



THE ASSOCIATION OF BURUNDIAN COMMUNITY
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC



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Each of us must rededicate ourselves to serving the common good. We are a community. Our individual Fates are linked; our futures intertwined; and if we act in that knowledge and in that spirit together, as the Bible says: 'We can move mountains'. – Jimmy Carter

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PARTNERSHIPS

The ABCSA would like to thank the following partners who have been supportive by providing in-kind support to ABCSA and its members. Their partnership and support have been most valuable in ensuring the best practice model is implemented in providing service to the disadvantaged groups in our community. Those include: Members of Peachey Place (Playford Council, Lutheran Community Care, Housing SA).

ABCSA'S VOLUNTEERS

The Association of the Burundian Community of SA would strongly like to thank all volunteers who have given their time and commitment to assist the Burundians and other Africans through our welfare office.



BACKGROUND OF ABCSA

The Association of the Burundians Community of South Australia Inc. (ABCSA) is a non-profit organisation incorporated in June 2005. The first few families settled in South Australia put ideas together to start the association. Today, the ABCSA Inc. has grown quickly and counts up to more than 1000 people.

Most Burundians came as refugees, and most of them were born out of the influx of Burundian refugees who may not have lived in urban Burundi and now they are living in urban Australia. This influx was accelerated by economic and political wars which have produced unprecedented numbers of political and economic refugees. Being physically uprooted is traumatic and resulted in multiple suffering, isolation, loss, shock and a sense of hopelessness and often suffered over an extended period of time. The Association of the Burundian Community of SA aims to implement projects and activities to become a centre which have resources for Burundian and other Africans who until today remain a conundrum in the Western world.

As mentioned above, Burundians are the fastest growing immigrant population in Australia. Yet, local social service agencies lack the cultural knowledge and skills required to effectively address the immediate needs of this community. Whether they arrive on immigrant visas or as refugees; newly arrived Burundians face several challenges. On arrival to Australia, more needs include mental health and trauma counselling due to loss and family separation, new language and cultural skills, support with school and provision of culturally competent social service care, family reunification and immigration status adjustments assistance.

Based on Burundian experiences we find adolescent refugees and older youths are particularly affected

by the process of inter-generational communication. Consequently, young people require guidance and support to overcome obstacles to mediation within the family, school system, and adjustment to Australian culture. For many children, formal education was interrupted during flight and resettlement and many lack language and academic skills. They are inappropriately assigned within the school setting by age. Frustrations with teachers and with schoolmates are often reported especially with Burundian Australians with whom they are “categorised” but with whom they share little common culture.

The main objective of the association is to help Burundian members and other Africans who came mostly from refugee background to settle and integrate well in South Australian Community. The Burundians intended to develop and achieve their financial dependence as quickly as possible while maintaining their culture, values and unity.

Actually, 70% of Burundian people live in Northern councils of Adelaide City of Playford and Salisbury. Burundian community has about 60% female members while about 55% are less than 18 years of age. The main language spoken at home is Kirundi. However, few families speak Swahili and French and also other African dialects

The Burundian community has many different cultural groups dedicated to promote Burundian culture through dances such as Burundian drummers, Women cultural group dancers, Christian choirs, youth dancers (Agasimbo). The community also has a soccer team “Burundi SA” which helps Burundians mainly youths and parents to come together while watching soccer.

HISTORY OF BURUNDIAN COMMUNITY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Burundian people have been started settling in South Australia in 2004; many of them came from refugee background. In 2005, few families met together and decided to form an Association of Burundian people background. The Association aimed to gather all Burundians settled in South Australia with the purpose of supporting each other and providing orientation to new settlers in South Australia.

The ABCSA has received various small grants and funds to carry out programs such as welcoming parties of New Settlers and assisting different cultural Burundian groups. The ABCSA has supported different cultural groups such as:

Men Drummers started performing Burundian culture in South Australia in 2007. They made a difference from diverse cultural groups in SA in integrating Burundian culture among other Australian cultures. Now, Burundians are well known through its drums.

Burundian Women Dancer's Group has started performing in 2006. The purpose of the Burundian Women Dancer's group is to keep Burundian culture alive and showcase Burundian heritage to the wider community in order to contribute to the Australian multicultural society.

The Burundian Eagles Soccer Club South Australia started in 2006. The purpose of the club is to encourage Burundian youths and other people to exercise as the way of keeping good health at the same time increase soccer skills and be at the top to promote Burundian soccer talents in Australia. Now they are known as Burundi SA.

