



## 2021 Annual Report

# Our Vision

Lasting health change in Africa



# Our Mission

To increase sustainable health access to communities in Africa through solutions in human resources for health, health service delivery, and investments in health

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The photos on the front cover of the 2021 Annual Report feature Hayat Peter, a nurse at the Juba Teaching Hospital in the Republic of South Sudan, who provides essential health care to women during pregnancy and delivery. Hayat has received training through Amref. Hayat (left) is pictured with one of her patients.

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# Year In Review

Thank you from our Board Chair and Executive Director

We'll probably always remember 2021 as Year Two of the COVID-19 pandemic and also the year that we saw massive COVID-19 vaccine rollouts across Canada, and other high-income countries.

It is also the year that global vaccine (in)equity came into sharp focus. The countries where Amref Health Africa works received very little, if any, supply of COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. In response, we launched a strong global campaign that generated over 200,000 signatures and significantly raised our profile as one of the leading global health organizations pushing for vaccine equity.

We also focused on other measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, including the provision of masks, handwashing stations, and accurate and up-to-date prevention information. Pages 6 and 7 of this Annual Report cover the highlights from our COVID-19 Response project in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi and Senegal that received the financial support of the Government of Canada, Canadian foundations and our Canadian donors.

Throughout the pandemic, we have worked hard to ensure that essential health services continue in the communities where we work. Pregnant women still need access to pre- and post-natal care; babies and toddlers still need to be immunized against measles, polio and other potentially deadly diseases; and, young people still need access to sexual and reproductive health information and services. Amref Health Africa's core work has continued while we respond to the COVID-19 health emergency.

In 2021, we maintained our focus on building a strong, diverse funding base through support from individual Canadians, foundations, companies and the Government of Canada. We know that reaching our vision of lasting health change in Africa requires people from many different walks of life to come together. We are grateful for the tremendous support of Canadians from coast to coast to coast, even while facing their own challenges during the pandemic.

As you read our 2021 Annual Report, we hope that you will feel proud of the change that your support made possible. Thank you.



**René Beaudoin**  
*Chair, Board of Directors*



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*Executive Director*



# Global Accomplishments

## 2021 Impact

A snapshot of Amref Health Africa's impact in 2021, made possible by our supporters in Canada and around the world.



**20.1 million people** reached directly through **195** projects in sub-Saharan Africa.



**163,000+ health workers** in the community and at health clinics trained on essential health topics, including COVID-19.



**86,000+ health workers** provided with personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks, gloves and gowns, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while working.



**48,000+ COVID tests** conducted by the Amref Medical Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.



**Facilitated 500,000+ people** in getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and more than **one million** people in accessing a first dose of a vaccine.



**550,000+ people** received access to testing for HIV/AIDS, **250,000+** for malaria and almost **500,000** for Tuberculosis (TB). HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB are the three biggest infectious disease killers in sub-Saharan Africa. Access to accurate testing is essential for ensuring people get the right treatment.



**230,000+ children** vaccinated against measles, diphtheria, polio and other potential deadly diseases through Amref-supported health facilities.



**200,000+ people** received access to clean water, and **350,000+** to improved sanitation, such as toilets. Improving access to clean water and sanitation helps to prevent illnesses, such as diarrhea and cholera.



**400,000+ people** gained access to soap, hand sanitizer and other essential products to improve hygiene.

# Support In Action

## Better Toilets, Better Health

Meet Samson Gisiri Chacha, a volunteer community health worker in northern Tanzania's Serengeti district. Samson receives regular training from Amref Health Africa on public health issues and then goes on to become a trainer, ambassador, and leader in the communities he serves. Most recently, Samson received training via Amref Health Africa's FINISH (Financial Inclusion Improves Sanitation & Health) project, which aims to significantly increase safe sanitation and health for all through a number of initiatives, including the building of toilets.



*"I got training from Amref Health Africa, and I was able to grow and be able to provide seminars to the citizens and they were ready to be inspired and motivated to build toilets and maintain our clean environment with the households and the village at large," Samson says with pride, smiling.*

*"Before the start of the project, we had poor toilets. There was rapid spread of diseases like diarrhea, dysentery, and typhoid; but, since I got educated, I was able to create awareness on the importance of having toilets for each household and this has since changed. People no longer fall sick from disease outbreaks," says Samson.*

The FINISH project is a partnership among Amref, WASTE, Aqua for All, and receives financial support from the Dutch government.

