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# OUR MISSION

**African Services** is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and self-sufficiency of the **African community**. We provide **health, housing, legal, educational, and social services** to over 6,500 newcomers each year in New York City with a focus on **health promotion and disease, prevention, care and support**. We also work on the frontlines of the global **AIDS** epidemic; operating **five clinics in Ethiopia** and through **advocacy and policy work** in the U.S. and abroad.

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## TIMELINE

### MAY 1981

**Asfaha Hadera** founds the **Committee to Aid Ethiopian Refugees**

“ 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 [United States of America] as a political refugee. That was in 1979, June, when I arrived here 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

At African Services Committee we open our arms to immigrants and refugees of all kinds. When someone walks through the door, they are offered the full breadth of services that they need to get on their feet. This response is certainly not the norm across the U.S. where newcomers are often viewed with suspicion and rancor.

I was introduced to ASC by my artist friend Julie Mehretu at an evening of informal music. I was struck by the friendliness and depth of my conversation with Co-Executive Directors Kim Nichols and Asfaha Hadera, who is also the founder. On visiting the offices, I came to understand their full range of services, the expertise of the staff and the impact. I was hooked.

Women and children are a key focus. ASC provides counseling and immigration case management to those who've faced trauma and are in need of medical care. The food pantry serves more than 6,500 people each year, providing supplemental nutrition, cooking classes and the guidance of nutritionists to assist people adapting to new food options.

With a team of lawyers ASC offers frontline legal services in the thriving nominal fee Immigrant Community Law Center. We stand shoulder to shoulder with those whose lives are at risk because of their sexual orientation and gender distinctions. I'm extremely proud of our services, which provide free immigration legal services for LGBT individuals seeking asylum or any other humanitarian immigration relief.

Since 1981, we've worked to prevent the spread and stigma of HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis through targeted testing and outreach, linking patients who are infected with treatment and care. We reach patients not only in NYC but in Africa as well, through five multi-service, grassroots clinics in Ethiopia. In these clinics we serve the most vulnerable women and children, despite the fact that we have experienced a gap in funding support. We refuse to give up on these women and children.

Our work touches every aspect of immigration, from the need for literacy and language skills to one of the most vexing challenges: NYC's housing market. ASC's experienced housing team consistently finds homes for those clients most in need.

With this said, West Harlem is changing, rents are going up and we see a need to move to a new location. ASC has launched a \$5.1 million capital campaign with seed money from the Community Resilience Fund. The campaign will result in the acquisition and renovation of a state-of-the-art, 12,500 square foot multipurpose facility in the Bronx that will serve more than 12,000 immigrant visits per year in a permanent space for the community.

As a Board Member, the wonderful part of working with ASC is that we are an agency that is about reaching potentials; our clients get on their feet, settle into life and thrive independently.

Like so many of us in New York City, I'm an immigrant. I had the good fortune to move to the United States as an adult, become a citizen and have a child in New York. She is now in college with a shared commitment to social justice. We need to return to a time in the United States when we opened our hearts to immigrants. For more than three decades African Services Committee has been a safe haven, a first home, for newcomers in need of a helping hand.

Linda Genereux | Board Member



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Shelter from the Storm

ASC's LGBT services were enhanced in 2015 to address the intersecting marginalization among LGBT African and Caribbean immigrants in a safe environment, and provide high-quality, pro-bono immigration legal services and mental health services, to reduce isolation and build empowering networks.

"LGBT Africans and Caribbeans fleeing persecution and anti-homosexuality legislation do not have access to the networks other asylum seekers have," said Equal Justice Works Fellow and Ethiopian immigrant Tsion Gurmu, who has been a key member of African Services Committee's legal team since 2015, providing free legal services to this group of immigrants.

Through direct legal representation, ASC's LGBT services create a path for LGBT African and Caribbean immigrants to assert asylum claims based on sexual orientation and HIV/AIDS status.

ASC's Director of Advocacy Amanda Lugg, ASC Mental Health Counselor, Nathalie Weeks, and Tsion also hold a support group that meets twice a month and exemplifies the holistic approach often needed by African immigrants who have been ostracized from crucial family and ethnic networks due to their sexual identity.