Formation of Burundian churches was another way of Burundian to come together and praise and worship God in the way they used to do back home. Now there are more than eight churches within the Burundian community.

In 2012, ABCSA signed an agreement of working in partnership with other organisations in order to sustain and keep providing services to its targeted groups. The partnership was named "Peachey Place Living Centre" composed by Burundian Community of SA, Lutheran Community, Housing SA and Playford Council. This partnership is continuing till now and it has been a big success for the ABCSA to be a part of it.

In the last four years, ABCSA has moved to new building which provides more space to deliver services and activities to Burundians and other Africans. This was characterised by big achievement where ABCSA was able to employ five staff who run various programs and projects to community. A new strategic plan was developed. Apart from, the Peachey Place partners, ABCSA has created and maintained a good working collaboration with Australian Refugee Association and other non-governmental and governmental organisations. The Community Access and Services previously called Vietnamese Community of SA has become a strong supporter of ABCSA financially and materially. A promotion website was created. ABCSA is achieving all those outcomes not only by maintaining good working cooperation with other organisations but also through good cooperation and mutual understanding with the Burundians living in South Australia.

ABCSA'S VISION, VALUES AND MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

We, the Association of Burundian Community of South Australia, seek to be known as an independent organisation. We aim to:

- Address the needs of all Burundian Australian people in a professional manner.
- Be committed to best practice and innovative work to build a stronger Burundian Community in South Australia that can positively contribute to the social, cultural and economic growth of Australia.
- Assist Burundian Community to integrate into Australian multicultural society.
- Be committed to the best working relationship towards developing a cohesive infrastructure and ownership of a Community Centre.
- Be recognised by all Government and Non-government organisations as the peak organisation for addressing settlement and social issues associated with Burundian community in South Australia.
- Be a leader in relation to humanitarian settlement, innovative clients and community development among new and emerging communities.

ABCSA'S VALUES

We strongly believe in upholding the following values when conducting our work:

Respect: We believe that our clients deserve the utmost as persons, regardless of their belief, customs, physical, mental or legal situation.

Social justice: We believe that everyone is equal; our core business is to assist the most disadvantaged people in our community.

United: We endeavour to uphold the united spirit in our community in achieving the organisation's vision.

Integrity: We value honesty, and we will conduct ourselves with the highest ethical standards.

Partnership & Teamwork: We believe that the best outcome for our clients and our workers are achieved through teamwork among our workers and with other agencies.

ABCSA'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Association of Burundian Community of South Australia aims to serve the interests of all Burundians in South Australia with the aim of building united and vibrant community that can make a positive contribution to our multicultural society.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It takes a team to build a great community. As you all know today's we are celebrating our Independence and 12th anniversary of our association. We are also in the refugee week. I am pleased to present the Annual Report of

the Association of Burundian Community of South Australia of my final year of my leadership.

The ABCSA has continued to strengthen relationship with other service providers such as City of Playford, Lutheran Community Care, Playford, Centrelink, Vietnamese Community of SA, Australian Refugee Association, Families SA and Housing SA, etc.

With the cooperation and collaboration of Housing SA, Playford Council, Lutheran Community care and Playford, we opened the Peachey Place centre where the ABCSA has a new office and this year two staff have been working to support the community.

Two most highlighted programs run this year were ***"Community Education to African Communities about the impact of mental health illnesses and alcohol issues"*** and ***"Suicide prevention education to the community families"***. Throughout those programs, a number of educative sessions were organised to educate the families about the above mentioned issues. Also, bicultural resources were developed.

To respond to some of the community needs, Management Committee committed to meet fortnightly instead of monthly in order to discuss and make decisions on different emerging issues within our community.

I also would like to highlight the big part of the participation of the Association of Burundian Community of South Australian in African Cup competition. This financial year the Burundi SA was crown African champion 2016. This success was because a great courage that we Burundians have put to encourage our young people to participate in the tournament. In the last four years, the Burundi SA Soccer Team became runners twine and crown African Champions twice.

In 2016, members of the Association of Burundian community have provided donation to their fellow back home in Burundi who were experiencing

hunger and health problems. The donation reached 150 families. Each individual received 20 kg of rice.

ABCSA has got another opportunity of having its website redesigned by UNISA students. The website will be easy to edit. It will be hosted for free and it will be ready in August.

