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ABOUT ACOMI

BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS COMMUNITIES

Our Vision

A vibrant, engaged and sustainable African Canadian presence across Manitoba, contributing to a culturally rich and economically prosperous, socially inclusive society.



The African Communities of Manitoba Inc. (ACOMI) is the umbrella organization for grassroots community organizations of African heritage. Over the past 20 years, ACOMI has been at the center of African programming in Manitoba. We have been engaged in initiatives that improve the lives of people of African descent, fostering their capacity to contribute to local community economic development and making a positive impact in the province.

Mission: To act as a charitable organization which carries out and promotes programs, projects and activities for the encouragement, support and advancement of the African community in Manitoba, including the preservation and promotion of its unique culture and human heritage.

Goals and Objectives:

- To establish and operate a facility used for the delivery of food and emergency supplies, literacy programs, employment training and mentoring, referral services, and counselling for the benefit of the community.
- To advance education by providing mentorship, training, and secondary/post-secondary bursaries/scholarships to youth and students of African heritage.

2019 Highlights



Drop-In

Over 3,500 people access services at the Resource Centre



Children & Youth

Over 500 children and youth served in programming



Food

48 weeks of snacks or meals served to community members



Tax Prep

1,335 community members accessed free tax services and \$1M leveraged in tax refunds



Transportation

Purchased a new community-use van



Enjoy!

Increased partnerships and new affiliate organizations

President's Report

TITI TIJANI, BOARD PRESIDENT

I am honoured and privileged to present to you, the activities of the African Communities of Manitoba Inc., (ACOMI) in the past year on behalf of my colleagues on the Board, the staff, and all our volunteers.

Our 2019 fiscal year ran from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019. The year saw remarkable growth and success for ACOMI as we began to see the results of many years of capacity building activities and continued goals for our organization and community. The following represents just a portion of some of the work we were able to accomplish in the past year.

Organization Leadership

The Board's priority was to have ACOMI fund and support an Executive Director (ED) position for 1 year to lead ACOMI's operational activities so that the Board could focus on strategic activities for the organization. The goal was to have the ED solidify and stabilize our programs and activities and work with community partners to meet community needs and increase outreach.

I am happy to report that we were able to hire an ED and are well along the way to achieving several of the preliminary goals we had set out for the role. In June 2019, we hired a part-time Executive Director who worked with our summer students. We learned very quickly that 15hrs per week was insufficient for the work and activities expected of the ED. The ED left after 3 months and we looked from within the organization and hired a part-time Acting Executive Director to coordinate our programs and community activities, increase the number of program volunteers, formalize our human resource activities and strengthen relationships with partner agencies.



The key to the success of any organization is the support of its community members - Titi Tijani

Program Funding and Supporting the Community

This year, ACOMI was one of two organizations that received a two-year Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) funding for the Visible Minority Newcomer Women's Employment Project. This project supports visible minority newcomer women in their employment journey. Through this project, ACOMI partnered with and supported three of our affiliate organizations Canadian African Muslim Women Association (CAMWA), Manitoba Women for Women of South Sudan (W4W) and Nigerian Professionals in Manitoba (NPM)) to build capacity in our community.

We also partnered with the Barbados Association of Winnipeg (BAW) and Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba (CCOM) to secure another two-year Federal Government Grant to conduct research into and provide a toolkit for mental health promotion among Black Canadians.



We have also seen that the community believes in the work of ACOMI and are interested in contributing to our programs and services. This year, we received funding support for the ACOMI Youth Mentorship program, website development, and cultural activities from three High Schools (Tech Voc High School, Westwood Collegiate, and Garden City High School) through the Winnipeg Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program. As well, we received additional funding through the Thomas Sill Foundation which has enabled us to purchase a 15-seater Ford transit van for use by the community and our youth program.

Community Connections

This year, we received a record number of four (4) students supporting our summer program from both federal and provincial government grants. This helped attract more youth in the community to our programs and summer activities. From this, we are continuing to build more opportunities for all our communities and supporting the growth and engagement of youth from African and non-African communities.

