WE ARE AN AFRICAN-LED ORGANIZATION TRANSFORMING AFRICAN HEALTH FROM WITHIN AFRICA

We strengthen health systems and train African health workers to respond to the continent’s health challenges: maternal and child health, non-communicable and infectious diseases, access to clean water and sanitation, and surgical and clinical outreach.

Our approach is community-based and makes the people we reach partners, rather than just beneficiaries.
2017 was a landmark year for Amref Health Africa as we celebrated our 60th anniversary. Six decades of equipping African communities with the knowledge and tools to build sustainable and effective health systems. Thanks entirely to our donors.

We hope you are proud to call yourselves a part of the Amref Health Africa family. In 2017 alone, we reached 9.6 million people with health services and trained 125,000 health workers thanks to your support. This achievement should not be downplayed, especially within the context of the US Government drastically reducing their budget to foreign humanitarian aid, with the greatest cut to family planning programs. The people hardest hit by these cuts are women and children, the population that we primarily serve.

We met this challenge head on and boosted our work in raising awareness of what we do in Africa and reaching more supporters. Our second annual ArtBall was bigger on all fronts and allowed us to engage with a vibrant community of artists, art lovers, and musicians. For the third year in a row, we had a team in the TCS New York City Marathon of dedicated runners who pledged their 26.2 miles to bringing quality maternal care to women in Africa.

2017 also saw the beginning of some exciting new programs which you can read about. In Kenya, we’re training the next generation of advocates fighting for increased gender equality. We’re scaling up our fight against female genital mutilation, and we’re bringing life-saving vaccines to young children living in one of the most marginalized communities in Africa. All of this and so much more would not be possible without our donors, supporters and stakeholders.

We hope you enjoy reading about these milestones. We look forward to another year of creating lasting health change in Africa together.
97% of our staff come from the communities where we work.
OUR PRIORITIES

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

FIGHTING INFECTIOUS & NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

SURGICAL, DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES

GIRLS EMPOWERMENT

TRAINING HEALTH WORKERS

2017 ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

9.6 million PEOPLE REACHED WITH HEALTH SERVICES

125,000 HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED

62% OF HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED WERE WOMEN
WHERE WE WORK

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PROTECTING CHILDREN IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES FROM DISEASES

Kibera, located in Nairobi, Kenya, is the largest urban informal settlement in Africa with an estimated population of over one million. On top of the myriad of challenges that come with living below the poverty line, the residents of Kibera are excluded from the formal health systems. Thanks to the support of our donors, we have been providing much-needed health services at the Amref Health Africa Kibera Community Health Center — the only public clinic in Kibera — since 1998. At this clinic, the people of Kibera can receive a number of services such as checkups during pregnancy, family planning, testing and treatment for HIV and TB, and cervical cancer screening.

In 2017, we began a partnership with Comic Relief to expand our work in Kibera and provide children – the most vulnerable population in Kibera – with vaccines against deadly diseases. This work included training health workers to educate parents and communities on the importance of immunization and to provide better, more effective immunization services.
Health workers were also trained to use a mobile phone platform called Chanjo Plus, which helps them collect health information about their patients, keep track of their patients’ immunization appointments, and send reminders to their parents when it’s time for another appointment. This ensures that children are up to date with their vaccines and don’t miss any doses.

These health workers are supported by 200 community health volunteers who we trained to make household visits to remind parents of the importance of immunization and to refer children who have missed appointments to health facilities.
7,000 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWO WITH VACCINES
In 2017, we secured a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to change the futures of Kenya’s youth through our Youth in Action Network (Y-ACT). Through Y-ACT, we are providing resources, training, and support to youth advocates in four Kenyan counties in urban, rural, pastoral, and coastal regions, to promote youth-led advocacy on gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights.

We developed youth-focused, youth-designed materials – including an online portal where advocates can register themselves, have discussions with other advocates, and access resource materials – and will continue to build their capacity using both hands-on training sessions and remote trainings through mobile phone technology.

70% of Kenya’s population is under the age of 35. With such a young population, the potential for change is huge, and Y-ACT ensures that youth in Kenya can access the right tools and training to advocate for the issues they care about.
Within its first year, over 630 youth-led advocacy groups have joined Y-ACT, with 50% of the organizations led by women. We will continue to help these organizations identify the youth priorities in their home counties, train each group on advocacy strategy development, and facilitate meetings with policy makers.

Here’s an example of what you’ve made possible:

In Samburu County, youth advocates presented a proposal to policymakers for the construction of at least three rescue centers for victims of gender-based violence.

In Kakamega County, youth advocates fought for youth-friendly reproductive health services including HIV/AIDS and STI testing and family planning throughout the county.
SMALL TEAM, FAR REACHING IMPACT: PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES IN SIERRA LEONE

Makeni, a city in Sierra Leone, has a population of over 87,000 people. However, at Makeni Public Hospital, there are only 11 doctors available to serve the entire community. In 2017, we deployed a team of African doctors to Makeni Public Hospital to provide quality surgical and medical care and reach the rest of the community.

