

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BURUNDIAN COMMUNITY OF SOUTH
AUSTRALIA INC

Annual Report 2013

“A choir is made up of many voices, including yours and mine. If one by one all go silent then all that will be left are the soloists” by Vera Nazarian



“The Destiny of Man is to unite, not to divide. If you keep on dividing you end up as a collection of monkeys throwing nuts at each other out of separate trees” by T.H. White



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HISTORY OF ABCSA

The Association of the Burundian Community of South Australia (ABCSA) (the Community) is a non-profit organisation incorporated in 2005. The elected management board is in charge of the management of the organisation and volunteers assist community members in the ABCSA community centre. The Management Committee meet regularly to discuss and make decisions concerning the Community Welfare services.

The Centre has employed staff and encouraged community members to volunteer their time in providing services to the wide community. The ABCSA hosts a number of social welfare services for Burundian people to meet the needs of the Burundian people from different age groups.

The ABCSA started in early 2005 on voluntary basis. The main purposes were welcoming new arrivals and providing orientation to Burundians who were struggling in their integration. Throughout that period the ABCSA started mobilising community members to support financially (membership) and applying for grants which helped to assist Burundians in their integration in the new society. The ABCSA also received small donations from various organisations and independent authorities to run social events and community meetings. Those small donations helped the community to organize a cultural independence event, which has a positive impact to the community. The event has connected the community to others organizations and communities such as the City of Playford, Salisbury, ARA, Multicultural and other different Australian organizations (state and commonwealth).

In 2009, the ABCSA opened its office in Davoren Park. The office was funded by Lutheran Community Care SA which provided office materials, facility and volunteers support. The main services were: drop in centre and advocacy for clients.

In the same year, the ABCSA was able to secure a Commonwealth grant from the Department of Immigration and Borders Protection (DIBP); previously called (DIAC) for the purpose of empowering ABCSA Inc, to be self-governed and become an independent organization. The grant was the foundation of the ABCSA to provide services to the

Burundian community under mentorship of the Vietnamese Community in South Australia Chapter. The mentorship programme impacted the ABCSA by providing training to workers and volunteers who played a significant role in the ABCSA management.

The Centre provides a chance for the community to meet people in their local area (through home visits), assisting members with various settlement issues and develop networks to support and care. This extends beyond the walls of the house and contributes to the well-being of the community.

In 2011, ABCSA entered in partnership of 3 organisations: Lutheran Community Care (LCC), Playford Council, and Housing SA. The partnership is called “Peachey Place”. Peachey Place has become a well-known place in the community by a number of many people from the wide community who are benefiting from the centre.

The strength of ABCSA is in its openness and flexibility. The ABCSA aims to respond to community needs in a relaxed and informal style to allow active participation. As a result, the centre is there for everyone and all community members are encouraged to have their involvement in the Centre involvement

The ABCSA is a living, growing and active ccommunity in Australia, and aims to assist all the wide community in their needs and empower individuals to achieve their goals.

ABCSA'S VISION, VALUES

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.

CURRENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Modeste HATUNGIMANA

President

Moses NAYIGIHU

Vice- President



Jacob NDUWAMUNGU

Secretary



Elias KABURA

Treasurer



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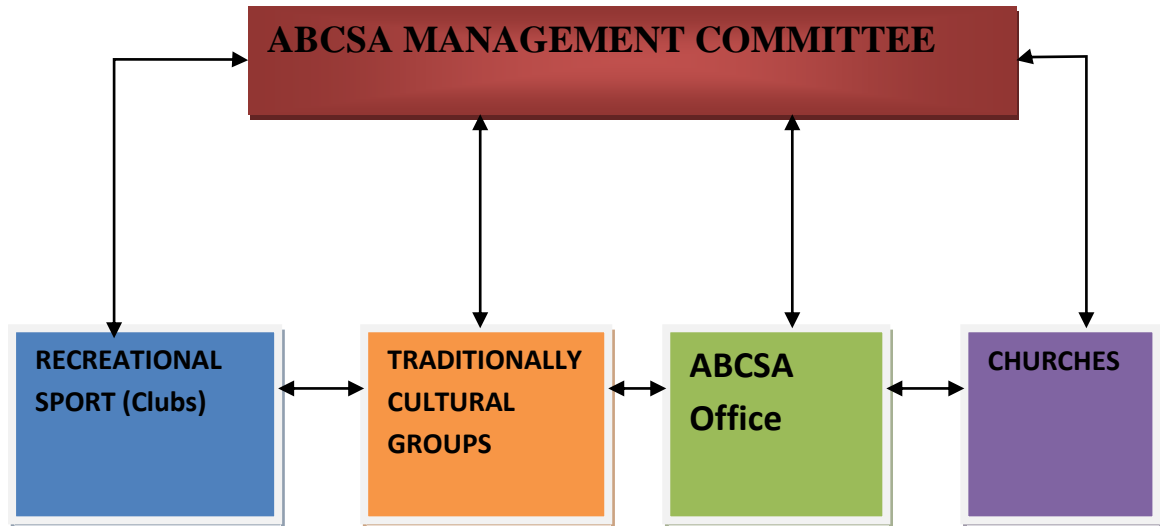
Women's President



