



# AMD AF 2020 REPORT

# **BEING AN ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED BY AMDAF PRESIDENT, ISLAMMIYAH SAUDIQUE-KADEJO AT THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AMDAF ON 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020**

## **Introduction**

Good day honourable ladies and gentle. I am honoured to present AMDAF Annual Report for the year ending 2020. I am delighted to see you all today. Although I certainly would have preferred to meet you in person. Don't worry, we'd return to our normal lives soon. I want to thank AMDAF executive committee for keeping up with our vision despite the pandemic, and for making this happen for us to connect, even though not the way we would like.

# Brief Description

Amdalah Africa Foundation (AMDAF) is a not-for-profit registered charity organisation. AMDAF envisions a future where women of African descent and their families enjoy equal opportunity and are not judged based on race or gender. Our vision is that every family is recognised without discrimination, respected, and treated justly.

Our mission is to contribute to the protection and promotion of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of women of African descent and their families in Ireland. We also aim to serve as advocate of their rights, promoter of their capacities and driving force of social change through community development projects, public educational campaigns, and awareness-raising programmes.

We adopt Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, by promoting all actions to eliminate root causes of discriminations against women of African descent in public and private spheres – to achieve gender equality and empower them.

# WHAT WE DO



- **Representation**

- We advocate rights, promote capacities and serve as a driving force for social change.

- **Networking**

- We create space for women to meet; support, inspire, encourage, and advocate for each other.

- **Information Sharing**

- AMDAF follows and shares information on available services, opportunities and policies.



## ...WHAT WE DO



- **Workshops and seminars**

- AMDAF flagship programme, **Africa Women Roundtable and Intercultural EPIC Awards** is an emerging annual global women empowerment conference and recognition awards event.

This is designed to create a safe place for women of African descent to hold conversations that matter; change the narrative surrounding their identities to build capacities and find personal fulfilment.

The award is aimed at recognising and celebrating individuals and groups for Excellence, Positive Impact and Community development.

We also organise training, seminars and workshops on various fundamental topics for youth and women; such as **AMDAF Dance Against Cancer, Youth Summit and series of social integration programmes.**

## ...WHAT WE DO



### Community Development

- Our community development project, Galway Online Community Radio (GoCom Radio) aims at giving the ethnic minorities a voice through active online community Radio. GoCom Radio aims at giving the ethnic minorities a voice in Irish media and producing content around issues that affect the ethnic minorities. The vision of this project is to unite the community without discriminations and promote cultural values through indigenous languages of the ethnic minorities

# The 2020 Report

- Between our first AGM on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 and now, we have made significant progress. We have ourselves to thank for our commitment and also our funding partners for believing in us. Many sectors have been affected by coronavirus, but the charity sector has been more affected. Many events, concerts, matches and meetings were cancelled due to public health guidelines. Fundraising activities were also affected and demands for services were on increase. AMDAF like other charities have been impacted by the pandemic, many of our activities were done online, but in spite of this, we are able to make positive impact and hold on to our vision.



# Policies

AMDAF developed first strategic plan and the following policies in 2020:

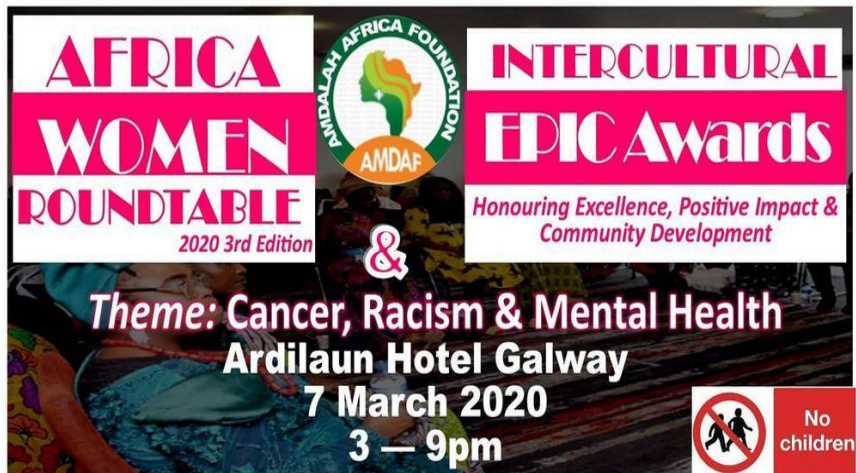
- Conflict of Interests Policy
- Beneficiary Selection Policy
- Child Protection and Welfare Policy
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy





