**

AMHARA REGION

African Services' **Kombolcha Clinic** was established in March 2005 and closed in 2018. The clinic provided community outreach and HIV prevention education, HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, CD4 testing; pediatric case management, vitamin and nutritional supplement distribution, and shoe distribution. Number of beneficiaries each year from 2005 to 2018: **17,921**

SNNPR REGION

The **Health & Community Development Center in Hawassa** is the newest clinic to be added to the ASC roster, and was established thanks to our robust partnership with BGI Ethiopia and Castel Wineries. Number of beneficiaries each year from 2005 to 2018: **24,896**

ASC ETHIOPIA CORE COMPETENCIES INCLUDE:

Targeted **outreach, health education, & condom distribution** to vulnerable populations

Pediatric HIV testing for children over 15 months of age. Capacity-building VCT practice provider, **data collection, lab services & quality assurance**

Mobile HIV testing through ASC Seven Tents program Laboratory monitoring services (CD4, hematology, chemistry, serology, parasitology)

HIV antiretroviral and opportunistic infection treatment and prophylaxis TB, STI, malaria and viral hepatitis diagnosis & treatment

Sexual and reproductive health, contraception, & family planning,

Laboratory services provided to patients from referral partners, including government hospitals & health centers

Income-generating support for destitute HIV positive women. 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

SUPPORT & REVENUE	DEC 31 2017	DEC 31 2016
SUPPORT		
Grants and Contracts	2,746,411	3,104,759
Contributions	186,948	202,606
Total Support	2,933,359	3,307,365
REVENUE		
Service Income	184,807	121,754
Miscellaneous Income	13,767	14,822
Pharmacy Services Income	333,235	206,169
Investment Income	(45)	—
Total Revenue	531,764	342,745
Total Support & Revenue	3,465,123	3,650,110
PROGRAM SERVICES		
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Health Services	686,169	770,822
Housing Services	374,270	447,147
Legal Assistance	1,013,855	1,140,981
Social Services	630,472	707,728
International Program	413,457	471,353
Total Program Services	3,118,223	3,538,031
SUPPORTING SERVICES		
Management and General	667,725	605,609
Fundraising	69,020	99,055
Total Supporting Services	736,745	704,664
Total Expenses	3,854,968	4,242,695
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
Change in Net Assets	(389,845)	-592,585
Beginning of Period	1,018,557	1,611,142
Net Assets at End of Year	628,712	1,018,557

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