Rodrigue SIKUJUA

Public Officer

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



ABCSA STAFF TEAM AND VOLUNTEERS

The Community has two staff who are working on two different projects: Social Cohesion programme and Cervix Cancer program. All the projects aim to educate community members including Rwandans and Congolese community members to be aware of the negative impacts of racial discrimination. Besides of racial issues, the Cervix Cancer focuses on women and girls to have an understanding of the impact of the cancer on their health and to have early screening tests. The ABCSA also has volunteers who are doing incredible works of assisting drop in centre clients with settlement issues and other activities.



Elias

KABURA

Social Cohesion project worker



Erivania

NIRERA

Cervix Cancer Project Officer

VOLUNTEERS

Augustin NZEYIMANA

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Jackson BIGIRIMANA

Reuben

Jean Bosco MISIGARO

Juvenal MUGISHA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the General Meeting Of 2013. As an organisation, we use this time to organise annual general meeting in order to share what have been happening within the organisation and receive constructive comments which will help us to improve organisation's services in the future.

I am very happy to present the Annual report of the Association of the Burundian community of SA. It is my first report as a president of ABCSA.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the current management committee and the previous management committees who worked tirelessly to put our organisation where it is situated at the moment. I also thank individuals, volunteers and organisations who have been very supportive to BACSA. I understand there are a lot to do get where we want our organisation to be but step by step we will get there. Most important thing is unity. With unity and mutual collaboration we will achieve our goals.

This year 2013, ABCSA has managed to achieve the followings:

SERVICE DELIVERY

ABC SA has been providing services to people in needs especially Burundians and other Africans who come to access our services. We managed to open the office 4 days a week so that people get support easily. Among the services ABCSA has provided include but no limited: Drop in services, referrals to appropriate services, advocacy...

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

ABCSA has recruited volunteers most of them Burundians. The volunteers use their time to support people in need who come to access our services. This year volunteers have worked a lot in support our community. They supported people in the office, running community event such as African cup, food distribution...

PROJECTS

Two staff have been employed to conduct projects which will benefit the community members. The first project is funded by Department of Immigration and Border Protection. This project will benefit both Burundian, Congolese and Rwandan communities and it is about promoting a clear understanding in the Australian community of what racism is, and how it can be prevented and reduced according to the National Anti-Racism Strategy. The second project is funded by Health SA. This is about providing community education to community members on Pap smear.

GRANTS APPLICATION

ABCSA managed to apply for more than 8 grants; in which some were successful others are on waiting. The grants ABCSA received this year include: The Diversity and Social Cohesion Program grant, Pap smear grant, Building multicultural communities grant (to buy computers), ageing grant, Uniting communities grants, Playford grant and Salisbury grant. Crime prevention is on waiting status. There are others which were not successful. This is to show that the management committee members are working hard to keep the ABCSA on track.

WEBSITE

ABCSA website has been updated. The Twitter and Facebook icons have been added so that members can like ABCSA on the net.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

The management committee has revised the way member contribution fees can be paid. They have developed a document which states why ABCSA will be collected the members' fees and how the fees will be used. Two meetings have been conducted to discuss about this process and everyone was happy about the new system.

PARTNERSHIP

ABCSA is still involved in the partnership of four organisations. Those organisations include Lutheran Community care, Playford Council, Housing SA and Burundian community. This partnership currently called "Peachey Place" has been very positive to keep providing services to community members.

In addition, ABCSA continues to strengthen a working relationship with Vietnamese community. Vietnamese community has been very supportive since it mentored ABCSA. Both ABCSA and VCASA have a joint project called ACE related to teaching computer skills and English to community members.

CULTURAL EVENT AND SPORTS

Among other cultural Burundian groups such as Burundian drummers, Women dance group which have been performing to showcase the Burundian culture, there has been another group (Burundian Agasimbo) recently started to perform two months ago also as other groups to strengthen our Burundian culture.