In the Summer of 2019, ACOMI partnered with ACRN-African Canadian Resource Network, a sister organization in Regina, SK, to organize a Conference recognizing the International Decade of People of African Heritage. Ten delegates attended the conference and presented the Manitoba context of Black experiences in the country. We also had the opportunity to share the I Belong initiative and unveil our new logo on a larger scale.

Fundraising

ACOMI I Belong fundraising initiatives will continue in 2020 at a more dedicated pace. With the ED position funding coming to an end in May 2020, we will continue to reach out to funders and increase our fundraising efforts with the hope that we can secure adequate multi-year funding for the position in 2020. Having an ED to focus on the operations, has allowed the board to focus on setting future organization priorities, direction, and goals. As such, we have secured funding from the United Way to develop a five-year strategic plan in 2020. We hope to focus on more outreach activities to support our affiliate organizations to build capacity to support their communities.

As a charitable organization, we encourage members and friends of the African communities, to channel their personal and workplace charitable donations to support ACOMI. The key to the success of any organization is the support of its community members. Through your support, we look forward to being able to actively pursue the development of the Africa Centre, provide bursaries to deserving students, and provide new and culturally-relevant support to families and individuals in the community.

2019 was a year of achievements and growth for ACOMI and we hope to build on this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for your tenacity to work on our priorities and stay the course. Sincere appreciation to our staff and volunteers and council members, and most importantly, our donors for supporting the work we do for the African community.

Thank you all for your support.



Executive Director Report



MANDELA KUET, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To move forward one must reflect back to learn and take an inventory of all we've accomplished in the last year here at ACOMI. 2019 saw tremendous growth across the larger community, impacting the lives of families, youth, individuals, and partner organizations as we continued to move toward the strategic goals that had been set out for the year.

ACOMI strengthened its relations, building new bridges and connecting communities across Manitoba. By investing time in listening to our community members, we have been able to demonstrate the new direction in community outreach and reaffirm our commitment to our values and mission and member organizations.

Over the past year, we have achieved incredible success across our organization and community, programs due in part to community consultations that generated new, innovative approaches for ACOMI; analyzing and implementing progressive practices to ensure we address the gaps in our communities; and working to develop a continuum of holistic support systems that meet the changing and growing needs of our communities.



Thanks to all the support we received from donors, funders, staff, Board, and volunteers in the last year, we've been able to accomplish some of the following.

- Start a new children's program, Circle of Friends, where children feel safe in our resource center.
- Support youth through graduation in receiving bursaries, securing employment, and working toward a safer community.
- Increase collaborative opportunities with affiliate organizations including the Canadian African Muslim Women Association (CAMWA) and Manitoba Women For Women South Sudan (W4W).
- Provide income tax preparation services (1225 taxes prepared).
- Participate in the Central Park Winter Festival, support the Central Park area community safety program, and continue to provide educational and recreational activities to support over 400 Manitoba Housing.
- Tenants in Central Park community. Organized community engagement opportunities including a leadership-community forum and youth-lead forum on youth gang involvement.

My deepest gratitude to the over 120 volunteers who gave, and continue to give their talent, time and support to the organization. Thank you to the ACOMI Board directors who share their expertise, knowledge, and guidance. Thank you to our partners, supporters, funders, and affiliate organizations who continue to support ACOMI; and, thank you to the amazing team of staff who serve our community day in and day out.

ACOMI's work in the community would not be possible without you.



Achievements

ACOMI Wheels for the Community

The Wheels for the Community is a new project that involved Acomi purchasing a fifteen-seater passenger van. This community van will be utilized for transportation of Acomi program participants, and will be accessible by the general African community in good standing with ACOMI .