# Events

- **AFRICA WOMEN ROUNDTABLE (AWR) & INTERCULTURAL EPIC AWARDS**



This event will be filmed for promotional & archival purposes. Register on Eventbrite. Please Don't Be Late!



The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022 is funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and co-funded by the European Social Fund under the Programme for Employment, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020.

- AWR and Awards was held on March 7, 2020. The event was themed around Cancer, Racism and Mental Health. The event also celebrated individuals and groups for Excellence, Positive Impact and Community Development.
- The event was supported by Galway City Partnership and Galway Rural Development; with gifts from Tesco Oranmore, Boots Co. Meath, SuperValu Oranmore, Joyce's Supermarket Oranmore, Homeworld Oranmore & Loughrea and Divaz Court Galway.



## WEBINAR SERIES



### ● COVID-19 WEBINAR SERIES/ACTIVITIES

- Our activities this year in fight against COVID-19 and supporting families include:
- 1. Sharing HSE information and updates on health guidelines with families and individuals in the community.
- 2. 4-Day Webinar Series to educate the community on the following areas:
  - a. Mental health effects of coronavirus
  - b. Managing myths associated with coronavirus and facts everyone should know.
  - c. Importance of family bond during lockdown
  - d. Video campaign and fliers on HSE health guidelines.

### ● WRONG CULTURE WEBINAR SERIES – Racism & Rape

- In response to widespread global anti-racist protests following the death of George Floyd in United States, and outrage against sexual/gender based violence and murder of rape victims in Nigeria, AMDAF took stand against racism and rape with a 2-Day Webinar Series on Zoom on June 20 and 21, 2020.
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## COVID-19 SURVEY



AMDAF conducted a survey on 'How Coronavirus Pandemic Impacted Migrants in Ireland'.

## DANCE AGAINST CANCER/FUNDRAISER

AMDAF held a virtual Charity Talk and Dance Event to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. The event focused on Breast and Cervical Cancer awareness. Dance Against Cancer was supported by, Galway City Council, Local Community Development Committee and Department of Rural and Community Development.

Prior to the event, we opened a Fundraiser for Cancer Care West on Facebook between October 1 and 31, and raised €274.

**AMDALAH AFRICA FOUNDATION - AMDAF presents** 

**DANCE AGAINST CANCER 2020**

A Virtual Charity Talk & Dance Event to Increase Cancer Awareness

*Guest Speaker:* **Olubunmi Awelewa, MBA**  
Healthcare and Risk Management

Breast Cancer & Cervical Cancer Awareness

**Saturday 31 October 2020 2 - 5pm Irish/UK Time**

Zoom Meeting ID: 854 9815 2289 Passcode: AMDAF

**Performances by:**

 **Afroluso Dance Group**, a fresh African hip-hop dance group located in UK

 **Flex Fusion Dance Academy** is a choreography and dance performance school founded by young dynamic Gambians

**Fundraiser**

All Proceeds will go to **Cancer Care West Galway** 

Please Donate to Fundraiser on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/fund/cancercarewest/>

**Proudly Supported by:**

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## CAMPAIGNS

AMDAF did three Video campaigns this year. One was HSE health guidelines in different indigenous languages <https://fb.watch/2q37DZTKFE/> the second one was to take a stand against racism <https://fb.watch/2q3a8HqIZ5/> while the third was to condemn rape and all forms of violence against women <https://fb.watch/2q3bSriXHm/>

## APPLICATIONS



We became a registered charity on August 27, 2020. (RCN 20205848)

We also applied for CHY number and got approval on December 18, 2020. (CHY 22661)

## ONGOING...



Our website [www.amdafireland.com](http://www.amdafireland.com) is under construction.