ABCSA has supported its Burundian Soccer team during African Cup in which we finished runner ups. I get opportunity to thank organisations such as Home Start, Multicultural Family Day Care and other community members who contributed financially for our team to reach where we reach. I would also congratulate the team and its management in how we worked collaboratively during the event.

During the upcoming year 2014, ABCSA is planning to achieve the followings:

- Review and develop a strategic plan of the organisation which will guide the organisation in the next three year
- Working with UNISA students who are work placement to develop a professional website which will be hosted for free, also include UNISA students in some of the projects
- Keep applying for grants for the sustainability of the organisation
- Organise and support community events within the community
- Strengthen relationships with church and other groups within the community, also with other organisations
- Continue providing services to Burundians and other African individuals
- Encouraging young people to go to school or work
- Educate the community the importance of member contribution
- Working on the process of getting a new office
- Plan of buying our own land for the future ABCSA community centre building

All in all, on behalf of the board of management Committee of ABCSA and staff, I would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God bless you all

Modeste HATUNGIMANA

ABCSA President

ABCSA's PROGRAM AND PROJECT REPORT

SOCIAL COHESION PROJECT



The Diversity and Social Cohesion is primarily a community-based education initiative implemented by Department of Immigration and Borders Protection (DIBP) of Australia. The project seeks to strengthen community relations through ten educational information sessions against racism. The main focus of the project is to run community awareness according the National Anti-racism Campaign to the Burundian, Rwanda and Congolese communities.

This year project will increase knowledge for community members of the targeted communities on the importance of unity and caring for others in the harmonious society.

The ABCSA encourage all the community members to massively attend these sessions. There some sessions which have already conducted. However there are some more which will be run next year. Here is the list of all planned information sessions:

Topics	Venues	Months	Presenters
Communication Skills	2/2B Morialta Drive, Smithfield: Uniting Communities	October 2013	Community Access & Services SA: Ms Lan Nguyen
Rights and Responsibilities	50 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park Burundian Office	November 2013	Legal Commission SA: John Mugabushaka
Community Development	50 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park Burundian Office	December 2013	City Council of Salisbury
Bullying & Cyber bullying	50 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park: Burundian Office	December 2013	Police SA/ Elizabeth
What is Racism and how it manifests?	50 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park Burundian Office	January 2014	Equal Opportunity Commission SA
Conflict Management	50 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park Burundian Office	January 2014	Community Centers SA
Discrimination and the law	50 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park Burundian Office	February 2014	Equal Opportunity Commission SA
Mediation skills	2/2B Morialta Drive, Smithfield Uniting Communities	February 2014	Community Access and Services SA
Cultural differences & Beliefs	2/2B Morialta Drive, Smithfield Uniting Communities	April 2014	3 speakers from both communities
Know your local & mainstream services	50 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park Burundian Office	April 2014	City Council of Playford

PAP SMEAR PROJECT PROGRAM



There is lack of information for people especially those from refugee backgrounds to gain knowledge and understanding about health issues such as cervical cancer and its impact, and the advantages of regular Pap smear.

Funded by Health SA, this project will assist and provide an opportunity to raise awareness of cervical cancer and the importance of regular Pap smear checkups through training and educating peer educators who will be able to conduct community education forums and community campaign among Burundian, Rwandese and Congolese women and girls in the northern suburbs to participate massively in Cervix Screening Program and attend Pap smear appointments. These forums will create a good understanding of cervical cancer and its consequences by comparing common beliefs (and myths) and the reality of cervical cancer. This will promote the prevention of cervical cancer and services available in the local community to assist women and girls in the procedures of screening.

The project will also target men and boys to educate them about the impact of cervical cancer and the importance of Pap smears for women and girls so that they can encourage their wives (and daughters) or fiancés to attend the screening.

The ABCSA is recently provided trainings to selected peer educators (2 men, 3 women and 1 girl) from Burundian, Rwandese and Congolese communities and they have shown a special interest in learning about cervical cancer/Pap smear and are keen to share the information gained among their peer in their communities.



Community Educators

ACE PROJECT PROGRAMME

Adult Community Education (ACE) is a community learning opportunity for people wanting to take part in learning and further training, but who face social and economic barriers to formal participation. Many ACE providers also offer programs to help you get computer and other workplace skills. Participants will learn with other adults in small groups, or even get one on one coaching. ACE programs are usually free or low cost. This programme helps adults with reading, writing and numbers. Skills you can learn include:

- using a computer
- working in community services – parenting skills
- doing basic home maintenance – safety procedures, emergency situations

The Burundian Community of South Australia (ABCSA) is currently working in partnership with the Community Access and Services of South Australia (CASSA) to assist adult Burundians, Congolese, Rwandans and other migrants from Iran, Sri Lanka and Nepal to read, write and speak English. The ACE project is currently helping more than 6 adults from the above community members to learn and improve their English language and computing skills.

