Dear Friend of Africare,

Bill Gates recently observed that he has been traveling to Africa for more than two decades and that he “wish[es] others could come along so they could see what [he] see[s]: a young continent filled with optimism and innovation.” We see what he sees. Africa is full of hope and innovation! People are thirsty for democratic governance and getting their thirst quenched. They are hungry for investment and being satiated by unrivaled growth. They are looking to chart their own future and reaping the fruits of their labor. We share in their dreams and ambitions, and we continue to partner with Africans in cities and towns, on farms and in villages to help them achieve their full potential. It is an exciting time to be a partner in social development on the continent, and we take that responsibility as seriously today as we have done for the last 48 years.

Through advances in technology, trade, and development, Africa is more connected than ever to the global community. Africare has been honored to be part of that transformation. We are proud of the innovative tools and techniques Africare is bringing to the continent, while remaining true to our time-tested model of community engagement and capacity-building. Working together with the communities we serve, we have made demonstrative progress in agriculture, food security, health, nutrition, and youth empowerment. In FY17, we expanded our portfolio through a merger with Accorda Global Health Foundation, strengthening our work in building healthcare capacity in the region, and infusing our leadership and international program teams with new talent and perspectives.

Every single day we commit ourselves to working in partnership with the people of Africa to build sustainable, healthy, and productive communities. Thanks to a new senior leadership team, and an engaged and supportive Board, Africare has made great strides over the past couple of years, confronting its most stubborn problems, realigning the organization to achieve more nimbleness and accountability, preserving the best of our traditions, and changing what must change to create a stronger Africare. Our work is never complete, and every day at Africare, we remain focused. Focused on leadership. Focused on our work. Focused on improving the lives of those we serve. And, focused on the generous donors who support our mission.

We could not be where we are today without your support. Together, we have provided vital assistance to tens of millions of men, women, and children across the African continent over the past 48 years. Today, our mission to improve the quality of life of the people in Africa remains as urgent as ever. Please join us as we help to build a brighter future for all of Africa.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Cashin  
Chairman of the Board

Robert L. Mallett  
President & Chief Executive Officer
About Africare

Africare is committed to improving the quality of life of people in Africa. Since our founding in 1970, Africare has delivered more than $1 billion in assistance to tens of millions of men, women, and children across the African continent. Africare’s coverage is among the widest and deepest of any organization working in Africa, representing thousands of projects in 36 countries since inception.

Our almost entirely African staff has an unparalleled knowledge of the continent — its challenges and opportunities. Our insight into local culture, values, and customs leads to a thorough understanding of community dynamics. Through our direct community engagement, we have nurtured valuable relationships with key local figures, ranging from community leaders and traditional authorities to presidents and prime ministers. This unique perspective has allowed Africare to develop a holistic approach to partnering with African people to build sustainable, healthy, and productive communities.
Africare has been addressing food security challenges across the African continent for nearly fifty years, by strengthening farming communities. Our approach focuses on direct interaction with farmers, with an end goal of increasing production, connecting farms to markets, minimizing post-harvest loss, and training communities in techniques that will contribute to strengthening their food security.

Today, a transformation in agriculture is taking place across the African continent. Agricultural production is steadily becoming one of the most important economic sectors in the majority of African countries, with approximately 75% of Africans relying on agriculture for their livelihoods. History has demonstrated that agriculture, particularly the developed agribusiness and agro-industry, is transforming Africa into a continent that can feed itself.

Communities in Africa recognize the lack of food security, particularly as it affects nutrition, and seek to solve the challenge, not just through increasing production to feed their families, but also by increasing income to purchase food, reducing food loss, and promoting farmer participation in the market.

Africare’s work with small farmers and communities in post-harvest agriculture concentrates on why and how agriculture systems are changing in order to reduce loss, diversify crops, generate income, and solidify livelihood resilience to combat environmental and price shocks. Our interventions are designed to account for local socio-economic factors, such as gender and cultural considerations that often contribute to smallholder farmers’ ability to succeed.

“No group has addressed Africa’s agricultural problems better than Africare.”

—GEORGE H.W. BUSH, FORMER UNITED STATES PRESIDENT
Focus on agriculture and food security

Africare Agriculture and Food Security Program Highlights:

→ Educated **33,000** smallholder farmers in Ghana on the benefits of using Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM) technology and developed a package of ISFM technologies that boosted the productivity of maize by **153%**.

→ Empowered **273** youth in Tanzania to increase income, create employment, and improve livelihoods by training them in the poultry business.