Photo by: Adrian Mgaya, Amref Health Africa in Tanzania.

## Bringing Health Care to Communities

Everyone has the right to access health care, no matter where they live. In Uganda, Amref Health Africa is reaching people who live far away from health centres by bringing essential services to them. This community-level outreach has been vital during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Working with the Ugandan Ministry of Health, we took health services to Olinga Village in Amuru District, with a focus on mother, newborn and child health.



*"By taking health care services to communities, service providers reach people who may not normally have easy access to or are less likely to attend a [health] facility, and for this village many women suffer complications during childbirth because they can't afford transport to access medical care at distant health centres and hospitals," says Ms. Odkonyerao Margaret Akoti, the District Assistant Health Officer.*

Mary, 32, is one of the women who attended the community outreach clinic. She's a mother of three children, and was four months pregnant at the time of the clinic. She lives in a remote village with poor roads and no transportation. The closest health facility is 30 kilometres away, which makes it difficult for her to get health care when she needs it. Mary's lack of access to health services during pregnancy resulted in the death of two of her newborns.

At the community outreach, Mary received pre-natal care, including medicine to prevent malaria during her pregnancy, iron tablets to treat anemia and a Tetanus Toxoid (TT) vaccination.

Photo by: Watanda Ambrose.

# Project Update: COVID-19 Response

We wrapped up the second year of our COVID-19 Response project in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi and Senegal, which was made possible with the financial support of the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada, individual donors, and foundations.

We worked hand-in-hand with governments and communities to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic based on the local needs of each country. This included providing personal protective equipment to health workers and addressing challenges made worse by the pandemic, such as sexual and gender-based violence. The project also ensured communities and health workers had access to accurate information about COVID-19 vaccines and provided essential support for vaccine delivery.



**33+ million people** reached through all project activities.



**29,000+ community health workers** trained on recognizing the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, slowing community spread, the role of vaccines in preventing severe illness and much more.



**4,000+ health workers** at clinics trained on treating patients who contracted COVID-19, preventing the spread of COVID-19 among patients, doctors, nurses and other health clinic staff, and providing vaccines.



## Ethiopia: Integrated Support for Sexual and Gender-based Violence Survivors



To improve care and support for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence during and after COVID-19, we partnered with Jinka General Hospital in the South Omo zone of Ethiopia to support a special one-stop centre. The centre provides medical treatment, psychosocial support and legal services in a coordinated manner. Amref Health Africa worked in close collaboration with the South Omo Health Office and Jinka General Hospital to ensure that the centre is fully equipped and staffed with relevant personnel.

*"We used to treat SGBV cases in collaboration with another unit in only one room and we focused on clinical management. With the support of the Government of Canada, through Amref Health Africa, we were able to set up four separate rooms to serve survivors. The project has trained individuals and provided equipment and supplies which have assisted us in providing various integrated services," says Banchiwosen Assefa, gender-based violence coordinator at Jinka General Hospital.*



## Kenya: Dignity Packs Essential during COVID-19



During the COVID-19 pandemic, cases of sexual and gender-based violence are reported to be on the increase in Migori and Homa Bay counties in Kenya. COVID-19 has intensified the communities' already fragile social-economic status, pushing some members to extreme poverty which has led to some parents not being able to provide basic menstrual supplies to their daughters. Ensuring teenage girls have access to menstrual hygiene products plays an important role in preventing SGBV as oftentimes girls are taken advantage of by men who offer to provide or fund these necessities.

*"Most of the adolescent girls in this community are unable to afford sanitary towels because of high levels of poverty. Currently, we have three cases of girls who were forced to expose themselves to early pregnancy in exchange for sanitary kits," says Lucy Nsoto, a Community Health Assistant in Kuria West sub-county.*

Amref Health Africa provided dignity packs for girls at 122 schools. Each dignity pack contained a four months' supply of sanitary towels, cotton underwear, toothbrushes, soap, and toothpaste



## Malawi: COVID-19 Training through Mobile Phones



Susan Makina, 51, is a volunteer community health worker in Tambala Mseleleka village in Malawi. When the pandemic hit, Susan and her fellow community health workers needed training on how to prevent and treat the disease.