WNYC News

## Tr trafficked to Play, Then Forgotten

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

By Alexandra Starr



(Photo illustration by Amy Pearl/Shutterstock)

## WNYC, Harper's Magazine Feature ASC's Work to Help Trafficking Victim

WNYC, Harper's Magazine and NPR's Alexandra Starr revealed the horrors of human trafficking in "Tr trafficked to Play, Then Forgotten." The story, which revealed how the demand for college basketball talent has led to human trafficking in countries like Nigeria, was also heard on NPR All Things Considered and The Brian Lehrer Show, with the print version "American Hustle: How elite youth basketball exploits African athletes" by Alexandra Starr appearing in Harper's Magazine April 2015 edition.

African Services' dedicated legal team, led by former ASC supervising attorney Kate Webster, along with ASC staff attorney Jessica Greenberg, worked tirelessly to help secure a bright future for Alley Ene.

"It's an important story of exploitation of young African athletes and the many faces of human trafficking," said Webster. "Alley, is a remarkable young man. He's working overtime to make ends meet, and dreams of someday being able to go back to school."

*“When Alley started telling his story to me, I wouldn't have immediately thought, ‘human trafficking.’ Then all of these elements started popping up. And I sat here and thought, This is a kid that was trafficked to the United States. And he was exploited so that his coaches could earn money, literally off his back, while he played ball.”*

– Former ASC supervising attorney Kate Webster, March 17, 2015 WNYC/ NPR radio interview with Alexandra Starr.

## Ebola-Related Temporary Protected Status Clinics

Throughout 2015, African Services Committee's legal team partnered with various key organizations, including the United States Sierra Leonean Association, the City Bar Justice Center, Staten Island Liberian Community Association, the Guinean Association of Staten Island, and volunteer attorneys from around the city, to conduct free Ebola-related temporary protected status (TPS) legal clinics for nationals of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia.

During these clinics, attorneys explained TPS, helped attendees complete the TPS application, explained fees and the fee waiver process, work permit application and answered questions. TPS is a temporary status for nationals of designated countries, usually those that have experienced a conflict, natural disaster, or some other extraordinary event. TPS gives these nationals a safe haven from being legally compelled to return to their country, while their country experiences one of these extreme events.



## Healthy Families

Language barriers coupled with a lack of knowledge about available supportive resources are among the many challenges new immigrants frequently encounter in the United States.

“I try to be their voice,” said ASC Housing Assistant Carmen Hernandez.

Carmen heads ASC's Healthy Families Program — an initiative funded by NYC Department of Youth and Community Development targeting recent immigrants living in Manhattan's Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) 9, West Harlem.

“Immigrants are struggling with language barriers and they're struggling without accessing different services that they don't know they're entitled to.”

Using a case-management approach to each client, Carmen first assesses legal immigration service needs, such as adjustment of immigration status or work authorization, and refers as needed to ASC's legal team. Once any legal needs are addressed, Carmen provides clients with information, referrals and assistance in applying for entitlement programs, education, health care, housing and transportation.

## TIMELINE

**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

# STRENGTH

Alone and without a permanent roof over her head, Yanique first visited African Services Committee shortly after a medical exam confirmed she was pregnant and her doctor at Jacobi Medical Center referred her to ASC's Director of Housing, Aida Diallo-Diagne.

"I wanted everything right for my baby," said Yanique, who emigrated from Jamaica to the United States with her mother and sisters in hope of a better future. "It was an ongoing struggle everywhere else I would go for support. I used to tell Aida 'they're always asking for IDs.' Pretty much all the other programs were denying me for everything. The only help I was getting was coming from ASC."

"Housing is a foundation – without it there is nothing," Aida says, drawing on her 15 years of helping immigrants find homes in a city with one of the most unaffordable housing markets in the world. Not long after ASC's housing team secured a foundation in the form of a one-bedroom apartment in the Bronx for Yanique, a healthy son was born. "The baby is the highlight of this ongoing blessing," Yanique said.



*"Pretty much all the other programs were denying me for everything. The only help I was getting was coming from ASC."*


# *and* PURPOSE

From ASC's Housing to Legal to Case Management teams, Yanique quickly found ASC to be the supportive family she needed. But seeking assistance wasn't initially easy for Yanique, who said she didn't want to talk about the challenges she was facing, but somehow felt safe and secure with everyone she met with at African Services.

"ASC is a dear family to me. It is a wonderful atmosphere. There's a kitchen, people come, they cook — it's so nice! It just feels like you belong here and this is your home."

Not long after ASC secured a home for Yanique, she was one of the more than 100 young and undocumented immigrants ASC's legal clinic first helped attain temporary immigration relief in the form of Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals, or DACA program. Benefits for young men and women enrolled in DACA included the ability to attend college, obtain a work permit and a driver's license and a reprieve from potential deportation.