A number of churches with the community has increased. Most important things about the churches are: It has increased a number of people to stop drinking alcohol and taking drugs by becoming Christians. Most people get where to come together such as joining singing choirs, youth services... those activities have decreased isolation within the community and increase social participation. Some churches within the community are doing well by purchasing land where community hall will be build. There is a good sign that in few years Burundians will have a centre which will accommodate various people in the north.

Another important achievement was the visit of our Burundian international singer songwriter ***"Kidumu Jean Pierre NIMBONA"***. Arranged and hosted by the Burundian Association of SA, Kidumu has toured in four Australian states where inhabited many Burundians. Burundians had opportunity to hear and see face to face our talented musician from Burundi.

As new and emerging organisation still need to overcome some challenges essentially due to poor communication between the ABCSA as an organisation and its members. The ABCSA tends to use emails but not many people have such access. The ABCSA needs to motivate its members in relation to contribution in order to grow financially.

ABCSA also needs to strengthen the relationship between ABCSA and other sub-groups within the community.

A new management committee has been elected to continue supporting the community for the next two years.

Finally, on behalf of Board of Management of ABCSA and all staff, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all services providers for your ongoing support and wish you all the best.

Modeste HATUNGIMANA
ABCSA President

JUNE 2016 – JUNE 2017 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NAMES	POSITIONS
MODESTE HATUNGIMANA	PRESIDENT
FELIX BIRASHOBOKA	VICE-PRESIDENT
MOISE TOYI	TREASURER
JACOB NDUWAMUNGU	SECRETARY
DAVIDE NDIKUMANA	SOCIAL COORDINATOR
RODRIGUE SIKUJUA	PUBLIC OFFICER
JOLYNE VYUKUSENGE	WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



STAFF

During this financial year, the Burundian Association of South Australia has two staffs. One is Elias KABURA who is a project Worker for drug and alcohol and mental health. Another one is Herman ITANGAKUBUNTU who is Suicide prevention project officer. ABCSA has got volunteers who participate in the community garden.

OFFICE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO AFRICAN COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE IMPACT OF MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESSES AND ALCOHOL ISSUES

OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT

The aim of the project was to raise awareness of mental health illness and drug and alcohol among African communities. The main activities included:

- Developing a bilingual resources: 100 booklets and 100 copies of DVDs.
- Delivering 10 educational informational sessions on drug, alcohol and mental health issues to the African community.
- Attending networks meetings in the North of Adelaide and networking with local mental health services and African communities.
- Organise Cultural Awareness events.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

African communities, in particular those who migrate to Australia from refugee background have difficulties in both reading and writing. To ensure that the targeted community get sufficient information in regarding to drug and alcohol issues in the community, a booklet containing a current information on drug and alcohol has been developed in English and translated in Kirundi for the targeted community. Some of the African migrants like spending some time with their families in watching television and African educational movies. To promote mental health, drug and alcohol issues in the community, DVDs have been produced for the purpose of reaching participants who cannot read

and write to be aware of the impacts associated with drug and alcohol on their health and where to look for assistance. The DVD resource used characters of all ages from children to adults to show to the community that drugs and alcohol are real issues in the community and anyone should be mindful when taking them. The outcomes were positive and participants voluntarily participated in the production of the DVD. 13 participants involved in the production of the DVD aiming to raise awareness in the community from testimonies and the impacts of drugs and alcohol on individuals, families and the wider community.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ON DRUG, ALCOHOL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES TO THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Educational information session is one of the best way to raise awareness in the African communities on the risk factors and problems related to drug and

alcohol issues. In this project period, 10 information sessions were developed and delivered to the African community.

DATE	TOPIC	PARTICIPANTS	FACILITATORS
02/08/16	Hepatitis B & Alcohol	M: 8 F:11	Jenny Grant from Hepatitis Council SA
08/11/16	Impact of driving under influence of drug and alcohol	M:9 F:8	SAPOL: Fomba
15/11/2016	Impacts of drugs and alcohol to families	M:5 F:10	The SA Network of Drug and Alcohol Services, 82318818
06/02/2017	Drug and Alcohol	M:7 F: 6	Community Access and Services of SA - Hoa Nguyen, Drugs and Alcohol Counsellor
14/03/2017	Connection between mental health and drug and alcohol	M:7 F:10	Community Access and Services of SA , Pippa
21/03/2017	Domestic Violence	M:7 F:7	Northern Domestic Violence
16/05/2017	Suicide symptoms and preventions Linked to drug and alcohol	M:2 F:8	Suicide Prevention Support - Playford Council
30/05/2017	Hepatitis A & B and alcohol	M:5 F:12	Hepatitis SA
06/06/2017	Hepatitis C and alcohol		Hepatitis SA
13/06/2017	Police rules and obligations		SAPOL

Participants provided positive feedback to the sessions and suggested more information sessions. While participants suggested that they have a good understanding about drugs and alcohol, they wanted to learn more about hepatitis B virus and how drug and alcohol contribute in this problem.