→ Introduced **7** American high-yielding potato varieties to the agricultural system of Burkina Faso to improve incomes of small potato producers.

→ Lifted **7,415** farmers in **3** rural districts in Zambia out of poverty in less than two years through the introduction of Savings and Internal Lending Community groups.

→ Constructed **10** new dams and **4** dip tanks and rehabilitated **2** irrigation schemes and **1,395** hectares of rangeland in Zimbabwe to improve farming communities’ resilience to climatic shocks.

→ Increased the number of households in the Sahel region of Burkina Faso with acceptable food consumption by **11.1%** through supporting agro-pastoralists in their response to climatic shocks.
Spotlight: Creating a community resource to support farmers in Ghana

Farming is the main source of food security and income generation for most households in Ghana, especially in the Volta Region. The region is known for abundant land, plentiful water, and rich soils. However, farming communities continue to experience significant challenges. Low utilization of modern technology and limited access to agriculture training and services make it difficult for them to produce enough food to sustain their households, let alone to grow their farming business.

To overcome these challenges, Africare partnered with Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) in Ghana to increase food security and production for farmers. Phase I of the project benefited 33,000 smallholder farmers. Africare developed a package of Integrated Soil Fertility Management technologies that boosted the productivity of maize by 153%. As Africare partnered with the farmers in the region, it quickly became clear that a root cause of the farmers’ challenges was a lack of a permanent community resource to support farmers.

Africare designed One Stop Centers (OSC)—physical structures established in the community to support farmers and boost agriculture. Each OSC includes a warehouse; a processing platform, where farmers can dry, process, and store their produce for sale; a community library; and a training center, where farmers can learn new high-yield farming technologies. The OSC is also equipped with an agricultural shop, where local communities have easier access to fertilizers and other products essential for farming.

Today, Africare has constructed six OSCs across six districts in the Volta Region, supporting over 20,000 farmers in 500 communities. The OSCs have become a gathering place for farmers to meet and share best practices, and to learn new farming technologies. Nine thousand agriculture input dealers have been trained to provide seeds and other farming materials to the centers, drastically reducing the distance farmers have to travel to purchase these essential supplies. A maize sheller has also been added to the newly constructed OSCs to reduce burden and time for farmers processing maize.

Africare’s One Stop Centers have been a game changer in the Volta Region. Farmers now have access to the resources required to diversify their crops, increase farm-yields, and boost their income. This means stronger and more resilient communities.
“I used to travel from Atonkor to Jasikan to buy fertilizer for my farm. The cost of transportation adds up to my cost of production. But with the construction of the OSC in my community, I am able to buy fertilizer here in Atonkor without having to travel to get it. I now save the cost of transportation to buy other household needs. Before the construction of the OSC, I used to pack my produce in my living room and kitchen, leaving us very limited space to move around in the house. I had no other options. My wife resorted to cooking in the open, since the kitchen was mostly occupied with farm produce. But now that we have an OSC in our community, all our produce is being stored in the warehouse. We now have adequate space in our kitchen, and our children no longer have to sleep in discomfort. I am very happy and grateful to Africare for constructing an OSC in our community.”

— MR. BERNARD AKAKPO, A FARMER FROM ATONKOR, GHANA
Africare is committed to reducing malnutrition and expanding access to, and options for, nutritious foods to improve health across the African continent. Nutrition is key to survival, wellness, and productivity — the foundation stones for social and economic development in sub-Saharan Africa. Young children and young mothers are particularly vulnerable to poor nutrition, and many of our programs target these and other vulnerable groups, including the displaced, disabled, and orphaned. Nearly 75% of all Africare projects—across health, HIV/AIDS, emergency relief, agriculture, economic empowerment, and food security—incorporate nutrition activities.

Historically, nutrition interventions were included only in health programs. Africare’s programs in nutrition span both health and agriculture and include, not only food availability and access, but also food utilization. Africare also follows the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Essential Nutrition Action Framework,1 focusing on the first 1,000 days in the life of the child as the model for advocating, planning, and implementing our integrated interventions on maternal and child nutrition. Africare takes a whole-of-community approach to improved nutrition, securing buy-in from traditional and faith-based leaders to ensure broad participation and support. Community members learn how to select and grow nutritionally-dense vegetables supplemented with animal products to improve their nutrition; educate participants on the impact of improved nutrition for themselves and their children; and empower them to share this critical knowledge with their neighbors.