“DACA made a big impact in my life. My mind was exploding with all the things that I could do,” Yanique went back to school, earned a degree in cosmetology, received a driver’s license and bought a car.

“I just saw myself slowly climbing the ladder and it felt good. I had more security. I didn’t feel like I had to hide any longer. I no longer was scared that someone was going to come and take me out of the country the next day, which was my biggest fear.”

Encouraged by ASC Supervising Family Case Manager Yvonne Mbewe-Palmer, Yanique has found support participating in ASC’s women’s group. “Overall just growing up and being able to open up a lot more and being able to understand that I’m a human being just like everyone else. Just about everything that I’m going through someone else can be going through, or vice versa.”

Yanique’s eyes light up when she talks about the non-profit organization she recently founded, the Luxury Ladies Movement, which she says will “Empower women with education, love and respect, surrounded by cosmetology.”

“One of Yanique’s greatest accomplishments is allowing herself to be vulnerable, to be seen, and really heard by others -- so much so that she is now reaching out and helping other young women find their own happiness,” Yvonne said. “Yanique has grown into the definition of empowerment.”

“I don’t know what’s to come in the future but I know that the people that are here they’re passionate, and when you want help they are ready to help you. They’re here to help. They’re going to help. And that’s what I got. I got help.”

## TIMELINE

**DEC 1994**

Our name changes to African Services Committee

**MARCH 1998**

We begin HIV legal services and 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





In addition to African Services Committee providing free civil legal services and immigration representation to people living with HIV, ASC founded a nominal fee legal clinic in 2012 to provide high-quality and affordable immigration legal representation in a safe multilingual, culturally competent environment. The clinic was rebranded “Immigrant Community Law Center” (ICLC) in 2015.

Serving immigrants of all backgrounds, the multilingual ICLC team is composed of qualified attorneys and paralegals.

One of the most significant issues affecting the immigrant community is access to competent legal assistance. ICLC also combats predatory attorneys and unauthorized service providers by speaking at associations, religious organizations, and schools to educate communities about accessing reputable legal assistance.

“I see immigration fraud as an issue reported every day at ICLC and it is frustrating. Immigrants are vulnerable. It is a new country, with new culture and perhaps a new language as well,” said ICLC staff attorney Jessica Greenberg.

“This vulnerability, as well as a desire to live lawfully and openly in the United States, means that immigrants are often victimized by professionally unqualified people, who refer to themselves as notaries, immigration consultants, and immigration specialists.”

**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

# AT A GLANCE

More than **30,000** impacted each year: 6,500 in NYC and more than 25,000 in Ethiopia

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

Our Ethiopian clinics **staffed entirely by local** doctors, nurses, lab technicians case managers, pharmacists, administrators, and outreach workers.

## IN 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**

## IN ETHIOPIA, IN ONE YEAR

20,000 people tested and treated for **HIV/TB**

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**, family planning and contraception

100 families get **income-generating support**

# DEEP- ROOTED

More than **35 years** of providing support tailored for NYC and African Diaspora community

Founded 35 years ago by African refugees in response to the Horn of Africa refugee crisis and **resettled refugees** from around the globe

Operations in Harlem NYC and 5 regions in Ethiopia

African clinics **staffed entirely by local** doctors, nurses, lab techs, case managers, pharmacists, administrators, and outreach workers.

# FOR COMMUNITY

Enhancing the power to  
thrive in the community

## IN NYC

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  
**advocacy campaigns**

## IN ETHIOPIA

**Income generating**  
**activities:** sheep raising  
and bee-keeping

**Free shoe distribution**  
for children to support school attendance  
and prevent intestinal parasites

**HIV Prevention Outreach**

# FOR HEALTH

Integrated health services:  
HIV/TB testing and treatment,  
prevention and support

## IN HARLEM

Free **HIV testing** and  
counseling

Linking clients to **quality**  
**medical care**

Food pantry and **nutrition**  
**counseling**

**Mental health** counseling

## IN ETHIOPIA

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**medical care**

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**counseling**

**Mental health** counseling



# ASC CASE MANAGEMENT

*The heart of ASC's HIV care services*



From left | Case Manager Sonia Ndiaye, Case Manager Bakary Tandia, and Senior Case Manager Claudette Francois. Serving the Whole Family | Meet ASC's 2015 Family Case Management Team: Yvonne Mbewe-Palmer, Supervising Family Social Worker (fourth from left), and Family Case Manager Alizata Traore (fifth from left).