Amref Health Africa used our mobile learning platform, called Leap, to train Susan and nearly 6,000 other CHWs quickly and safely. Leap works on basic mobile phones without needing to access the Internet.

*"I have held sensitization meetings in my village and other neighbouring villages on COVID-19 and its preventive measures. I have also shared messages with my village savings and loans group. Having the content on the phone allows us to access it whenever we need it and the group chats allow us to ask for additional information from our colleagues," says Susan.*



## Senegal: Informing Communities\*



Dieynaba Seydi is a community health champion in the Sikilo neighbourhood in Kolda, Senegal. She describes how Amref Health Africa provided essential training about COVID-19 while following safety measures to prevent transmission of the disease.

*"The project took place in a particular context due to COVID-19 marked by restrictions, such as the ban on gatherings and travel.*

*Amref Health Africa, as part of the response to this pandemic, implemented an innovative approach to training by organizing distance learning courses, which allowed us not only to protect ourselves but also to protect others while respecting the restriction measures taken by the country's authorities.*

*Thanks to this training, we were able to carry out all the awareness activities planned in the project to better help our communities to stop the spread of COVID-19."*

\*translated from French

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## Vaccine Solidarity with Africa Update

In 2021, Amref Health Africa in Canada contributed to an active global movement to address the unjust distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, with a specific focus on Africa.

In collaboration with Amref offices around the world, we collectively developed the **Vaccine Solidarity with Africa** campaign designed to take action and raise awareness and funds in response to the global pandemic. Our efforts focused on supporting governments in getting vaccines into arms, setting up COVID-19 vaccination centres, training more health workers to become vaccinators, combatting vaccine misinformation, and educating communities about COVID-19 vaccines.

Together with our valued donors, Amref Health Africa in Canada raised over \$65,000 in 2021 to help support communities dealing with the challenges of the pandemic. We still have a great deal of work ahead of us, as we remain committed to making sure no one is left behind, even in the most remote communities.

With our dedicated donors, partners and staff here in Canada and around the world, we are bringing real change on a daily basis. Thank you for continuing to be a part of the journey and solution with us!

To learn more and to support our **Vaccine Solidarity with Africa** campaign please visit [www.amrefcanada.org/vaccinesolidarity](http://www.amrefcanada.org/vaccinesolidarity)



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SOLIDARITY  
WITH AFRICA**

# 2021 Financial Report

Revenue	2021	2020
Institutional/ Government of Canada Funding	2,808,760	7,692,483
Foundation	107,960	197,922
Individual	828,193	481,398
Investment Income	109,854	33,057
Government of Canada Wage Subsidy	4,305	145,729
Administration Fees	13,338	126
Amortization of deferred Contributions	208	260
Amref Health Africa Global	517,925	460,682
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,390,543</b>	<b>9,011,657</b>

Expenditures		
Disbursements to Projects in Africa	4,541,147	5,538,833
Project Support	330,769	327,538
<b>Projects and Project Support</b>	<b>4,871,916</b>	<b>5,866,371</b>
Public Awareness	52,762	53,903
Marketing solicitation	852,303	589,151
Other fundraising	167,479	122,114
	<b>1,072,544</b>	<b>765,168</b>
Administration	318,774	279,444
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,263,234</b>	<b>6,910,983</b>
<b>Surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>(1,872,691)</b>	<b>2,100,674</b>