“Nutrition is an investment in our collective future, in the potential of individuals, communities and nations.”

— BILL GATES

Africare Nutrition Program Highlights:

→ Reduced childhood stunting by 27% in Tanzania in the areas where Africare implements its Mwanzo Bora Nutrition Program.

→ Reached 48,276 children and 8,859 pregnant women in Senegal with nutrition interventions, including promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and vitamin A and iron supplementation.

→ Reduced malnutrition in Malawi through outreach to 11,800 pregnant and lactating women and 99,000 children under five with high-impact nutrition interventions.

→ Established home vegetable and fruit gardens and/or small livestock farms for 5,644 households in Tanzania to improve access to diverse nutritional food sources.

→ Decreased moderate acute malnutrition by 6.6% for children under five and by 2.5% for pregnant and breastfeeding women in the Tambacounda Region of Senegal.

→ Launched a randomized controlled trial with 3,700 children in Malawi that aims to enhance brain development and cognitive recovery for the roughly 3 million children per year who receive Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) to treat severe acute malnutrition.
Spotlight: Breaking the cycle of malnutrition in Tanzania

Approximately 33.4 percent of children under the age of five in the Morogoro Region of Tanzania experience stunting — a condition resulting from chronic malnutrition. This lack of adequate nutrition robs children of physical strength and impairs their cognitive development.

Ramiya describes her first child, Sam, as sickly and vulnerable to a range of ailments since birth. Without access to a variety of foods, or knowledge of proper nutrition, Ramiya relied on tradition to decide what to feed her son.

When the Mwanzo Bora Nutrition Program (MBNP) came to her community in 2012, Ramiya quickly became involved. MBNP is a USAID-funded consortium led by Africare that aims to break the cycle of malnutrition and anemia by focusing on improved nutrition in the first 1,000 days of development — from the mother’s pregnancy through the child’s second birthday. This is when growing bodies and growing minds need proper nutrients to develop and give the child “a good start,” which is what “Mwanzo Bora” means in Kiswahili.

The program has been a big success. Over the past five years, MBNP has contributed to reducing childhood stunting in Tanzania by 27%. It focuses on the diet of pregnant women, the importance of breastfeeding, and the introduction of nutritious weaning foods.

Community health workers and agriculture extension workers organize peer support groups and training in their villages. This has proven highly effective at changing the way both mothers and fathers view nutrition. Ramiya’s village is one of almost 9,000 villages MBNP has reached since its inception in 2011, benefiting close to 1.5 million women across Tanzania.

Ramiya’s home is now a testament to the program’s success. She grows her own vegetables, and her family is raising rabbits. Perhaps the most telling proof of the program’s impact on Ramiya’s family is in her bright eyed three-year old, Tunda.

Tunda means “fruit” in Kiswahili. She is Ramiya’s second child. Ramiya is putting to good use everything she has learned from Africare’s MBNP program to ensure her entire family has a nutrient-rich diet. After Tunda was exclusively breastfed for the first six months, Ramiya started to introduce high-nutrition foods like porridge with a mixture of maize, rice, millet, and groundnuts. Tunda is thriving.

The whole family is now reaping the benefits of a diversified diet and an economically stable household. Sam, Ramiya’s first son, is healthier and doing better in school. Ramiya’s experience is a powerful demonstration of how knowledge can empower communities to make positive behavior changes and build nutritional practices that are sure to bear fruit for years to come.
MBNP is aligned with the Government of Tanzania’s National Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Action Plan, and USAID’s Multi-Sectoral Nutrition and Global Food Security Strategy. A key focus of the MBNP is to promote 17 key health and nutrition behaviors that impact the first 1,000 days of the life of a child using two specially designed kits:

→ The 1000 Days (Parent) Kit or “Mkoba wa Siku 1000” for optimal nutrition practices in the first 1,000 days of the life of a child, gives caregivers clear and feasible steps to take during each stage of growth.

→ The Dietary Diversity Kit promotes supportive behaviors such as joint household decision-making in improved household food production and consumption, hygiene, and income generation.

The kits are the result of an intense and all-inclusive, three-year development process, which began with the Tanzania National Nutrition Strategy as its foundation, in addition to inputs from partners and stakeholders. The MBNP 1,000 Day Kit has been so successful that the Tanzania government has adopted it as a national tool to be used to implement nutrition practices and interventions across the country.
Sub-Saharan Africa faces the world’s most serious health problems—from the rates of child mortality, HIV & AIDS, and deaths by preventable diseases to the availability of clinical and medical personnel—and yet has the fewest resources to solve them.