The outcomes of this activity against the proposed attendance in the information sessions shows that 122 participants out of 100 participants (122%). Among them 50 men and 72 women. Among these participants, 12 of them were teenagers.

NETWORK MEETINGS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS

Throughout this project, 4 meetings had been organised with different services providers:

- 20/07/2016: meeting with Jenny at Hepatitis SA office.
- 18/08/2016: Northern Cultural Diversity Forum held at Centrelink Salisbury office.
- 12/09/2016: Meeting with a researcher Amelie from Flinders University.
- 21/09/ 2016: meeting with James Lino from Uniting Care Wesley.
- 10/10/2016: Meeting with Megs Lamb from Multicultural SA.
- 20/10/2016: Northern Cultural Diversity Forum held at Northern Connections office.
- 17/05/2016: Suicide Prevention meeting with the City of Playford.
- 15/06/2017: Future Development in AOD sector Forum organised by DASSA.
- 15/06/2017: Mental health consultations with South Australian Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities organised by Relationships Australia SA's Peace Multicultural Services.
- 21/06/2017: 2nd Suicide Prevention meeting with the city of Playford.

The network meetings had provided opportunities to the promotion of the project throughout the network and an understanding of supporting African community people who are not coping with their binge drinking and information sharing on preventing them to keep drinking alcohol.

ORGANISE CULTURAL AWARENESS EVENT

A mass community awareness had been organised for the wider community. On the 24th of September 2016, more than 150 flyers had been distributed to the participants in the event. The event gathered more than 200 people. The guest speaker was a Minister of Health and she highlighted the importance of avoiding factors triggering suicide in the CALD communities such as drinking too much alcohol and domestic violence in the family. The second community event occurred on the 24th of June 2017, when the community celebrated the end of the project and both booklet and DVD launch. About 300 people attended the event and all resources have been distributed to the community. Both DVD and booklet are uploaded on the Burundian Association website to educate the public not only here in South Australia but also interstates and overseas.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

This Community Education to African Communities about the Impact of Mental Health illnesses and alcohol issues Project has positively transformed the attitudes of the community towards drugs and alcohol. Throughout the information sessions, 3 participants decided to give up alcohol after learning the impacts of drug and alcohol on their health and to their families. The number of people stopping might increase within the coming months after reading and/or watching the DVD.

The project achieved more than what had been planned. From the table above, 122 participants learnt the meaning of mental health illness, effects of drug and alcohol on their health and in the family.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Participants who attended information sessions were both men and women, and some young people attended the sessions. During information session, bilingual interpreters facilitated voluntarily interpreting to the participants and other volunteers involved in looking after children when their parents are learning. The participants were also a mixture of new arrivals (about 2 months in Australia) and those who have been in Australia for more than 10 years. The youngest was 10 years old while the eldest was 79 years old. Among the participants, Congolese and Rwandans attended also the sessions. The two organised community events reached to the various participants and more than 500 people heard about mental health illness, drug and alcohol issues through these organised activities. This was a significant achievement of this project.

NETWORKING WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES AND OTHER SERVICES

The project developed a joint initiative with the city of Playford of preventing suicide in the CALD communities throughout ongoing activities such as developing promotional resources aiming to educate the community about risk factors of suicide such as using drugs and alcohol. Relationship Australia PEACE also has shown interest to deliver sessions on HIV and hepatitis prevention among CALD communities and Cancer Council to promote healthy lifestyles without drug and alcohol among African Communities. The outcomes of the networking including the new network working with Cancer council, Relationship Australia, Headspace and Hepatitis SA council.



SUICIDE PREVENTION

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project had aims of preventing suicide in the Burundian community through delivering a range of strategies aimed at capacity building in the wider Burundian community particularly young, adults and older Burundians.