The community van will be utilized for transporting of large families, program participants students and ACOMI affiliate communities organization members across the city of Winnipeg. This community van will help those who access ACOMI service overcome their transportation barriers , it will be an essential community service core areas in downtown Winnipeg and across the city of Winnipeg. The project is supported with funds from the Richardson Foundation facilitated by United Way Essential Needs Grant and the Thomas Sill Foundation.

ACOMI Website

ACOMI has developed a new modern website to meet its day-to-day operations, as part of its communication tools. The new website provides higher quality content and an easy navigation system with more information on ACOMI and its member organization's projects and programs.

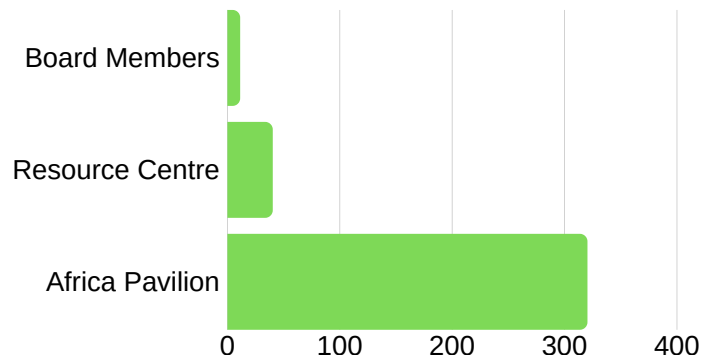
The new website provides easy and mobile friendly access, access to social media handles and increases ACOMI communication standards and online presence. This was made possible with funding support from Assiniboine Credit Union, Winnipeg Foundation, Youth in Philanthropy and the Federal Government through the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Volunteers and Student Placements

With the addition of an Executive Director, ACOMI has been able to increase our capacity to take on new volunteers and students to assist across our programs, partnering with various agencies and educational institutions to make this happen. From this, there has been more flexible resource centre hours, opportunities to assist community members seeking specialized supports, and engagement opportunities with the broader community at the Africa Pavilion during Folklorama week.

This year, ACOMI hosted one student from CDI College's Network Security Program who helped us install and setup new program and staff computers, we formalized our partnership with the University of Winnipeg's Faculty of Education, we had over 90 volunteers support the Africa Pavilion, and we were able to consistently have two volunteers supporting the Resource Centre Monday to Friday for most of the year.

As we move into the new year, we look forward to continuing to bring on more volunteers,staff, and students. We are actively working to structure our onboarding and training processes and we are continuing to increase our outreach and partnerships. We would also like to see an increase in volunteers from within our membership as we seek nominations for new Board members and committee members.



Program Reports

Youth Employment

ACOMI as organization continues to create employment opportunities that allow students of African heritage take on leadership roles within the organization through paid internships during the summer months. Successful applicant students are offered a term- position with the responsibility for the planning, facilitation, implementation, supervision of children and youth programs and supporting the growth continuation of the organization.

In 2019, we employed four (4) summer students who worked at the ACOMI Resource Center helping with youth drop-ins program, the Circle of Friends Children's program and were assigned administrative tasks as part of the Folklorama Africa Pavilion. Funding was made possible with support from the Federal Government through Employment and Social Development Canada and the Province of Manitoba, through the Urban/Hometown Green Team.

Youth Day with Sous le Baobab

Sous le Baobab is the grassroots community organization of people from Cameroon. In February an all day Youth Event is organized in partnership with ACOMI to get our youth out to discuss and participate in various activities. The event is usually held in the Saint Boniface area and it is open to all community organizations - kids, youth, adults and parents. There are individual and group activities that include but are not limited to the following: drawing, painting, movies for kids; discussions panels, soccer, basketball, volleyball for youth and adults and a community and cultural night event with African cuisine.

Cultural Events

We continue to provide leadership to member organizations, supporting them to be strong and viable organizations. We also respond to requests for cultural knowledge and performances, as well as supporting our members' quest to preserve and promote African culture and arts in Manitoba. Seven affiliate organizations responded to 11 requests this year.