Africare’s strength lies in its ability to work deeply with and within communities, mobilizing local resources to achieve results in a wide array of health programs. In all its programs, Africare employs community outreach approaches, working with local health resource persons to improve access to and utilization of services. Culturally and context-sensitive channels of communication in a format and language best suited for the communities we are serving are key.

**Africare focuses in the following areas:**

→ **Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (MNCH),** covering a spectrum of interventions including antenatal care, emergency obstetric and newborn care and maternal waiting homes.

→ **HIV & AIDS,** taking a continuum of care approach by addressing prevention, case detection, and care and treatment working with the most-at-risk groups.

→ **Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC),** strengthening community health systems for support and also providing direct support to caregivers.

→ **Malaria,** focusing on proven malaria prevention, diagnosis, and treatment interventions, including long-lasting insecticidal nets and artemisinin-based combination therapy.

→ **Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH),** closing the sanitation gap by providing access to clean water and developing behavior change campaigns to improve sanitation.

→ **Health Systems & Capacity Building,** strengthening the capacity of communities to receive essential primary care and preparing communities for outbreak response.

“When a mother dies, the entire village crumbles.”

— CHIEF MWASELUNDAZI, LUNDAZI DISTRICT
Africare Health Program Highlights:

→ Built 12 maternal waiting homes in Zambia, which have already housed 3,547 pregnant women as they await delivery and receive postpartum care.

→ Delivered significant improvements in malaria testing accuracy, efficient use of resources, and quality health service delivery for more than 90,000 patients in Nigeria.

→ Achieved 0 mother-to-child transmission in health facilities Africare’s HIV/AIDS programs serve in the Cape regions of South Africa.

→ Provided community-based care and support for 152,321 orphans and vulnerable children in Tanzania with a comprehensive package of health and other social services.

→ Distributed 4,674,799 long-lasting insecticidal nets in Benin, giving a coverage rate of over 90% across 20 health zones served.

→ Educated more than 65,900 children and adults on sanitation practices and safeguarding their water across 62 villages in Zambia, achieving 100% household latrine coverage.
Spotlight: Creating safe places for women to give birth in Zambia

Rural women in Zambia face numerous challenges that inhibit their access to obstetric care, endangering their lives as well as the lives of their unborn babies. Many must travel long distances to get to the nearest health facility, over tough terrain, with few, if any, options for transportation. Even if they are able to reach a facility, they often have poor access to high-quality services. As a result, every day in Zambia, women and infants are dying largely from preventable complications that arise during the critical period of labor, delivery, and the immediate 24-hour period after a woman gives birth.

Africare and the Mother Shelter Alliance (MSA) partnered with the Zambian government to address one of the key challenges that prevents access to care – the distance issue – by creating a safe space near a health facility for women in the later stages of pregnancy to stay and await delivery, and receive postpartum care. The Africare Zambia Mother Shelter Project’s (ZaMS) goal is to create community-driven and self-sustaining Maternal Waiting Homes (MWHs) and to improve women’s access to a skilled birth attendant.

The ZaMS Project has constructed twelve MWHs in the Luapula and Eastern provinces of Zambia, and 3,547 women have utilized the shelters to date. Each maternity home meets a minimum standard of structure and service quality. They are linked to a qualified health facility that can provide at least basic emergency obstetric care, and they are located within a two-hour drive to a more comprehensive emergency obstetric care facility.

The homes have been fully embraced by their communities. The goal is to make these homes sustainable in the long term by empowering communities to effectively manage them and to generate income to support their operations. Income-generating activities, such as mill grinding, pay salaries for staff and provide nutritious meals for mothers. Local governance committees ensure that the shelters are well managed to the full benefit of the community.

Community outreach and education have also been important components of ZaMS. Three hundred twenty-eight community volunteers have been engaged as Safe Motherhood Action Groups (SMAGs) and have been trained on practices that lead to safer pregnancies for the women in their villages. They have been instrumental in encouraging women to utilize the homes. Once at the MWH, pregnant women are educated in postpartum care, newborn care, family planning, and nutrition. They leave the homes better equipped to take care of themselves and their families.
“I and other members of our community are very happy that this waiting home has been built here for pregnant women to wait to give birth. I said to myself, ‘really Africare cares!’ I don’t know what I would have done without this waiting shelter. Today, I have given birth to a healthy, bouncing baby boy.”