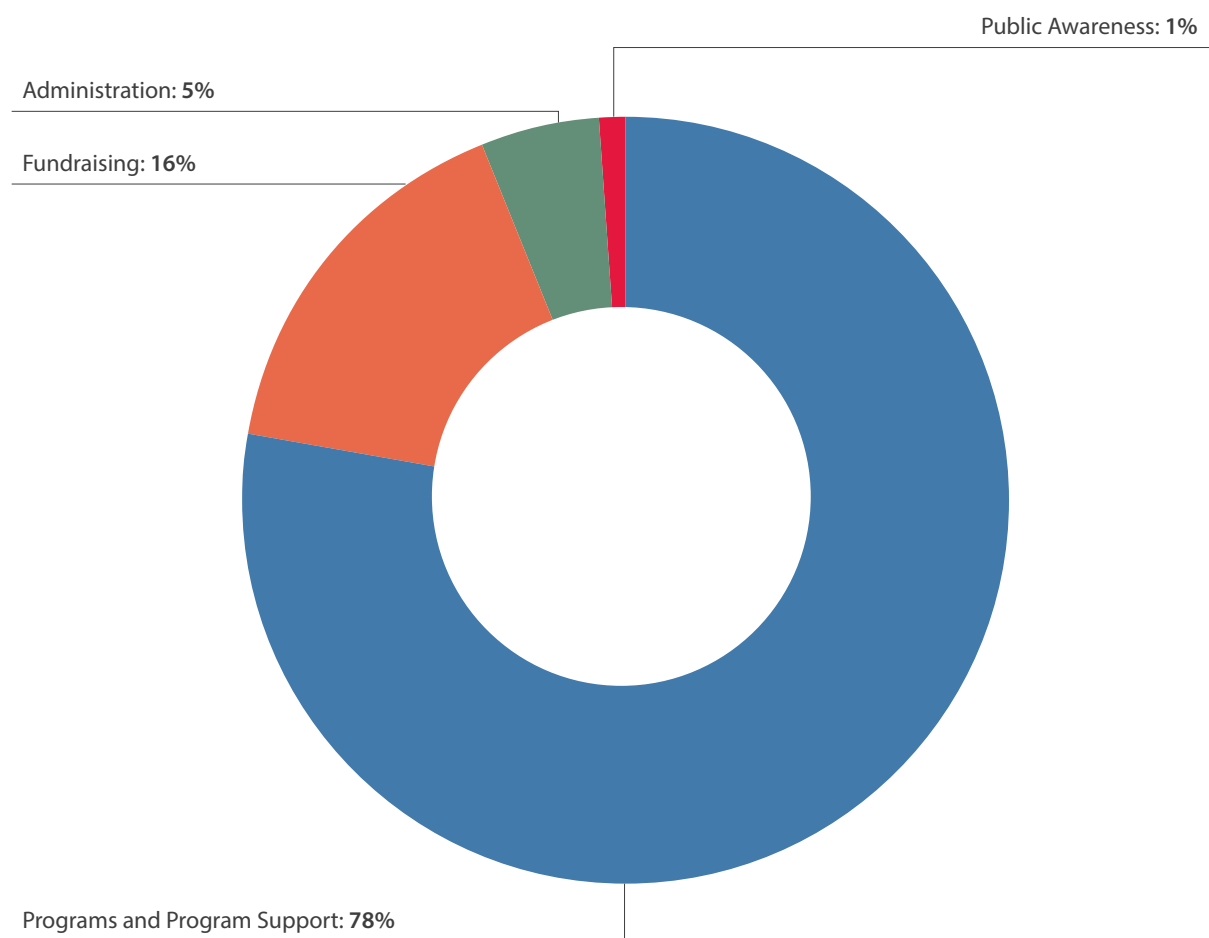
## Statement of Financial Position

Operating Assets	1,216,141	608,955
Restricted project funds available for disbursement	1,537,088	4,182,104
Development Funds	705,575	620,690
Capital Assets	10,090	10,146
	<b>3,468,894</b>	<b>5,421,895</b>
Liabilities	372,922	453,232
Net Assets	3,095,972	4,968,663
	<b>3,468,894</b>	<b>5,421,895</b>

## 2021 Expenditures

● Programs and Program Support	4,871,916
● Fundraising	1,019,782
● Administration	318,774
● Public Awareness	52,762

<b>Total</b>	<b>6,263,234</b>
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**Note 1:** Amref Health Africa International together with Amref Flying Doctors in the Netherlands is contributing to the growth and development of fundraising capacity in the Canadian office. Through this new international cooperation, the initiative will improve the financial stability and sustainability of Amref Health Africa in Canada for the longer term. Total investment is €1.7 million over 5 years.

**Note 2:** Disbursements include funds to Amref Health Africa offices in Africa as well as funds to Canadian-based partners for project implementation activities in Africa. Funds disbursed to Canadian-based partners in 2021 was \$211,825.





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