Community Consultations

The community members who access ACOMI services have continuously expressed their feedback to the organization, and have shared key feedback that can have a vital role in the ACOMI's future developments. ACOMI as an organization recognize and acknowledge that having an outlet for communities to communicate is critical to our organization's future and as leaders ACOMI understands it is essential that we invest in listening to our member base as part of our organizational growth.

This year ACOMI board, staff and volunteers conducted a series of community consultation that included youth, leaders, service providers, partners agencies and grass root members. The community consultation were vital to our board's strategic planning, and it provided the ACOMI leadership with key feedback that is contributing to our organizational operations.





Folklorama - Africa Pavilion

ACOMI organizes and sponsors the Africa Pavilion which is held Holy Cross Gym, 290 Dubuc Street in St. Boniface. The purpose is to celebrate the uniqueness of the African Cultures and promote understanding of our culture to the larger society. The Africa Pavilion, offers patrons an opportunity to experience a cultural safari through Africa without leaving Canada. This includes traditional cultural performances that span the continent, food, drinks and crafts. The Africa Pavilion is also proud to support local African businesses. This year, we showcased African restaurateurs who provided authentic African dishes that were added to the menu.

Through the Africa Pavilion, performers, restaurateurs, and vendors often find opportunities to perform, cook, or display elsewhere throughout the year. This year alone, we had close to 20 requests for performers for various events across Winnipeg. These requests came in from daycare centres, other events, schools, and community organizations. ACOMI works to advocate for the entrepreneurs and performers and these subsequent opportunities are often paid events that continue to expand the presence of Africans in Manitoba.

Special appreciation to ACOMI Council, our Pavilion Coordinators, Ambassadors, all the Committee Chairs and their volunteers, and all the performers and their coordinators for their commitment and dedication to showcase African Arts and Culture at the Folklorama festival.

We have already applied for Folklorama 2020 which will run from Sunday August 2nd. 2020 to Sunday August 15th. The Africa Pavilion will be in the second week from August 9th. to August 15th. Planning meetings for the Africa Pavilion are set for the last Friday of each month at the ACOMI Center. We welcome your participation and contributions. We are already recruiting performers! If you would like to get involved with the Africa Pavilion, please contact our Executive Director.

ACOMI Student Bursary Program

ACOMI offers financial support to university and college students from the African community in the form of Andre Doumbe High School Graduate Awards. Applicants must be members of the African Community and they must show academic promise and potential for success. Applicants must be recommended by a representative from their respective communities and must also demonstrate financial need. The bursary provides support with a value from \$250.00 that can be used towards the cost of tuition and fees.

In 2019, ACOMI provided bursaries to two students from Gordon Bell High School and Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute.

Visible Minority Newcomer Women Program

VMNW - WE BELONG PROGRAM

In June of 2019, ACOMI was awarded a critical grant from Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) that was to be used to develop and implement a program that supports visible minority newcomer women to develop the skills and knowledge that prepares them for sustainable work opportunities. From this, we developed the ACOMI Visible Minority Newcomer Women (VMNW) - We Belong program that works to implement the mission of the grant.

The VMNW program runs for 12 weeks and includes sessions focusing on job search training, labor market-readiness skills development, and interview skills training. The program runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the ACOMI Resource Center. Program participants are asked to attend an information session and in-person interview prior to attending the program. Once the 12 weeks are completed, ACOMI hosts a graduation ceremony to celebrate overall program success.

ACOMI partnered with two affiliate organizations, the Canadian African Muslim Women's Association and Women for Women South Sudan, to implement the program. We have also hired three women from the community who have diligently worked to develop, implement, and facilitate the program. The team has developed a curriculum that blends individual culture practice into the framework of the Canadian work experience. In addition to this program providing employment training and opportunities to community women, as a byproduct of the program,

ACOMI has also been able to develop new relationships with the private and public sectors that will help us to continue to create deliberate, safe spaces for people of African Heritage in the province.