— NEW MOTHER, MANO HOME
For more than four decades, Africare has focused on communities and regions most adversely impacted by global hazards. Droughts and floods have had disastrous consequences on communities, affecting their access to food, shelter, and livelihood. In some cases, this has also created refugees or internally displaced persons.

Africare's humanitarian response originally focused on the delivery of food, including more than 30 food aid programs in 20 countries since the mid-1980s.

Today, Africare's extensive field experience, combined with new industry best practices, has deepened our response and refined our approach. Our programs provide for immediate needs, while also targeting sustainable productivity and economic growth to help make households and communities more resilient in the face of future disasters. Africare efforts support the delivery of food aid, provision of emergency health services, water point management and sanitation, functional literacy and school construction, land rehabilitation, and innovations to strengthen food production.

“Africare has led the way in improving the lives of generations of Africans. It has provided hope in the face of famine, flood, social upheaval, and disease.”

— MELINDA GATES, CO-FOUNDER OF THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION
Africare Humanitarian Assistance Program Highlights:

→ Distributed food to 12,350 internally displaced persons in the Timbuktu region of Mali, and also provided supplementary food to 6,163 children under two years old and 3,020 pregnant and breastfeeding women.

→ Mobilized $2 million in essential medical supplies to Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone during the Ebola Outbreak that began in 2014.

→ Built shelters and provided support to 800 Sudanese refugees in Chad.

→ Mobilized 666 communities in Zimbabwe to construct 16,000 latrines to improve sanitation and hygiene.
Spotlight: Creating resiliency during times of drought

The drought in Burkina Faso in 2011 devastated an already resource-poor region. In 2012, an influx of Malian refugees fleeing war in their country put further demands on a region already struggling.

Africare responded to the emerging humanitarian crisis by launching the Rapid Assistance to Pastoralist in The Sahel Region of Burkina Faso (RAPS) project in 2012, funded by the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). Africare’s response, focused on livestock and nutrition, made it possible to lift the state of emergency in the region and helped many poor households recover from the drastic effects of the drought.

Africare has now completed the third phase of the RAPS project, which focused not only on increasing food availability for households, but also addressing high malnutrition in the area. The project monitored the nutrition of more than 12,000 children and 1,500 pregnant women. Learning and Nutrition and Rehabilitation Centers (LNRC) were set up to provide treatment, and 2,472 children were admitted to the centers. Of those admitted, 1,853 had full recoveries.

The RAPS project has also reinforced the resilience of these households to climate shocks by teaching agro-pastoralists how to sustain their economic livelihoods during lean periods.

A sustained economic livelihood is important to mitigate challenges of malnutrition and food insecurity in the future. Agro-pastoralists rely on fodder (dried hay or feed) to feed their animals, but many breeders were not knowledgeable in the practice of harvesting and storing fodder to sustain their cattle during drought periods. Africare worked with the communities to educate them on the best practices for fodder production, which included the best times to mow their crops, storage, and its utilization. Africare also helped the communities diversify food sources by growing a larger variety of vegetables, such as tomatoes, spinach, and onions. RAPS also rehabilitated 30 wells to improve access to water.

Thanks to Africare and RAPS, there was a 13.6% decline in livestock mortality from lack of food and poverty in the region, and extreme poverty rates have declined by about 3.5% for all project beneficiaries. There was also an 11.1% increase in the number of households with acceptable food consumption. The region is also now better prepared to be more resilient in the face of future drought.
“Africare has intervened for only one year, but it feels as if Africare has stayed for several years in my community.

Livestock is the only business I learned from my father. But for several years, nature was not favorable to our business. In addition, the arrival of our Malian brothers, who fled the war in Mali, has added more pressure on our resources. Before the arrival of Africare, we were left to ourselves. I did not know there was a stopgap solution to these difficulties.

Let me begin by saying that Africare intervened for only one year in my town. But it feels as if Africare has stayed for more than a year. With the arrival of Africare, I received training on several very important topics that gave answers to our problems related to rainfall inequality and pressure on natural resources. With Africare, I learned that the breeder must always anticipate. This was confirmed through the activity of fodder-cutting and conservation that enabled me to mow the crop at the right time to store it and use it at the appropriate time, i.e. during dry periods. In addition to that, RAPS taught me that I could produce fodder myself in my farms through double objective seeds. These are seeds that solve human and animal feeding issues at the same time.