The ACE programme starts in October 2010 and more than 50 participants have attended the programme. The outcomes of the programme are positive because many of the participants are working and others are undertaking further studies at TAFESA and other training providers.

Congratulations to all the participants who make success of their pathways.

BURUNDIAN NUMERACY LITERACY PROGRAM



The Association of the Burundian Community in collaboration with other organisations run numeracy literacy program for Burundians.

This program is providing more skills to participants related to English language and numeracy skills. After the program,

participants will get certificates and they will do work placement. The program will increase job opportunities to participants.



CURRENT ABCSA SERVICES

The ABCSA is a non –profit organization 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

AFRICAN CUP 2013



individuals and organisations that supported include: Home Start, Multicultural Family

NITEREKA. There are also Burundians who finically supported the team such as Siyawezi, Leandre, Oscar Habonimana, Moses Nayigihugu, Modeste Hatungimana, Bosco Misigaro, Elias Kabura, Rodrigue Sikujua, Jackson Bigirimana, Issa Sindaharaye, Reuben, Fidel Sinzoyiheba and others who supported the team in other ways.



place (runner-up). ABCSA this opportunity to thank our team financially. Those Day Care managed by Leo



ABCSA FOOD DISTRIBUTION



In the last three months the association of Burundian Community has been distributing food to Burundians at office every Friday. This program has been supported by Second Bite. Food distribution has been positive within the community during the events. For example, during the African Cup, the food/fruits were available for players. This program is still available, if in your groups you want some fruit you can chat you need with volunteers at ABCSA office. ABCSA thanks its volunteers who use their time to make this happen.



FINANCIALS



The Association of the Burundian Community of South Australia (ABCSA Inc.) is a non- for- profit organisation. The association is currently assisting more than 500 hundred Burundians living in South Australia. It also provides financial support to vibrant Burundian cultural groups that are promoting the Burundian culture in the wide Australian societies.

It is a good opportunity to present my financial report to all of you who managed to attend the ABCSA Inc. AGM 2013. The Burundian Association gets grants from different sources including Federal government (The Department of Immigration and Borders Protection), State government, Local governments and other organisations. On behalf of the ABCSA Inc., I would like to thank all funding bodies that make possible all these achievements you can see today.

I would also like to thank all the Burundian community members who give their contributions to keep our organisation functioning and delivering incredible services to the Burundian community members and other community members. You are the heart of the ABCSA.

As all you may be aware of, there is a say that ‘good charity begins at home’. This year, the ABCSA is planning to reach every Burundian community member to be part of the community and make active all community members. I would like everyone to support the initiative because unity will help the Burundian community to achieve more.

In brief, I would like to thank all of you and I wish you a merry Christmas.

TOTAL INCOME 2014

Department of immigration	30,000
Home start	2000
Multicultural Diversity Day care	300
Eagles African cup donation	345
SA Health	10,000
Carried over money: Salisbury & Play ford grants	2,722.61
Uniting Communities	9,632.7
Ageing Grant	17,700
Building Community	9,625
Membership	787.9
Refund	394
Salisbury grant	700
Total	84,207.21

Expenditure 2013

Department of Immigration	6,169.08
Home start	2000
Multicultural Diversity Day care	300
SA Health	2,780.98
Salisbury Grant & carried over money	0
Uniting Communities	0
Ageing Grant	0
Building Community	0
Membership	0
Refund	394
Eagles African cup donation	345
Salisbury grant	700
Total expenditures	12,689.06
Balance	71,518.15

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

All the program and projects are possible only through collaboration of many people, organisations, governments departments and agencies. ABCSA is proud to work in collaboration with many individuals and groups. ABCSA recognised and valued their contribution.

Community partners

African Communities Council of SA

Community Access and Services of SA (Vietnamese community)

Lutheran Community Care

Migrant Resources Centre

Community Centres

Australian Refugee Association

Uniting Communities

FUNDING PARTNERS

City of Playford

City of Salisbury

Health SA

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Home Start

Multicultural Family Day Care

OTHERS

Housing SA

UNISA

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.

NOELI NZIZA N'UMWAKA MUSHASHA

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

JOYEUX NOËL ET BONNE ANNEE

HERI YA KRISMASI NA MWAKA MPYA

MERRY CHRISTMAS KAJ BONAN NOVJARON

FELIZ NATAL E FELIZ ANO NOVO

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY YEAR OMUSHA