At Makeni Public Hospital, we assigned teams to the Gynecology Unit, the ICU/Medical Ward, and the Oral Health Department. The Gynecology team provided consultations and surgical procedures such as C-sections. The team was also able to prevent two maternal deaths – one mother with sickle-cell anemia began to hemorrhage and the other had severely high blood pressure while in labor. The team worked tirelessly and saved the lives of both women.

Despite the short period of time that the team was deployed on the ground, their accomplishments did not go unnoticed. The Ministry of Health in Sierra Leone committed to sustaining the program and awarded the full medical team a one-year contract at Makeni Public Hospital.
1,133 women and girls reached with services including 58 total surgeries. 29 of the surgeries were C-sections.

211 patients received consultations.
79 patients received outpatient procedures.
118 patients admitted for inpatient treatment.

268 adults received consultations.
157 children received consultations.
171 surgeries performed such as tooth extraction.

ICU/Medical Ward
- 211 patients received consultations
- 79 patients received outpatient procedures
- 118 patients admitted for inpatient treatment
Patricia is a single mother and Community Health Worker (CHW) in Kawangare, a slum in Nairobi where she herself grew up. She tells us that she has a mission: to provide the families in her neighborhood with the health care they deserve.

As a CHW, Patricia visits 10 to 12 families every day, providing them with information on how to stay healthy and to prevent diseases like pneumonia, and performing basic checkups. Patricia has also been trained to recognize symptoms of illnesses that require medical assistance and to refer them to clinics. Because of Patricia, more people in her community are regularly visiting the clinic than ever before.

Patricia says that many people in her community did not trust clinics or had negative superstitions about them. But because they know and trust Patricia, she has shown them how important regular checkups are, especially when women are pregnant, and will even accompany them to the clinic.
Patricia’s work doesn’t stop there; she’ll stay involved with families and ensure that they continue to take their medications and that children are up-to-date with their vaccination doses.

Patricia can even continue to develop her skills as a CHW while still providing her community with care. She uses LEAP - a platform that can run on basic mobile phones where CHWs can access training materials and even tests to challenge and refresh their skills. LEAP can also be used to record the health data of her patients so she can serve her community more accurately and efficiently.

Patricia proudly says that her role as a CHW has made a difference. “Women give birth in the clinic instead of at home, pneumonia in children is treated on time so they do not die, families use modern medicines. People are healthier and live longer!”
The second annual Amref Health Africa ArtBall was a success, raising $250,000 to support our programs on the ground. ArtBall – our contemporary African art auction and celebration – showcased diverse art from around the continent including: Ghana, Nigeria, Angola, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Mali, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and South Africa.

ArtBall 2017 honored acclaimed Ghanaian artist El Anatsui with the Rees Visionary Award, in recognition of the way in which Anatsui’s work facilitates environmental advocacy, while elevating contemporary African art beyond Ghana and into a global cross-cultural exchange.

Over 500 guests were in attendance this year, including Young Paris, a Congolese artist who gave a special Afrobeat performance, honorary host gallerist Jack Shainman, and Senegalese celebrity chef Pierre Thiam, who catered the night. Liz Rees, daughter of Amref Health Africa’s founder, Dr. Tom Rees, was among those who attended.

Ms. Rees said “El’s lifetime of work and dedication to the education sector speaks volumes to his belief in the power of sharing knowledge. And that is the same belief that my father founded Amref Health Africa on – that knowledge should be shared, in our case for the betterment of people’s health, of the quality of life.”
Rees also went on to mention that as much as her parents cared about healing with medicine, they also appreciated the healing power of art, speaking to her father’s passion for sculpting and creating portraits of the people and animals he cared about.

“It’s an honor to receive this award and support Amref Health Africa’s life changing work in the health space,” said Anatsui. “All of the artists gathered here today are a testament to what passion, talent and pride in one’s heritage can achieve when given the right forum. Through ArtBall, we have all been united through our love for art and our cultures, and our belief that health equality is critical for all.”

ARTBALL RAISED OVER $250,000 TO SUPPORT OUR WORK IN AFRICA
2017 was our third year in a row participating in the world’s largest and most popular major marathon – the TCS New York City Marathon. Each year, the TCS NYC Marathon selects a handful of charities to participate in its Official Charity Partner Program which awards each charity with entries to the race. This year our team raised money to support our work in bringing quality maternal care to women in Africa.

Our small but powerful team of seven ran the 26.2 mile race wearing our stand-out red, green and black jerseys – the colors of the Kenyan flag. Our team included two repeat runners who have once again shown their fierce commitment to improving maternal health. Together the team raised over $26,000.

Over the last three years, our runners have collectively raised over $124,000.

READY TO RUN FOR CHANGE?
JOIN OUR TCS NYC MARATHON TEAM
Visit amrefusa.org/nyc-marathon for more details and to apply.
## FINANCIALS

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| **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** |         |         |
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| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCURED EXPENSES | 129,455 | 21,587  |
| DUE TO AMREF HEALTH AFRICA IN KENYA | 317,228 | 1,301,842 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES**       | 446,683  | 1,323,429 |

| **NET ASSETS**              |         |         |
| UNRESTRICTED                | 2,469,869 | 2,261,111 |
| TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED      | 1,485,235 | -       |
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| Clinical Services    | 1,721,827 | 2,180,448 |
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