Also, this project has mainly focused at building resilience for the Burundians by addressing the above

mentioned risk factors and increasing protective factors such as self-esteem, conflict management and sense of humour and spiritual support.

A number of sessions and event have been conducted in relation to educating the community about strategies of overcoming suicidal related effects.

SESSIONS CONDUCTED AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ATTENDED

DATE	TOPICS	TIME	VENUE	FACILITATOR	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
01/08/16 – 30/08/16	Domestic violence and suicidal	11am–1pm	Peachey Place	Lidia Inarukundo from Lutheran Community Care	17
01/09/16 – 30/09/16	Celebration of the World Suicide Prevention Day	13pm–5pm	Munno Para City Soccer Club	Herman & Modeste	200+
01/10/16 – 30/10/16	Impact of drugs and alcohol to families	11am–1pm	Peachey Place	Michael from DASAS	14
01/11/16 – 30/11/16	Effect of Music on preventing suicide	5pm–7pm	Peachey Place	Jean Pierre Nimbona (Kidum) Burundian Musician	22
01/11/16 – 30/11/16	Parents awareness on Youth, drugs & Suicide	11am–1pm	Peachey Place	(Doug Bloembergen from Mission Australia)	15
01/12/16 – 31/12/16	Project mid-year				
01/02/17 – 29/02/17	Leadership training on suicide prevention (Burundian Leadership Dinner Workshop)	6pm–7:30pm	Peachey Place	Elaine Reynolds (Centacare Catholic Family Services)	22
01/03/17 – 30/03/17	Impacts of suicide	11am–1pm	Peachey Place	Elaine Reynolds (Centacare Catholic Family Services)	11

ACTIVITIES AND ATTENDANCE

TUESDAY 16/08/2016 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE WORKSHOP

Domestic violence and suicide workshop has been an interesting subject for many participants who attended the session as many were not aware the impact that domestic violence has on influencing affected person to commit suicide. Many questions from the participants were asked which showed that they did not know much about it and wanted to be equipped with more information on the risks and ways to overcome impacts lead a person to commit suicide.



SATURDAY 24/09/2016 - SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS COMMUNITY EVENT

On Saturday, the Suicide Prevention Awareness Community Event was held as a social event in the response to Suicide Prevention Day on the behalf of the Community in an effort to raise community awareness about Suicide Prevention, the impacts or problems associated with suicide and community education on suicide prevention. In doing so, a soccer match between Burundian Team versus Congolese Team was held. As result of holding this

match for Suicide Prevention Day, more than 200 people turned up to watch the game. As South Australian Mental Health Minister Leesa Vlahos and Playford Suicide Team were invited and attended to mark such special day to speak to everyone attended before the soccer match. Suicide Prevention Handout information were distributed to the attendees.



TUESDAY 16/10/2016 - IMPACT OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TO FAMILIES

This session that talked about the 'Impact of drugs and alcohol to families' and how it can influence risks for a person to commit suicide has been a crucial session to participants. Many participants did not know how drugs and alcohol can contribute for a

person to commit suicide. The session took longer than the time scheduled because participants were keen on gaining information that can help them as well as share with their loved ones and friends.

MONDAY 14/11/2016 - EFFECT OF MUSIC ON PREVENTING SUICIDE

Jean Pierre Nimbona a.k.a Kidum, Kibido, Kibuganizo, the famous Burundian singer who was touring Australian cities including Adelaide for his music concerts came to speak to the youths. The session went beyond the scheduled time as everyone was

very interested on what the speaker had to say about his music career and how music is instrument tool to cure many mental problems such as Depression, Drug Addiction and Stop Suicide.



TUESDAY 22/11/2016 - PARENTS AWARENESS ON YOUTH, DRUGS & SUICIDE

Doug Bloembergen from Mission Australia came and spoke about Parents awareness on Youth, drugs & Suicide. We had 15 parents who attended the session in order to gain some information how they

can help their youths not to commit suicide and the causes of suicide as well as where to seek help.

MONDAY 20/02/2017 - BURUNDIAN LEADERSHIP DINNER WORKSHOP

Elaine Reynolds from Centacare Catholic Family Services came to speak to this important session that gives proper suicide prevention information to community leaders, church leaders, choir leaders, group leaders and other key leaders within the Burundian Community.