**Launched in 1994, ASC has provided intensive case management to thousands of HIV-positive immigrants and their family members.**

African Services Committee's multilingual, licensed social workers provide caring, intensive HIV case management support to immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers navigating the social service system in New York City.

Serving as personal advocate and ally for each client, to maximize health outcomes, ASC's Case Management team rapidly refers clients to care; assists with application for health insurance, such as ADAP and Medicaid; provides hospital escort and interpretation and HIV/AIDS treatment education and adherence support. They also play a critical role assisting clients considering disclosure of HIV status to their partners and families. Case managers, health educators and peer navigators collaborate as a team, working together to assist each client to achieve viral suppression, improve medical outcomes, and self management. Clients are in turn referred to ASC's

support groups, HIV/AIDS housing and legal services programs, and to our Food Pantry and ESL classes.

A critical part of ASC's Case Management program is ASC's Family Case Management program, which serves hundreds of clients each year and continues to work on family stabilization for immigrant families moving forward.

"During an intake, an interdisciplinary team of case managers — who are trained at the Master's degree level — look at the entire family unit to assess how to best provide care to families in need," said Yvonne Mbewe-Palmer, Supervising Family Social Worker. To that end, the Family Case Management team conducts home visits, interpretation services, escorts to various agencies, individual and group counseling sessions, care coordination with external providers, connection to medical care, and quarterly reassessments with a focus on goal planning and accomplishment.

"Empowering clients to become their own advocate, within a self-sustaining family unit, is a critical component of the Family Case Management department," said Yvonne.

## TIMELINE

**APRIL 2002**

We join 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

# HOME FOR AFRICAN SERVICES

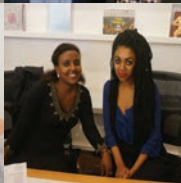
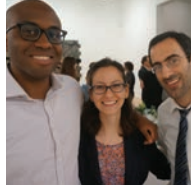
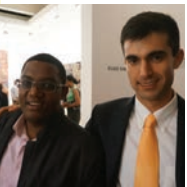
## *ASC Launches Capital Campaign*

Now in our fourth decade, African Services Committee has grown to become the largest and most sought-out African community service organization in New York City - enhancing immigrants' and refugees' prospects of success in this country with legal, health, housing, and educational services.

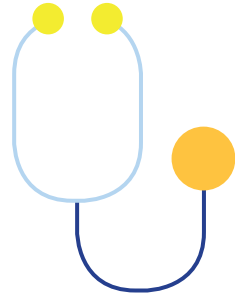
With seed capital from the Community Resilience Fund, ASC launched a \$5.1 million "Home for African Services" capital campaign. Friends of ASC filled Chelsea's James Cohan Gallery to capacity to show their support and learn more about the campaign, which will result in the acquisition and renovation of a state-of-the-art, 12,500 square foot, multi-purpose facility located in the Bronx. The space will be a permanent haven for the community, serving more than 12,000 immigrant visits per year.

The new African Services Committee Center will provide our clients and staff with a facility that promotes optimal outcomes in a warm environment. We've worked carefully to combine quality-integrated services with ASC's tradition of strong financial and programmatic stewardship.

ASC's Home for African Services campaign kicked off with an amazing show of support surrounded by the brilliant work of renowned Ethiopian artist Elias Sime at Chelsea's James Cohan Gallery. We were grateful to the gallery, Tsion Cafe, designer Mackenzie Crone and all our supporters who came out to help ASC prepare for a move to a new headquarters in the Bronx.



# ASC HEALTH SCREENING CENTER



African Services Committee's on-site testing center at our offices in Harlem is a vital gateway to health care for immigrants and an essential part of our HIV and viral hepatitis prevention programs, which emphasize the importance of knowing one's status and early intervention. Each year ASC provides free and confidential HIV tests and counseling to nearly 1,000 people.

The testing center team has also been hard at work combatting a silent killer in the immigrant community, viral hepatitis, by continuing an effective viral hepatitis testing awareness outreach campaign, conducting free HBV and HCV screenings, vaccinations and counseling throughout New York City's five boroughs. New Yorkers are also always welcome to walk in to our center to receive screening for tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, diabetes and hypertension.

An integral arm of ASC's testing center is our navigation to care crew led by seasoned patient navigators Adama Traore, ASC Navigation to Care Coordinator and Daouda Ndiaye, ASC Hepatitis B Patient Navigator. Working closely for many years with area hospitals such as Bellevue Hospital Center and Montefiore Medical Center, among other partner hospitals, Adama and Daouda streamline a challenging system into a step-by-step path for immigrants seeking access to health care.