Today, with the delay in the settling of the rainy season, there is no fodder. But I have stock to feed my animals, and, especially, my cow, which produces milk for my household. This is a major advantage for me in that I can feed my family from this animal breeding activity, and, despite the difficulties linked with the season, I can take care of myself.

I wish to produce more in the coming years and be seen as a model farmer in my community and participate in training other farmers in the area in fodder-mowing and conservation.”

— KANGUÉ ROUFAYE, AGRO-PASTORALIST, BURKINA FASO
More than 75% of the population in Africa is under the age of 35. This surge of young people, known as the “youth bulge,” presents an opportunity for African youth to lead the transformation of the continent. Africare is investing in the cultivation of this generation to harness their potential to participate fully in the social, economic, and political life of their countries and communities.

Africa is the most rapidly urbanizing continent. It is estimated that, by 2030, 50% of it’s population will live in cities. Youth programs in Africa must take into account this shifting demographic trend. Urban living patterns bring together people with differing ethnicity, language, religion, gender, and political beliefs. Understanding and respecting these differences, as well as acquiring a better understanding of personal life skills related to leadership, community service, health, and personal hygiene, is necessary to prepare youth for a successful future. Africare Youth Empowerment Programs place a strong emphasis on building life skills.

While many African youth are working, they are stuck in a cycle of poverty. They are often underemployed in the informal economy at low wages. Without the right economic opportunities, they may also fall prey to involvement with drugs, violent crime, and extremism. Africare Youth Empowerment Programs place a strong emphasis on economic empowerment and building employment skills.

Africare employs positive, community-based models to help youth access the education and life skills needed to be successful. Africare empowers young Africans to engage productively in their communities, to become resilient individuals, and to play a role in establishing more inclusive economies with gender, religious, and ethnic equity.

“The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow.”
— NELSON MANDELA
FOCUS on youth empowerment

Africare Youth Empowerment Program Highlights:

→ Empowered 687 young people in Tanzania to transform their lives through launching businesses in horticulture, poultry, and beekeeping.

→ Used basketball as a platform in Nigeria to educate 1,200 secondary students in health and life skills, and facilitated student-led community initiatives in hygiene, HIV prevention, and malaria prevention that reached over 25,909 community members.

→ Implemented 5 projects targeting youth in Senegal aimed at promoting their participation in post-harvest agricultural activities and helping them launch agricultural-based enterprises.

→ Improved the competitiveness of girls for admission to university programs in the Delta State of Nigeria through a peer mentoring program that improved health and life skills knowledge by 50% for the girls that participated.
**Spotlight: Motivating youth through the power of sport**

Nigeria is the most populous African country with almost 200 million inhabitants. According to the World Bank, by 2050, the population of Nigeria will reach 400 million, which will make it the fourth most populous country in the world. Of that growing population, 63% of Nigerians are under the age of 24, and 44% of the population is under the age of 15. This generation will shape the future of Nigeria.

Africare is working to harness youth potential through the power of sport. Sports have the capacity to transform the lives of individuals as it bolsters physical, psychological, emotional, and social well-being. In 2013, Africare, in partnership with the National Basketball Association (NBA), the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA), and ExxonMobil, launched “Power Forward,” a youth engagement initiative. Power Forward uses the convening power of basketball to communicate health literacy and life skills. Power Forward has mentored over 1,200 students and impacted over 25,909 community members who benefited from student-led community initiatives on malaria prevention strategies, water sanitation, HIV/AIDS awareness, embracing diversity and more.

Power Forward uses basketball as a platform and leverages engagement with the NBA to draw in youth aged 13 to 16, in 10 secondary schools in the federal capital of Abuja. Power Forward exposes students to life skills and health education, including effective communication, conflict resolution, gender equity, malaria, HIV/AIDS, water, sanitation and hygiene, leadership, and respect for diversity regardless of gender, ethnicity, or religion. In addition to life skill sessions and basketball training, Power Forward encourages students to participate in, and to help shape, their communities. Students are taught to identify challenges within their communities and identify creative ways to face these challenges head on.

The impact on the 1,200 youth who have participated in the program has been profound. Power Forward students have developed the problem solving and leadership skills needed to address many challenges they may face. Graduates of the program have also engaged in community service, improved their academic scores, acquired leadership positions within their schools and communities, and have graduated from secondary school to attend university. Their communities have also benefited from the program. Student-led events have distributed thousands of insecticide-treated bednets to prevent malaria, engaged the community in malaria and HIV education, testing and treatment, and promoted handwashing and proper sanitation.

