

ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

MISSION:

Amani Women Center provides a pathway that empowers and educates Refugee Women through culturally tailored programs that contribute to their economic security and wellbeing.

WHO WE SERVE



96%

Women



4%

Men



"ASA Students in class learning about the Serger/Interlock Sewing Machine"

- Ages 19–72
- 38% have children under 18 at home
- 25% have children under 18 in school
- 22% had partial access to school
- 15% have never had access to school before

REPRESENTING
10
COUNTRIES

- 26% Congo
- 24% Somalia
- 22% Ethiopia
- 20% Eritrea
- 4% Sudan
- 6% Divided among the remaining 5 Countries - Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi, Burma, Bhutan & Nepal.)

120

CLASSES

- Sewing (Clothing, Knitting, & Jewelry Making)
- Healthy Families (Prevention & Wellbeing)
- Financial Literacy
- Digital Literacy
- Civic Engagement/Citizenship
- Leadership Training
 - (Amani Community Ambassadors)
- Workshops & much more.
 - (Health Navigation, Promotion & Social Services)

14 SPEAKING LANGUAGES

- 21% Swahili
- 19% Somali
- 16% Amharic
- 14% Tigrinya
- 7% Arabic
- 8% French
- 6% Lingala
- 3% Oromo
- 2% Kinyarwanda
- 4% Divided among the remaining Languages.





EDUCATION &
WORKSHOPS

375

HEALTHY
FAMILIES
& COMMUNITY
ASSISTANCE
HOURS

3,840

AMANI WOMEN CENTER



"Stitching Lives Together"

IMPACT

Refugee Women say they feel more empowered and more confident...

85%

LEARNED SEWING &
JOB READINESS

82%

HAVE HEALTHIER
FAMILIES & FELT
SUPPORTED

75%

IMPROVED SPEAKING
& COPING SKILLS

72%

ACHIEVED FINANCIAL
& DIGITAL LITERACY
SKILLS

"AWC's sewing program helped me build friendships and other skills that improved my life. Now I make money sewing for my community."



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING...✿

our programs are having a positive impact on their wellbeing and outlook, and they have seen improvements in their relationships at home and beyond!

Over 85% Say they have...

- ✓ Started a home business
- ✓ Opened a savings account
- ✓ Used a computer
- ✓ Gotten a job
- ✓ Registered to vote
- ✓ Applied for U.S. Citizen
- ✓ Learned about U.S. culture
- ✓ Made new friends
- ✓ Willing to try counseling
- ✓ Helped their communities



• Assisted over 2100 community members navigate Covid-19 emergency assistance.

- Successfully conducted over 500 interviews for a recent Women's Health Needs Study with NORC - University of Chicago and CDC.
- Civic Engagement – U.S. Census Outreach Campaign – Reached over 300 hard to reach populations. Voter registration campaign 20 outreach workshops in different languages.
- Successfully enrolled children of over 100 families into daycare programs.
- Graduated over 60 refugee women through the Amani Sewing Academy who are now entrepreneurs, working in apparel industry earning livable wages and working contractually for Johari Africa (a social enterprise under AWC).
- Serve as a Resource Center on African issues for Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University.
- AWC Global Initiative in Kenya and Ghana employs over 15 women artisans and provides sewing apprenticeship for women and girls.

**Other
Program
Outcomes**



MEET LINLIN

*"AWC gave me the tools and resources to succeed!
Now I'm bringing the skills back to my community
while earning an income!"*

Today, Linlin is an ASA instructor and teaches 10 women from her community. They are headed for graduation in March 2020! With a perfect ATTENDANCE!

Some of her students want to be sole proprietors, sewing from the comfort of thier homes and others are looking forward to working at the garment industry; sewing 'piece work' and earning livable wages!

*"Thank you Linlin
You have been an awesome
addition to the ASA staff!"*

Linlin - ASA Alumna




**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
21 GRADUATES
OF 2019**

*who have advanced beyond
our highest expectation!*





– Shelly Kacergis
(Volunteer / Coordinator)

We Are Grateful That YOU VOLUNTEERED

- 3 Unpaid Staff Volunteers
- 42 Random Volunteers
- Donated over 670 hours
- Value at \$10,050


Total
VOLUNTEER HOURS
670



 **670** = **\$15.00**
HOURS OF SERVICE FULL - TIME POSITIONS

AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF
\$10,050

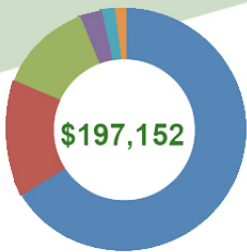
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| • Sewing Program Hours | 30% |
| • Fabric Room Hours | 40% |
| • Administrative Hours | 15% |
| • Translation Hours | 5% |
| • Transportation | 5% |
| • Emotional Support | 3% |
| • Other/Counseling | 2% |

“ I like volunteering at ASA because the women are a joy to work with. I've been coming for over a year and I love it. I drive almost 20 miles to get there. Most of the women come to ASA with no sewing skills at all but they are making their own Hijabs now and learning a lot more. Watching them learn just keeps me coming - it's the highlight of my week!”