Many subgroups leaders in our Burundian Community do not know what to do or to say when someone tells them that he/she wants to

commit suicide. Having that in mind, this workshop was organised to provide information of Suicide Prevention in order to equip leaders of subgroups within the Community on how they can assist or saving lives of members of their groups or anyone approaches them with ideas of committing suicide. We had 22 leaders from different groups that attended the workshop.

TUESDAY 16/05/2017 - IMPACTS OF SUICIDE

Elaine Reynolds from Centacare Catholic Family Services came to speak on the 'Impacts of suicide the family, friends, and community of the person committed the suicide and how it can be avoided. This session was mainly attended by women. We had a turn up of 11 people. Many of the audience had experience of hearing their friends telling them that they want to kill themselves but they did not know what to tell them in order to stop them from

having such ideas. This session helped them to gain information they needed to help themselves and others. Furthermore, they were able to obtain hotline contacts from Lifeline or Beyond Blue in case they want someone to talk to or in case they see their friends or family member with signs of committing suicide.

ACE PROJECT

Working in partnership with the Community Access and Services of SA, the ABCSA is providing English language to Burundians living in the northern area approximately 8 to 10 people are attending the class. Elias and Modeste have TAE qualifications and they have been involved in this program in the last three years by teaching such students in cultural and appropriate way.

SPORT AND AFRICAN CUP

Burundi SA is the name of soccer team which represents the Association of Burundian community of SA during competition such as African cup....it is composed by selected Burundian players from various clubs. In the last four years the team has played well with the support from the community. They become twice runners and twice African champions. The Burundian community has already provided new equipment such as jerseys this year African cup. Those soccer jerseys have been funded by Department for Communities and Social inclusion.



MUSIC AND ARTS

VISIT OF KIDUMU IN AUSTRALIA



Arranged and hosted by the Burundian Association of SA, Kidumu has toured in four Australian states where inhabited many Burundians. Burundians had opportunity to hear and see face to face our talented musician from Burundi. Burundian and East Africa singer, composer and master drummer, Jean-Pierre Nimbona – alias Kidum Kibido – is a Nairobi-based artist whose infectious tunes have hooked legions of fans in East Africa and throughout the world. Having such singer has inspired young Burundian youths and families. Kidum prefers to come again in the near future.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Burundian Community garden contributes to the wellbeing of communities and provides diverse health, social, environmental and cultural benefits.

The community garden has provided the potential to connect communities, build friendships and provide a recreation and educational resource for all age groups.

The backyard of the office has got limited space and it has been divided into two spaces where one participants sow or plant modern seeds and the other part was for traditional plants which Burundians used to plant back home. Those include maize in summer time and peas during winter.

The garden has been run in the last 3 years and it has been successfully. Participants, other Burundian families and the some other families form the wide community have got opportunity to taste the Burundian fresh maize.



WEBSITE

Under the SOCE program, which is Sustainable Online Community Engagement program, the Association of Burundian Community of SA has involved in this program to get its website done and hosted for free.

Through this program, our association is working with UNISA students who are studying multimedia and web design to develop a website for the community. Students communicate with community group members primarily through email to produce the work for the group.

This year, the Burundian association has got an opportunity for its website to be redesigned again. Now the website is been finalised and it will be hosted and ready to be viewed online in August 2017. At the moment, if you want to provide feedback in order to improve it and make some updates, let us know by contacting the office after checking the site: <http://unisa.work/bubmy001/>



FUNERAL SUPPORT

In previous years, the Burundi community had faced tough times as a number of young people, adult and elders passed away. The community will continue remember the tragedy of the two boys who were drown at Glenelg at New Year eve 2015 and other people who could not be with us today.

Based to the consequences caused by death such as lack of funeral cost, other expenses... Burundians introduced a strategy to support each when it comes to such time. Each is asked to donate a certain amount of money to support the family who has lost its member. We believe this process will continue.

The Association of Burundian Community of SA is urging the community members to also consider applying for funeral insurance.

CURRENT ABCSA SERVICES

The ABCSA is a non–profit organisation providing settlement services for refugees especially those from African background. The services include:

- Advocacy and referrals.
- Drop in Centre assistance.
- Provision of information on suitable services available such as education, housing, employment, health, gardening.
- Work with families: Home visits for most vulnerable families and frail people.
- School visits.
- Community English Class.



CHURCHES WITHIN BURUNDIAN COMMUNITY

Christianity is the majority religion of Burundi. According to estimate, between 75–94 percent of the Burundian population are Christian. Of these, the majority (60–73 percent) are Catholics and Protestants make up the remainder (15–20 percent). The religion first entered the country under European colonial rule (1890–1962) and remains popular. There are estimated to be 557 separate Churches registered in the country.