Photos from left: Al Jazeera America image Andrew Hinderaker for Al Jazeera America | Taxi Garage testing Images and Staten Island Testing Tent image | Screening a client from Burkina Faso for tuberculosis at ASC's health screening center in Harlem.

## *Vital Gateway to Immigrant Health*



**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

# Advocacy

# FEATHER IN THE CAP



## ASC SUCCESSFULLY PUSHES FOR MAJOR CHANGE IN FEDERALLY-FUNDED SERVICES

From rallying for immigration reform to single-payer healthcare, advocacy at ASC takes many forms as was seen in Spring 2015 when African Services' Director of Advocacy Amanda Lugg, Co-Executive Director Kim Nichols and former Supervising Attorney Kate Webster successfully pushed for a major change in the scope of NYC Ryan-White Funding, according to an announcement released by Public Health Solutions, titled "Legal Services for Undocumented Immigrants to Obtain PRUCOL Status," which stated:

"Effective March 1, 2015, NYC DOHMH and PHS will allow for reimbursement of immigration matters in Ryan White-funded Legal Services (ADV) programs for the purpose of obtaining PRUCOL (Permanent Residence Under Color of Law) status for undocumented Ryan White clients."

One of the primary reasons immigrants living with HIV seek legal services from African Services Committee is for immigration legal assistance. Under the previous mandate of the Ryan White program, immigration legal services were not an allowable service type.

"There was a harsh disparity between the need we saw with our clients and the parameters of services that our funding would allow," Webster said. "Based on that disparity, we initially approached the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to explain this unmet need and help them see the way in which providing these services would not only benefit clients, but also really advance the goals of the Ryan White program."

Providing immigration legal services helps with connecting people to care, helps with adherence to treatment and contributes to better health outcomes. Part of the argument behind the advocacy was that when you let Ryan White-funded legal grantees such as ASC provide immigration legal service; clients not only receive immigration benefits, but also become eligible for a host of additional supportive benefits. For example, individuals living with HIV who have a pending or approved immigration application become eligible for better health care through Medicaid, and additional benefits support through HASA (the HIV/AIDS Service Administration).

"This is a big feather in the cap for ASC — to push and achieve such a needed service," Webster Said. "We are thrilled to be able to offer this much-needed service for our clients."

# ETHIOPIA

*“During his tenure, former president Bill Clinton made a call upon the African Diaspora to return to the continent or to our respective countries and give our expertise and wealth of experiences to help build our communities there. It was such a presidential call, along with our own desire to help the people of Ethiopia, that moved us to the frontlines to help fight HIV/AIDS, TB, which was consuming a young generation.”*

– ASC Founder and Co-Executive Director Asfaha Hadera

2015 marked a dozen years since we first opened our clinic doors in Shola Market, one of the largest urban outdoor markets in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The first clinic began as an HIV counseling and testing site, years before antiretroviral treatment was yet publicly available in Ethiopia.

“We were the first service to start free HIV testing and counseling in 2003.” said Asfaha.

At the outset, ASC was providing more than 10 percent of the HIV testing for the entire country of Ethiopia. Over time, as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria and the US PEPFAR programs began to make ART freely available in Ethiopia, ASC Ethiopia became the country’s trusted third community-based ART treatment site, and [ cont. on next page, right column ]



**K**asech receives ART medication, care and HIV monitoring tests from ASC. Kasech is a beneficiary of ASC’s sheep fattening micro-lending project who has tripled her number of sheep, since beginning this PEPFAR grant-supported program. Selected women receive training in animal care and importance of vaccinating. The initiative has helped many women like her profit from their sheep and achieve financial independence. Kasech has been able to send her three children to school because now she has money for school fees and supplies. She has also says her health has improved because she has more to eat — as do her kids. Her children receive nutritional support from ASC.

*“I’m committed to giving my family a better life.”*



## TIMELINE

**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



Hundreds of Seattleite's turned out at Nectar Lounge to grant Mojito restaurant co-owner Luam Wersom's birthday wish to support African Services Committee health clinics in Ethiopia.

African Services is grateful to Luam and to all the generous folks who rallied with him: Juan Carlos Ganz at Mojito, Nectar Lounge, Nate Bogopolsky, the many volunteers and all the talented musicians: Blake Lewis, Bucket of Honey, Mother of Pearl, Project Lionheart, Richie Aldente, and DJ Leopold Bloom.



