

*Together we can offer our sisters in sub-Saharan Africa an opportunity to come together to empower each other and to unite in order to address the HIV and AIDS pandemic.*



**Our Mission:**  
Creating collaborative strategies by and among African Women Religious for the prevention of HIV-AIDS and the support of those affected by it in sub-Saharan Africa.



We encourage you to unite with Sisters in Africa through AACSS.

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# ALL-AFRICA CONFERENCE SISTER TO SISTER

(AACSS)



**Promoting Hope and Leaders  
for a Global Community**

## The Work of AACSS

Sub-Saharan Africa has nearly 70% of the global population living with HIV. Worldwide, sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 91% of new infections among children. Stigma, fear and silence contribute to the spread of HIV-AIDS.

Source: WHO 2016 Fact Sheet

Established in 2002, the AACSS partners with women religious in sub-Saharan Africa to break the silence around the suffering of people affected by the HIV-AIDS Pandemic.

Today these women are leading the transformation of attitudes that have long stigmatized people and hindered education for prevention and access to options for care.

Educational workshops in six sub-Saharan countries - Uganda, Malawi, Nigeria, Cameroon, Zambia and Zimbabwe have trained 3,000 sisters. AACSS sponsored Counseling Training Programs have educated 150 sisters. Faith formation conferences (engaging 50 sisters to date) enable the sisters to bring information, counseling, education and faith formation to the people, and break the cycle of silence and stigma surrounding HIV-AIDS. These programs offer a sense of hope to struggling communities.

While much progress has been made, more work remains. It calls for a multi-cultural, global response...

## Creating Lasting Change

AACSS-USA together with members of AACSS in sub-Saharan Africa are striving to reduce HIV-AIDS related deaths and new infections. Such an ambitious goal requires a commitment to educate and prepare the next generation of women and men from throughout the region in order to make a long-lasting impact on this pandemic.

AACSS is creating lasting change through the ongoing workshops and the Counseling Training Program leading to diplomas, BA and MA degrees.



## Be A Part of Creating Change

Join AACSS in creating lasting change for the people of sub-Saharan Africa. Together we can break the silence, increase prevention efforts and create options for care and healing.

**Here are ways you can help:**

**Contribute to the education of women religious by sponsoring a workshop.**

*Your gift of \$100 will sponsor three sisters.  
Your gift of \$1,000 will sponsor a full day workshop for 30 sisters.*

**Underwrite a three-day conference.**

*Your gift of \$250 will sponsor one sister  
Your gift of \$2,500 will sponsor ten sisters  
Your gift of \$6,000 underwrites the full conference*

**Open the doors of the diploma program.**

*Contribute to underwrite a semester of study for a sister for \$3,250 or sponsor her for a year at \$7,500.*

Beyond financial gifts, we ask you to help spread the word and consider hosting an AACSS Speaker.

You can build your legacy of creating change by remembering AACSS in your will.