To date, there has been one 12-week round of the program with another 12-week session starting in January and running until April 2020. The first session saw 14 women register with 7 program participants securing employment between October and December 2019. We continue to see an increased interest in the program and we are looking for ways to make the program more sustainable for future years.



All That Kids Can Be Program

JOSEPH FOFANAH AND ODETTE MUKOLE

It was another amazing year for ACOMI's All That Kids Can Be (ATKCB) program with close to 100 youth participating in sessions to discuss a range of topics including sexual health to perceived racism and discrimination, and participating in community events like the Cameroon International Youth Day Celebration and the ACOMI 20th anniversary.

The ATKCB program is a weekly group session held every Wednesday after school at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate. The program has two primary areas of focus: homework support and personal development. ATKCB attracts youth from across the city and from all demographics including newcomer and Canadian-born youth.

The ATKCB program brings facilitators, tutors, and volunteers together to find better, more sustainable ways to holistically support youth. These leaders help young people navigate through the difficult and exciting times in their life. This year, our program leaders worked with both program participants and their parents in resolving parent-teen conflicts; helped high-school graduates identify their next steps in life; and acted as a key support for youth looking for social and emotional support.

Through the ATKCB program, ACOMI also partnered with several other charitable organizations to help increase young peoples' awareness of community resources and help them build their needs. Organizations like SEED Winnipeg, Mount Carmel, and Sexuality Education came in to talk to the participants about topics such as financial management, self-esteem, and health promotion. This was especially crucial given the challenges many youth in the African community have been facing with the increase of drug abuse and the rise of violent crime and gang culture in the city leading to the deaths of a few African youth.

To this, one of the biggest success of the program has been providing a culturally-relevant safe space for young people to foster friendships, grow academically, develop leadership skills, and learn about respect and tolerance for cultural diversity.

As we hit the mid-way point of the school year, the youth are already looking forward to the annual wrap up event, Africa Night. This event gives youth in the program the opportunity to work together to plan to showcase their talents on stage and behind the scenes as they plan, develop, implement, and perform a show that celebrates multiculturalism in Canada.

On behalf of the youth participants, staff, and volunteers of the ATKCB program, thanks for your support and we look forward to another amazing year!



Resource Centre

The ACOMI Resource Centre is a multi-service Community and Family support Centre and continues to offer social development programs, community-based programs and referral services to members of the African communities, residents of Manitoba Housing units on Kennedy Street and the surrounding neighborhood of Central Park Community. The Centre is managed by the Executive and volunteer staff who run alternative shifts to keep the Centre opened.

Programs and Services

- Drop-in services: Available from Monday to Friday from 1:30 – 3:30 pm (Adults) and 3:30-6:30pm for children. There is a continuous number of "Walk-ins" who need assistance such as seeking information on housing, food, transportation, or wanting to use the public computers and printers. Others come in for assistance with filling immigration papers, employment forms, and writing resumes. There has been an average of 3500 people coming in each month to use the Centre.
- Income Tax Preparation: The Centre works with the Canada Revenue Agency Volunteer Free Income Tax Preparation. Our Volunteer Dave Jeanson prepared 1,235 income tax returns for low-income families with about \$1 Million tax refunds.
- Computers access to the Community: Available from Mondays to Fridays. There are many drop-ins who use our public computers for checking emails, connecting to social media sites, writing resumes, surfing the internet or playing games.
- Information and Referrals Services: Provided upon request.
- Basic Computer Assistance: Offered on demand.
- Outreach program: Offered when the needs arise.
- ACOMI/Manitoba Housing Tenants Advisory Committee: The Centre in collaboration with Manitoba Housing works to promote wellness, self-development, and community development in the Manitoba public housing units on Kennedy Street. The Tenants Advisory Committee holds meetings once a month to enable the Resource Centre to stay on top of issues and programming needs of the community and works with the Tenants Service Coordinator and Community Development, Jason Simonson. The Housing units under this Tenant Advisory Group are numbers 355, 357, 388, 400, and 421 on Kennedy Street.