Africare’s Power Forward program is transforming youth into powerful change agents for their communities.
“I had no concern for sports or health and wellness, but Power Forward has helped me with that.

My experience in the Power Forward program has taught me a lot of things. I used to be very shy and introverted, and I would always avoid anything related to publicity. Neither did I pay much attention to careful decision making. I also didn’t really understand why respect for individual diversity was so important and valuable in any society. However, being in the program has changed my perspective. Now I strive to resolve conflicts amongst my peers because I have learned about the step-by-step approach to conflict resolution, and I practice it with my friends and the people around me.

So far, I have had a great time in the Power Forward program because I keep learning new things. It has gone beyond basketball to life skills training, health talks, social skills, leadership, and a host of enlightening areas. Being able to engage in community initiatives is another part of this program that has helped to broaden my horizon. Now I can say I am a better person. I set smart goals and achieve them. I work out regularly to keep fit. I have made a habit of reading every day. And, of course, I also play basketball better.”

— MOHAMMED ABBAS, POWER FORWARD STUDENT
In July 2016, Africare merged with a small U.S.-based NGO, Accordia Global Health Foundation. Africare and Accordia share a long-term vision and commitment to investing in the continent of Africa and a common mission to improve the quality of life for people in Africa. Accordia brought extensive academic networks, and, combined with Africare’s deep knowledge of, and presence on, the African continent, melded into a more comprehensive and robust organization. Accordia is perhaps best known for its dedication to building and supporting African Centers of Excellence, including its role in the establishment of the Infectious Diseases Institute at Makerere University in Uganda. Combined, these organizations provide Africare with extensive core expertise in health, agriculture, nutrition, humanitarian services, and women’s and youth empowerment.

Two former board members of Accordia joined the Africare Board, and others have remained actively engaged, ensuring vision and programmatic continuity.

The merger expanded Africare’s footprint, particularly in the areas of strengthening medical institutions, creating innovative health systems delivery models, and building centers of excellence. We can leverage local capacities and traditional knowledge through community engagement and marry them with current scientific knowledge to enhance innovation and identify sustainable solutions that improve the quality of life for people in Africa.

“This is an important step in Africare’s continued growth and effort to renew and expand its footprint. I am excited that these two organizations have come together. Both have remarkable legacies and have made well-known contributions to African development.”

— ROBERT L. MALLETT, AFRICARE PRESIDENT & CEO
Spotlight: Transforming the healthcare landscape in Uganda

More than a decade ago, Accordia Global Health Foundation (now Africare) established one of the flagship achievements of sustainable health development in Africa today—the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI). IDI was a result of leading researchers and academicians from Africa, North America, and Europe coming together with a vision for a unique and centralized place in Uganda, where training, research, and advanced clinical care would intersect and provide the highest standards of infectious disease care and research. Fifteen years later, IDI has developed into a world-class institution, where internationally-recognized research is fostered, and provides a home to some of the continent’s foremost clinicians and researchers.

IDI’s mission is to strengthen health systems in Africa, with a strong emphasis on infectious diseases, through research and capacity development. With seed funding from Pfizer Inc, IDI was established as a locally-owned Ugandan not-for-profit organization within Makerere University to ensure full integration with the Ugandan academic community and government. IDI’s integration into the local health system ensured support from the Ugandan government for its ongoing clinic operations. A diverse array of local and international partnerships has led to IDI’s long-term sustainability.

Since 2002, IDI has advanced its mission by addressing the daily challenges of life-threatening infectious diseases within the context of its long-term strategic vision. In the short term, IDI programs support treatment for more than 150,000 people living with HIV in Uganda; address other infectious diseases such as cryptococcal meningitis, malaria, and tuberculosis; and immediately respond to disease outbreaks like Ebola with national response teams. Through these activities, IDI counters the cycle of poverty, human suffering, and non-productivity caused by infectious diseases. IDI contributes to strengthening health delivery and research in Uganda by embedding IDI programs within national structures. IDI achieves large-scale impact because it is part of Uganda’s academic, national, and district health systems, and supports outbreak response.

IDI has developed robust training, fellowship, and mentorship programs to retain and develop promising Africans in the medical field. IDI has trained over 25,000 health workers from 27 African countries in HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, lab services, pharmacy, and systems strengthening. Through fellowship programs and intensive mentoring, IDI scholars have the opportunity to focus on career development while staying in Africa. IDI’s research department has 50 current projects and has produced over 500 papers published in peer-reviewed journals. IDI has contributed to the improved ranking of Makerere University as one of the top five research universities in Africa. IDI’s research program deliberately contributes to policy and practice guidelines in the field of infectious diseases globally, regionally, and nationally.