# NETWORKS & MEMBERSHIP



- AMDAF was invited by **Black Lives Matter Movement Galway** to be part of social distancing protest in Eyre Square Galway -on 6 June 2020. AMDAF President gave a speech at the protest.
- AMDAF got approval for **European Union Global Diaspora Facility - EUDiF** in November 2020; making us one of the 3 organisations approved in Ireland.

EUDiF is a consortium of 8 African Diaspora organisations located in Ireland, Denmark, Austria, France, Czech Republic, and Croatia with projects in Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Nigerian, Burkina Faso, and Cameroon. EUDiF provides capacity development to help members develop capacity in different identified areas of organizational development including governance enhancement, strategy and business plan development, project design and organisational development.

- CBA East Africa TV invited AMDAF President for an interview to commemorate 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence, focusing on AMDAF activities in Ireland and Gender-based Violence.
- AMDAF was approved for **CRAOL** membership in September 2020. CRAOL – Community Radio Ireland, is the representative, co-ordinating, lobbying, training and support group for Irish Community Radio.
- In July 2020, Ruth from **Volunteer Ireland Galway** had an interview with AMDAF President on AMDAF's vision and activities during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- AMDAF'S AWR and Intercultural EPIC Awards was featured in Galway Advertiser and Tuam Herald in March.



# Grants



We applied for series of grants this year to support our projects. I am happy to inform you that even though we lost some, we got some. They are:

1. Funding for the AWR & Intercultural EPIC Awards from Galway Rural Development SICAP and Galway City Partnership.
2. Galway City Council's Community Enhancement Programme 2020 grant for Office equipment. We bought Laptop, Data Projector and Public Address System with this fund.
3. Department of Justice and Equality's Community Integration grant for events in 2021.
4. Social Enterprise Ireland's Ideas Academy Seed Fund for our Community Radio project.



## CHALLENGES

- **We need Volunteers for GoCom Radio.**
- **We need more members in running the organisation.**
- **COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Funding**

“INCLUSION IS NOT  
BRINGING PEOPLE INTO  
WHAT ALREADY EXISTS; IT  
IS MAKING A NEW SPACE,  
A BETTER SPACE FOR  
EVERYONE.”

– *George Dei*





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<b>Incomes</b>		
Donation Note 1	920.00	
Africa Women Roundtable and EPIC Intercultural Award Note 2	1,093.00	
CEP Grant Galway Note 3	1,557.00	
CIF Grant Note 4	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total	<b>8,570.00</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Africa Women Roundtable and Intercultural EPIC Award Note 5	1,590.00	
Zoom Pro Note 6	17.21	
Equipment funded by GCP	<u>1,588.00</u>	
Total	<b>(3,195.21)</b>	
<b>Net Cash Balance</b>		<b><u>5,374.79</u></b>

## Notes to the Account

## ...Financial Report 2020



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Note 1 Donations:	
Contribution by members towards AWR & I-EPIC Award	590.00
Monthly Members contribution started in September	250.00
Friend of AMDAF donations	<u>80.00</u>
	<u>920.00</u>
Note 2: Event-Africa Women Roundtable and I-EPIC Award 07/03/20:	
Grant by GCP and SICAP (MARCH)	840.00
Africa Centre Ireland – Donation (MARCH)	100.00
Proceeds from sales of raffle ticket (MARCH)	<u>153.00</u>
	<u>1,093.00</u>
Note 3: CEP Community Enhancement Program - Grant Galway (OCTOBER and DECEMBER)	
Note 4: CIF Grant Community Integration Fund – Department of Justice & Equality (DECEMBER)	
Note 5: Venue and Food	1,360.00
MC	150.00
Guest Speaker Hotel booking fee	<u>80.00</u>
	<u>1,590.00</u>
Note 6: Zoom Pro Subscription (APRIL) for Webinars	17.21



"We could learn a lot from crayons;  
some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull,  
while others bright, some have weird names,  
but they all have learned to live together  
in the same box."

