

# AME-SADA

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AME-SADA is the international humanitarian relief and development agency of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and currently works in Africa and the Caribbean.

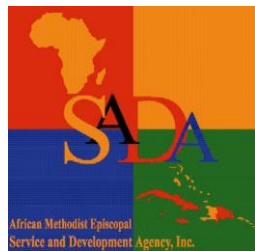
Founded in 1977, AME-SADA grew out of the collective efforts of several primary individuals including, Bishop John Hurst Adams, Bishop Frederick C. James, Reverend Lonnie Johnson, Mrs. Wilburn Boddie, Dr. Joseph C. McKinney, with critical support from Bishop Donald G. K. Ming, as they sought to strengthen the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the lives of people in Africa and the Caribbean. Hence, AME-SADA was created to coordinate and administer international development and relief projects outside of the United States. AME-SADA works in collaboration with grassroots communities to institute programs in education, health care, agriculture and economic development to encourage people in Africa and the Caribbean to actively participate in the economic life and development of their communities and nations.

## PROGRAMMING IN HAITI

Since starting with a life saving vaccination program in the Archaie and Cabaret regions of Haiti in 1987, while under the leadership of Bishop Frederick H. Talbot and Supervisor Dr. Sylvia R. Talbot, AME-SADA developed a comprehensive program of activities in Haiti that moves beyond relief efforts to address the fundamental impediments to self-improvement.

### **Child and Maternal Health and School Health**

AME-SADA provides comprehensive pre/postnatal health care to women aged 15-49, newborn care, vaccination of children under 5 years against infectious diseases, comprehensive treatment of diarrheal diseases, nutritional recuperation for malnourished children, family planning and counseling, TB treatment, HIV/AIDS and STD education, counseling and treatment, home/community visits by health workers and traditional birth attendants through its 8 fixed site outpatient clinics. Currently, AME-SADA has over 112 staff members, 111 Health Agents and more than 388 Traditional Birth Attendants providing health and other services to a population of over 400,000 individuals in the Western Department of Haiti. Child and maternal health care services are funded and operate under two programs. **Services de Sante' de Qualite' pour Haiti** is a subcontract funded by USAID and is part of long term programming funded by the US



government in maternal and child health in which AME-SADA has participated for more than 14 years.

A newer funding source, **Child and Maternal Health from Birth to Elementary School** with a component of Health Care at School for 48 Elementary Schools in Archaie-Haiti, is **a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek Michigan** designed to improve child and maternal health in Archaie (Akayè), Haiti, through increased access to clinical services, pre- and post-delivery care to women and school health programs. Efforts focus on provision of preventive and clinical services for early childhood including vaccination and nutrition as a child survival



**Maternal and Child Health**

program, providing access to health services for children enrolled in primary school including: deworming, micronutrient supplementation, control of malaria, as well as vision, dental and hearing screening, while strengthening the link between schools, parents, communities and local health services as a school based program.



**Leger Community School**

Maternal health is being improved through provision of clinical services throughout pregnancy with special attention to the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV. Assistance to orphaned children affected by HIV is also being addressed. The project promotes lifelong health behaviors through skills-based community health education. Improvements to the infrastructure of schools and clinics will increase access to clean water and sanitation and improve the child and community environment. This effort also includes the expansion of services with fully staffed outpatient centers in Delice I and II and Leger.

### **Delice I Health Center**

Funds from the **WKCF Grant** have significantly increased AME-SADA's presence in the mountains of Archaie with the opening of two clinics in Delice I and II, both staffed with nurses, nurses' aides, and an expanded contingent of Health Agents for the Leger and Fond Baptiste centers. The continued generosity of the **Connectional Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church** and work by many has resulted in the construction of a new **Delice I Health Center Dedicated in memory of Bishop**

**Sarah Frances Davis.** This new clinic includes patient exam and treatment rooms, a birthing suite, meeting areas, staff lodgings, kitchen, security quarters and service areas. The clinic uses solar panels, and is earthquake and hurricane resistant.



**New Delice I Health Center**

All of these efforts go across the entire community to help people know and participate in what it takes to have a healthy environment for themselves and for the future of their children. The project relies on AME-SADA's long and positive relationship with the community and with local leadership and follows our vision of integrated programs that tie health, education, agriculture and economy.

#### **Bercy Transitional and Treatment Facility for At-Risk Pregnant Women**

With support from Bishop McKinley Young, Supervisor Dorothy Jackson Young when they were in the 11th Episcopal District, (and continuing now that they are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal District) the Women's Missionary Society's Dorothy Adams Peck Leadership Institute, other grants and donations as well as the W. K. Kellogg Foundation Health project, AME-SADA has strengthened its focus on the needs of at-risk pregnant women residing in Arcahaie and Cabaret isolated mountainous regions of Haiti. Design work has started on a new treatment facility for these patients with special needs. In the meantime, they are being treated in the Pont Matheux facility.

#### **Agriculture Study**

AME-SADA has completed a study identifying Approaches to Increase Family Economic Security and Improve Agricultural Development in Haiti. Funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan it provides an assessment of the feasibility of integrating moringa and Congo pea cultivation and the development of goat farming in the Arcahaie region. By integrating rural planning compatible with the biodiversity of the region and the development of sectors which increase the income of small farmers/producers in the region, we will improve food security in the area and help the local population to afford improved access to health care and the other basic needs of life. Funding for this new project plan is now being sought.

#### **AME-SADA Orphans and Vulnerable Children Support Project**

Occasionally, Haiti clinic staff identifies cases that require financial support. Haiti and Washington staffs have opened a modest fund to address these cases and are now seeking outside resources to help maintain it. Some of these cases require specialized medical attention and other assistance not provided for by other funded projects.

#### **PROGRAMMING IN AFRICA**

##### **AME-SADA West Africa Office**

AME-SADA has opened a new regional office in Accra, Ghana to

serve the local populations in Ghana and eventually in Togo, Liberia, Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone, while expanding to other areas as resources allow. Office renovation is complete and support is actively being sought for programming assistance for health, education, persons with disabilities, women and children's needs, local agriculture, sanitation and clean water

#### **AME-SADA in South Africa - Wilberforce Community College**

Wilberforce Institute, founded by the AME Church, is one of the oldest institutions of higher education for Blacks in South Africa. The AMEC chose to close the Institute during the time of enforcement of the apartheid policies of Bantu Education rather than be forced to cooperate with the laws of the regime at that time. With the dismantling of the apartheid laws, the AMEC decided to reopen Wilberforce, and AME-SADA was called upon to assist in this endeavor. Wilberforce reopened under the name, Wilberforce Community College (WCC), keeping the original campus, renovating its buildings and undertaking a modernization program to serve the people of South Africa.

The United States Agency for International Development/American Schools and Hospitals Abroad awarded five grants to AME-SADA for new construction at WCC. The grants included funding for: 1) The Multipurpose Educational Facility with classrooms, library and administration 2) The Distance Learning Center, electronic classroom, video conferencing and a resource center and five faculty residences. 3) Dormitory Facilities for male and female. 4) The Dining Hall. 5) The Students' Community Center. In addition to the five grants provided by USAID/ASHA, counterpart funding for these several structures was provided primarily by the AME-Church and its supporters.



**Students'/Community Center at Wilberforce Community College**

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