RESOURCE CENTRE ACTIVITIES

- Some activities held at the Centre are:
- Nutritious Food Bingo: Held every two weeks, tenants can win a fruit basket or supper basket.
- Movie nights: Once a month for all tenants and their children.
- After School Program: The Centre provides snacks, computer programs, facilitates art and crafts activities, allows use of the smart board and different kinds of games for the children in the neighborhood.
- Snack Program: The Centre works in collaboration with Winnipeg Harvest to offer snacks for programming and for clients.
- Meeting Services: Community Organizations continue to use the Centre for meetings and forums.
- Driver's License Education: The drivers in-class education lessons take place on Sundays from 12:00 Noon to 2:00pm. The class is offered in the Somali language by Mr. Marcus Askar.
- Mother's Day activity: Was held on May 8th and was facilitated by two of the tenants.
- Beach Field Trip: Tenants had a swimming and picnic day at Bird's Hill Beach on July 14th. There were 42 adults and children. The trip was a great success and the Tenants had lots of fun.
- Sporting Games: The Centre receives tickets, donated by United Way and Tenants and their families get opportunities to attend professional sporting games played in the city.
- Zoo Trip: Tenants had another field trip to the Assiniboine Park Zoo on August 24th. It was very exciting and educative exploring the new exhibits called the "Stingrays" and "Journey to Churchill" and the new polar bears.
- BBQ Day: The BBQ day was held on September 14th. There were over 80 people as Tenants, their families and friends were all invited.
- Halloween Party: Tenants together with Volunteer Staff organized a Halloween Night Dance on October 25th. Winners of best costume won prizes.
- Investors Group Christmas Day of caring held on December 5th for community members. Tenant had the chance to attend on their own with their children. All children received gifts.
- Christmas dinner: ACOMI/Manitoba Housing Tenants Advisory Group holds annual Christmas dinner. This year's dinner was held on December 5th at the Knox Church. There were 25 people in attendance.

RESOURCE CENTRE HOURS & LOCATION

Monday – Friday (General Public & Community Groups)

- 9:30am – 1:30 pm - Office Closed to the public
- 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm - Office Open to general public
- 3:30pm – 6:30pm- Office Open to children and youth

Weekends and Holidays (Community Groups)

- 9:00am – 9:00pm: Mainly for community meetings and programs

Come down and visit us!

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Financial Report

Financial Position

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	170,872.00	114,838.00
Term Deposits	35,984.00	35,575.00
Accounts Receivable	14,308.00	868.00
	221,164.00	151,281.00
Property and Equipment	43,522.00	26,585.00
	264,686.00	177,866.00
TOTAL ASSETS	264,686.00	177,866.00
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	3,498.00	630.00
Deferred Revenue	70,328.00	2,833.00
Deferred Revenue - Capital	18,302.00	-
Total Liabilities	92,128.00	3,463.00
Net Assets	172,558.00	174,403.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	264,686.00	177,866.00



Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	2019	2018
Revenue		
Grant Revenue	82,412.00	54,535.00
Folklorama Income	63,823.00	52,211.00
Donations	8,987.00	5,961.00
Total Revenue	155,222.00	112,707.00
Expenses		
Advertising and Promotion	3,351.00	692.00
Amortization	9,159.00	-
Community Outreach	146.00	901.00
Donations	3,968.00	-
Equipment Rentals	-	461.00
Folklorama Expenses	47,214.00	40,748.00
Insurance	131.00	674.00
Interest and bank Charges	139.00	144.00
Licenses	165.00	1,125.00
Meal and Entertainment	4,368.00	2,644.00
Office	7,647.00	879.00
Professional Fees	5,478.00	4,997.00
Project Events	5,933.00	9,610.00
Rentals	8,069.00	7,762.00
Repairs and Maintenance	878.00	301.00
Salaries and Wages	48,569.00	20,015.00
Utilities	2,944.00	2,381.00
Volunteer Expenses	9,282.00	10,599.00
Total Expenditure	157,441.00	103,933.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue...		
over Expenses From Operations	-2,219.00	8,774.00
Other Income	374.00	6.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue	-1,845.00	8,780.00

Note: An independent auditors' report and a complete set of financial statements are available from: Acomi, 101-421 Kennedy Street, Winnipeg MB. R3B 2N2



Thank you to all our supporters!