– Alma Owens
(Volunteer Instructor)

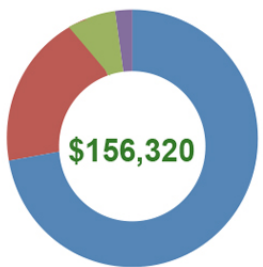


Financial Highlights



TOTAL REVENUE

• 55%	Foundations and Corporations	\$108,433
• 25%	Government Grants	\$49,288
• 10%	Individual Donors / Contributions	\$19,715
• 7%	Income (From Program Fees & Space Rental)	\$13,801
• 2%	Fundraising / In Kind	\$3,943
• 1%	Other	\$1,972



TOTAL EXPENSES

• 42%	AWC Programs & Support Services	\$65,655
• 31%	Amani Sewing Academy	\$48,459
• 25%	General and Administrative	\$39,080
• 2%	Fundraising & Others	\$3,126

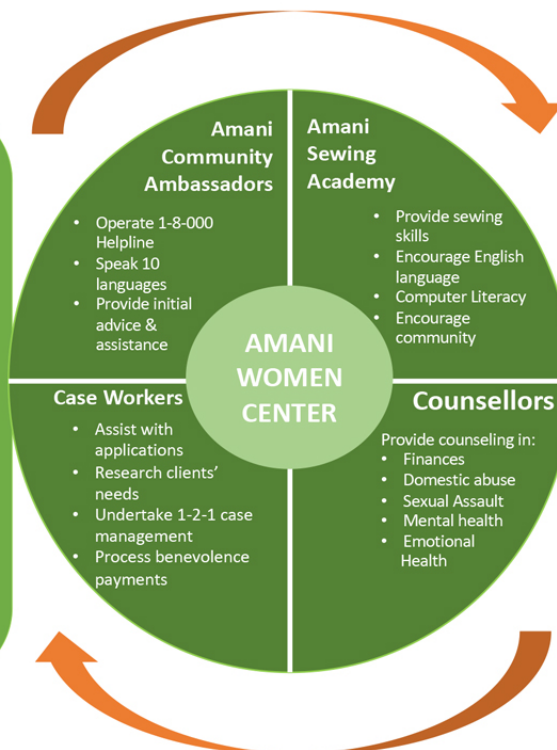
For a full list of donors, and 990-EZ please visit www.amaniwomencenter.com/annualreport.

Amani's Activities & Outcomes

COVID 19 SUPPORT

Economic & Social Outcomes

- Assist the navigation of welfare system
- Increase applications for welfare benefits
- Increase Childcare arrangements
- Health Outcomes
- Increase Covid-awareness, testing, hygiene and vaccines
- Benevolence Outcomes
- Avoid evictions & utility termination
- Provide groceries/Food Drives



CORE ACTIVITIES

Health & Wellbeing Outcomes

- Increase registrations with primary care and women's doctors
- Increase the safety & wellbeing of victims of domestic abuse
- Improve women's mental health
- Increase in English proficiency
- Increase in wellbeing

Economic Outcomes

- Increase women's economic independence
- Increase women entering employment/self-employment
- Increase women entering further education / Workforce/ Own Business.

YOU GAVE

AWC BOARD

EXECUTIVE

Tanae Williams-Acolatse
Sando Karneh
Catherine Palmer
Doris Mukangu
(Ex-Officio)
Reginald Erawoc
(Ex-Officio)

ADVISORY

Jacqueline Walker
Sandy Teeppen
Shelly Kacergis
Joan Kimenyi
Bonnie O'Neill
Alexandra Gilbert
Valerie Mills



Concluded board service during the year©

*“...If not NOW,
then when?
We are all in
this together”*

– Jackie Walker
(Flapping Angel)



Thank You For Making A DIFFERENCE

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE...

I am grateful for a very progressive and productive 2019. I am especially grateful for the many volunteers, friends, and staff who contributed tirelessly to make the year successful.

In 2019, we started the year with a big bang! MLK day was extremely busy with an over pouring of support from Alston and Bird! As many as 40 employees from this distinguished law firm spent the day painting, sorting fabric, and adorning our hall ways with all things nice!

Amani women center (AWC) also made many new friends, who were referred by other friends. We are expanding our circle of friends and loving it! Some of them came from as far away as Asheville, NC.

We partnered with Georgia Coalition of Domestic Violence and All -State purple purse foundation to provide financial literacy tools to equip refugee women on their path to financial empowerment.

AWC also partnered with the University of Chicago and CDC to conduct a women's health needs study in our unique and diverse community.

Amani women Center added new staff, one of them an alumnus of the program. As a result of this we were able to reach refugee women from Burma and enroll them in our sewing school. We are excited to see the beautiful cultural products being made by these ladies.

Thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support of time, donation and talent to support our mission in helping put refugee women on a path to greater opportunities and self-sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Doris Mukangu
President