Burundians in South Australia have started their own churches. There are more than eight churches

referred as Burundian Christian churches just because most of them are composed by many Burundians. Burundian Christians are divided into separate Churches, often very small in size, which differ by religious belief.

What we like of all these churches is the working together and support each especially during a community event. A number of churches are buying land where community centre will be built. This is considered as a big achievement within the Burundian community.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN NEED BACK HOME IN BURUNDI



In the last four years, the Burundian Community of SA has been able to provide donation to Burundi in order to support families and individuals in need. Through fundraising, the Burundians were able to donate support to the victim of flood in Burundi. In 2016, another fundraising was done and the donation was sent to Burundi for people experiencing hunger and health problems. The donation reached 150 families. Each individual received 20 kg of rice.



STRATEGIC PLAN 2013 TO 2017

OBJECTIVE 1: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Association will continue to improve the office with appropriate office equipment and continue its quest to develop a stable, localised and affordable community centre.

OBJECTIVE 2: SERVICE DELIVERY

The Association of Burundian Community of South Australia will continue to provide assistance and support to Burundian people and other Africans living in South Australia in order to promote their wellbeing.

KEY ACTIVITIES

2.1: Provision of drop in centre services for casework needs.

- Open a drop in Centre at ABCSA office.
- Recruit volunteers/staff to provide services in drop in centre.
- Provide life skills sessions.

2.2: To advocate on behalf of and provide activities for Burundians and other Africans for settlement issues in order to enhance their self-esteem and independence.

- Making assessment and referrals.
- Community consultations.
- Provision of information of the services available.
- Home and school visits.
- Workshops.
- Community garden.
- Women's shed and Men's shed.

2.1.1 Set up the opening hours of ABCSA office

- Open the ABCSA 4 days per week.
- Advertise volunteer positions/ staff if needed.

2.2.1. Plan and perform activities at the office

- Develop a referral system.
- Organise information session at least 5 per year.
- Have a community garden by the end of this year 2014.
- Set up a database/ collecting information.

OBJECTIVE 3: PROMOTION AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

The Association will link to different groups in the Burundian community to assist and empower them in their cultural activities to enrich the multiculturalism of South Australia.

KEY ACTIVITIES

3.1 The Association will set up a database of Burundian community groups (such as the drummer and women's groups) and liaise with them to assist them to secure funding and to promote their cultural activities.

3.2 The Association will organise cultural events for the Burundian community such as Independence Day. This will assist Burundians to understand their cultural heritage.

3.3 The website, flyers and brochures will be updated so members are kept up to date with the activities of the Association.

OBJECTIVE 4: FUNDRAISING

The Association will develop and implement fundraising events/activities in order to sustain the activities of the Burundian community.

KEY ACTIVITIES

4.1 The Association will work collaboratively with Burundian cultural groups (such as the men's drummer and women's dancing groups, and choirs) to organise fundraising events.

FINANCIAL REPORT

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME 2016 -2017

<i>Items</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Amount Carried over from 2015	\$9,733
ACE program from Vietnamese Community	\$4,400
DCSI: Community Benefit SA	\$28,200
DSS: Volunteer grant	\$4,400
Health SA	\$10,000
Homestart	\$500
Uniting Communities	\$2,000
MAADA	\$500
DCSI: Soccer equipment	\$2,350
DCSI: Independence Celebration	\$3,500
TOTAL	\$65,583

EXPENDITURE

<i>Items</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Amount Carried over from 2015	\$ 700
ACE program from Vietnamese Community	\$ 3,000
DCSI: Community Benefit SA	\$21,350
DSS: Volunteer grant	\$4,400
Health SA	\$9,500
Homestart	\$500
Uniting Communities	\$2000
MAADA	\$500
DCSI: Soccer equipment	\$2,350
DCSI: Independence Celebration	\$3,200
TOTAL	\$46,500
LOSS/PROFIT	\$19,083

NB:

The Association of Burundian Community has received funding for the next of two years from DCSI under Building stronger and safer communities for everyone of \$85,140. ABCSA will run a program called: Future without violence for African families.

Another funding received is about working with young people by supporting and educating them in relation to the impact of alcohol and mental health. The funding of \$6,040 is from Together SA.



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