We couldn't have done this without you.

FUNDERS

African Canadian Resource Network
Assiniboine Credit Union
Canadian Heritage
Employment and Social Development Canada
Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada
Knights of Columbus
Manitoba Basketball African Association (MBAA)
Manitoba Housing
Province of Manitoba Urban/Hometown Green Team
Success Skills Manitoba
United Way Winnipeg
Winnipeg Foundation
Winnipeg Police Services Endowment Fund



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Titi Tijani, President

Occupation: Manager of Tenant Services
Service with ACOMI: 21 years

Mandela M. Kuet, Vice-President/Acting ED

Occupation: Community Coordinator
Service with ACOMI: 2 years

Tolu Ilelaboye, Secretary

Occupation: Project Manager
Service with ACOMI: 6 years

Blandine Tona, Deputy Secretary

Occupation: Programs & Evaluation Manager
Service with ACOMI: 3 years

Frank Indome, Treasurer/Acting ED (VMNW Project)

Occupation: Software Developer
Service with ACOMI: 13 years

Mohammed Gibril Koroma, Public Relations Officer

Occupation: Social Worker
Service with ACOMI: 6 years

Raymond Ngarboui, Deputy Public Relations Officer

Occupation: Program Coordinator
Service with ACOMI: 3 years

Abdirahman Isse, Member-At-Large

Occupation: Social Worker
Service with ACOMI: 7 years

Joseph Fofanah, Member-At-Large

Occupation: High School Teacher
Service with ACOMI: 11 years

Maggie Yeboah, Member-At-Large

Occupation: Social Worker
Service with ACOMI: 21 years

STAFF AND INTERNS

Maggie Yeboah, Facilities and Volunteer Coordinator
David Jeanson, Resource Center Coordinator/Income Tax Volunteer
Joseph Fofanah, Youth Programs Coordinator
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Amira Khalifah, Support Worker
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Anak Akeen, Summer Student
Saleh Alimasi, Summer Student



AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

African Movie Festival in Manitoba (AM-FM)
Amicale des Guineens de Manitoba
Association Des Maliens Au Manitoba
Aweil Community of Manitoba
Burundian Association of Manitoba
Canada Sierra Leone Friendship Society Inc.
Canada Interaid Link Inc.
Canadian African Muslim Women's Association*
Congoese Community of Manitoba, Inc.
Council of South Sudanese Community of Manitoba Inc.
D.R. Congo Association of Manitoba
Egbe Omo Yoruba in Manitoba
Eritrean Community in Winnipeg Inc.
Ethiopian Society of Winnipeg
Ghanaian Union of Manitoba Inc.
GPD-Foundation: Girls with Pride and Dignity*
Group Action For Peace
Kenyan Association of Manitoba
Ivory Coast Youth Association of Winnipeg

Liberian Canadian Association of Manitoba Inc.
Manitoba Somali Association
Manitoba Women for Women of South Sudan*
Nigerian Association of Manitoba Inc. (NAMI)
Okin International Club of Canada
Oromo Association of Manitoba
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Sierra Leone Nationals of Manitoba Inc. (SALNAM)
Somali Cultural Center of Manitoba Inc.
Sous le Baobab (Cameroon)
South African Association of Manitoba
Ugandan Canadian Association of Manitoba
UMUCYO Association (Rwanda)
United Brothers and Sisters
Umunna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba Inc.
We Yone Palaver Hut Project Inc.
Winnipeg Somali Youth League
Zambian Association of Manitoba
Zimbabwe Association of Manitoba

*Indicates new membership



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