Additionally, IDI is playing an increasingly critical role in global health security in Uganda and the region. In the last two years, Uganda experienced outbreaks caused by high-consequence pathogens, including Ebola virus disease, Marburg virus disease, and Rift Valley Fever. IDI is part of the Joint Mobile Emerging Diseases Intervention Clinical Capabilities consortium that is establishing capacity to conduct drug trials to combat especially dangerous pathogens that cause deadly outbreaks. To our knowledge, this is the first stand-by clinical research team for outbreaks in Africa.
IDI’s Metrics of Success

→ **Local Ownership.** IDI was established as an independent, locally-owned organization within Makerere University, with a staff of over 1,000 that is almost entirely African-led.

→ **Innovative Training.** IDI’s linkages to international academic medical institutions enable it to design training programs based on global knowledge and adapt it to what is locally relevant.

→ **Locally Relevant Research.** IDI’s research program produces cutting edge research that is having immediate impact on the health of Ugandans and others throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

→ **Fostering the Next Generation of Health Leaders.** IDI is transforming bright young clinicians into internationally-recognized scholars and researchers, enabling ambitious candidates to succeed while staying in Africa.

→ **Model Care.** IDI is an integral part of the Ugandan medical community and serves as a national referral center for complicated HIV cases.

→ **Sustainability.** IDI leveraged Pfizer’s early investments to secure funding from a variety of sources, moving from 100% dependence on a single-funding source to 0% from that original source.
It is a privilege to partner with so many generous individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations to improve the lives of individuals every day across the African continent. We are proud to recognize donors who contributed $250 or more during Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017). We are grateful for your commitment to the Africare mission. The Africare family and those we are privileged to serve thank you.

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**Spotlight: Gorgui Diallo**

Gorgui Sene Diallo has been part of Africare for over 25 years. He says that “at a very young age, Africare gave me the opportunity to see my country in its deeper cultural realities, along with its social and economic constraints and developmental challenges. Most importantly, Africare has given me the opportunity to serve my fellow citizens, who are in the greatest need.”

Gorgui leads Africare’s programs in Senegal, with robust portfolios in health, agriculture, and food security and nutrition. Before joining Africare, Gorgui worked at the Ministry of Modernization of the State, where he was charged with modernizing Senegalese administration and introducing the use of technology. After joining Africare, he assisted in strengthening Africare organizational processes in Senegal. His upward trajectory included the positions of programs officer and senior programs officer-regional business development, for West Africa Francophone countries, before his appointment as country director in 2016.

“The ability to positively change the fate of thousands of women and families is something that daily makes me proud of belonging to such a humane enterprise as Africare,” said Diallo. “The individual stories are significant, and I have experienced thousands in my 25 years of working in this wonderful organization. As an African, when you understand the history and work that Africare is committed to, you will surely fall in love with an organization such as this. We show it through our daily commitment of working with our hearts, not just to meet performance indicators.”

“I fell in love with this work for Africare when I was 29, and this deeply changed the trajectory of my professional life.”

— Gorgui Sene Diallo, Country Director, Africare Senegal
Financial Results

Africare is committed to the highest levels of fiscal responsibility and accountability — both in our own operations and in the organizations we support. Every resource entrusted to us is an opportunity to achieve something important — supporting Africans in their efforts to transform their lives and communities.

Presented here are summary financial statements derived from Africare's audited financial statements for fiscal period June 30, 2017 (FY 2017), which are prepared in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. For FY 2017, Africare's revenue exceeded $30 million, representing the generous support received from a diverse set of donors, including: governments, multilateral organizations, foundations, and individuals around the world.

Africare's complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

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Africare works in the hardest to reach places in Africa. We work with African people to develop solutions to the root causes of generational poverty in their communities. It is difficult work, but we have been making steady progress for almost 50 years.

Some areas in Africa have seen tremendous progress. However, there is still a long way to go before every person has the chance to move beyond the fragile stage of mere sustenance and survival.

Partnering with African people to build sustainable, healthy, and productive communities is more than Africare’s vision; it is our passion. You can be part of that mission and passion. Join us in working to solve some of the world’s most pressing challenges. Together, we can ensure Africa’s future is bright.

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