ASC Health and Community Development Center in Mekele partnered with the French Embassy to train more than 100 commercial sex workers who are clients of ASC, in traditional and modern hair styling.

The training enabled participants to leave behind work in the sex industry by turning new income-generating skills into sustainable sources of income. Commercial sex workers are regular clients who come to our clinics for free condoms, to participate in peer support discussions, as well as for care and support services for themselves and their children.

"Every other hospital or clinic in Mekele charges for their services - African Services Committee is free," said ASC Mekele's Site Coordinator, Abraham Gebrehiwot. This clinic is based in the Tigray Region. Services provided include community outreach and HIV prevention education; counseling and testing for HIV/AIDS; ART treatment, CD4 testing; vitamin and nutritional supplement distribution; micro lending for people living with HIV, children's shoe distribution, and malaria and hepatitis B testing.

we scaled up our in-house laboratories and diagnostic facilities to serve patients with HIV, tuberculosis, sexually-transmitted infections, and malnutrition. We built up our capacity to provide nutrition, reproductive health and family planning and income-generating projects for poor HIV households, and we opened additional clinics in Kombolcha, Mekele, Zeway, and Hawassa. We sustained our free integrated clinic services through grants and subcontracts.

**As of December 2015, 188,686 people have been tested and linked to HIV care and treatment and 153,620 have received sexual and reproductive health and family planning services.** Our clinics are a one-stop shop for families living with HIV/TB to get back on their feet, through our attention to needs for diagnosis, free treatment access, nutrition and reproductive health support, and school and income-generating subsidies.

ASC is in an ideal position to begin providing additional services, such as cervical cancer screening. "Cervical cancer screening would be enormously relevant for ASC Ethiopia because of the huge risk of cervical cancer among poor women in Ethiopia - especially commercial sex workers and HIV positive women," said Dr. Fitsume Kibret, supervising physician at ASC Ethiopia's Henry van Ameringen Health and Community Development Center in Addis Ababa. ASC's Zeway and Mekele clinics have also started rapid testing and treatment for malaria.

**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**

**Ziway Clinic opens in Ethiopia**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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## SUPPORT & REVENUE

### SUPPORT

Grants and Contracts	3,199,322	3,724,489
Contributions	308,241	388,692
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>3,507,563</b>	<b>4,113,181</b>

### REVENUE

Service Income	104,650	88,817
Miscellaneous Income	37,139	6,341
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>141,789</b>	<b>95,158</b>

**Total Support & Revenue** **3,649,352** **4,208,339**

## EXPENSES

### PROGRAM SERVICES

Health Services	632,810	559,754
Housing Services	419,122	426,200
Legal Assistance	954,403	748,052
Social Services	624,777	491,619
International Program	458,405	628,237
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>3,089,517</b>	<b>2,853,862</b>

### SUPPORTING SERVICES

Management and General	626,932	595,875
Fundraising	96,136	106,549
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>723,068</b>	<b>702,424</b>

**Total Expenses** **3,812,585** **3,556,286**

### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Change in Net Assets	-163,233	652,053
Beginning of Period	1,774,375	1,122,322
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>1,611,142</b>	<b>1,774,375</b>

## TIMELINE

APRIL 2010

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OCT 2010

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DEC 2010

ASC begins anti-retroviral treatment provision in Ethiopia

# FUNDING *and* SUPPORT

## GOVERNMENT

### FEDERAL

Federal Emergency Management Agency

### STATE AND LOCAL

New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute

United Way of New York City State Employees Federated Appeal

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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

Office of Manhattan Borough President Gail Brewer

## CORPORATIONS & FOUNDATIONS

ADP Benevity Community Impact Fund

AJG Foundation

American Express Employee Giving Program

Bank of America Matching Gifts

Bank of America United Way Campaign

Becton Dickinson and Company

BGI Ethiopia /Castel Winery

Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS

Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center

Chembio Diagnostic Systems, Inc.

Emergency Food Assistance Program

The F.B. Heron Foundation

Ford Foundation

Gilead Sciences

GMHC

The Havens Relief Fund Society

H. Van Ameringen Foundation

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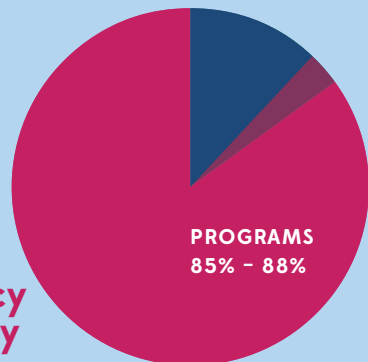
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