- Robert Fulghum





## 2021 PLANS

We have the following programmes for 2021:

- Africa Women Roundtable and Intercultural EPIC Awards
- CIF 4-Series Project funded by Department of Justice and Equality. The project features Ethnic Gala Night, Intercultural Business Expo, Culture Exhibition and Cultural Potluck story.
- Youth Summit
- Dance Against Cancer and Fundraiser.

## ...2021 PLANS



## PROJECT

AMDAF has a community development project for 2021 and beyond called Galway Online Community Radio (GoCom Radio). GoCom Radio is AMDAF community development project, a Social Enterprise Ireland's Ideas Academy 2020 funded Project. We have a working committee in place comprising AMDAF executives and volunteers. GoCom Radio is our major 2021 community development project.

## PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION

On the road to success, there is always **we**, not me. As AMDAF continues to embody unwavering progress, I sincerely say a big thank you to everyone in AMDAF Team for making it possible. AMDAF could not have such an impact in the community without the dedication and hard work of our team; the Board of Trustees and executive committee who volunteer their time and expertise to ensure we remain progressive and impactful. I would like to thank them for their continuous commitment and for believing in the vision. Our community is better because of our efforts; and with God on our side, we will do more together. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It's been an **absolute honour** working with you.





# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



We would like to thank all the organisations and individuals who have been supporting our vision, especially the following Organisations:

- Social Enterprise Ireland Ideas Academy
- Department of Equality and Justice
- Galway City Council
- Galway City Partnership
- Galway Rural Development SICAP
- Volunteers Ireland Galway
- Local Community Development Committee, Galway
- Department of Rural and Community Development
- European Union Global Diaspora Facility – EUDiF
- Community Radio Ireland - CRAOL
- Galway Advertiser
- Tuam Herald



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would also like to extend a very special thanks to the members of the public for their support; especially the following Guest Speakers who shared their expertise and knowledge at our programmes:

Mr Deji Adenuga

Emilia Marchelewska, Mental Health Project Leader CAIRDE

Matilda Chogwa, Director Matilda Enterprise

Mrs Kudirat Adesina

Dr. Judith O'Connell, NUI Galway

Sharon Murphy

Pamela Zokli

Mrs Kemi Adisa

Dr. Ebun Joseph, University College Dublin

Dr Sunny Abbah, Galway University Hospital

Dr. Idris Cole, Galway University Hospital

Dr. Bola Shogbesan, Paediatrician, CEO Total Respite

Mrs Toyin Asaaju, Paediatric Nurse, UK

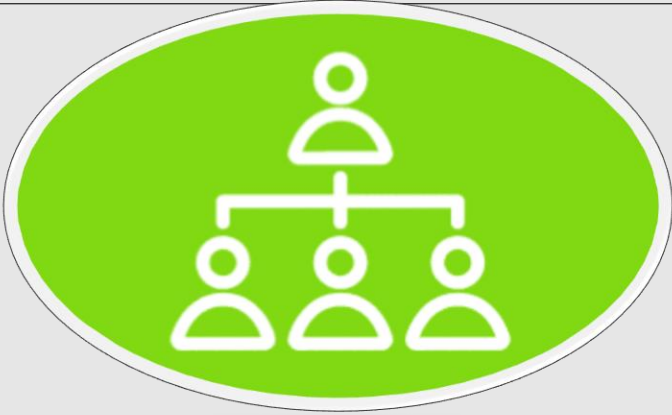
Mrs Abimbola Majekodunmi Onokoya, BSN, MSN, Trained Nurse, USA

Omowumi Asubiaro Dada, Lawyer, Human/Women's Rights Activist

Diane Ihirwe, Anti-Racism Activist

Olubunmi Awelewa, MBA Healthcare & Risk Management Professional





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