



Advancing Community Unity & Prosperity

AFRICAN COMMUNITIES OF MANITOBA INC. (ACOMI)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you are aware, the devastating effects of the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa have an ongoing short term as well as long term challenges. Therefore, it was initiated by our sister Zita Somakoko that as Canadians of African origin, here in Manitoba, we should have a unified African voice in standing up in solidarity with those who are directly affected (i.e. our brothers and sisters in West Africa) and advocate for them.

The African Communities of Manitoba Inc. (ACOMI) has established the African Community Group on Ebola with the following mandate:

1. Raise awareness among Manitobans and Canadians of African origin in regards to the Ebola virus disease in Africa and issues affecting them from the current Ebola virus outbreak.
2. Advocate for Canadians of African origin and their families that are affected directly and indirectly in Canada and in countries where the outbreak has been confirmed. Create a unified voice with regards to traveling, immigration policies, and laws, with a negative impact on communication, family reunion or issues affecting families at large.
3. Support the victims of the Ebola virus and societies affected in every possible way. Organize fundraisings to assist Canadian organizations that are involved in the process of providing emergency and relief assistance to the victims of the Ebola virus disease.

Today, African Community Group on Ebola is calling on all leaders of African communities to join hands and participate in an African community safari we are calling: "**Tour for Ebola in Manitoba**".

We are asking every African ethno-cultural community and any other volunteering community to join us with the "**Tour for Ebola in Manitoba**" where communities would organize Ebola awareness and fundraising event. The event would be done at the capacity of the each organizing community and would aim to raise funds and awareness among its community members and friends. We hope this would create a fertile ground for a more unified awareness and fundraising campaign and enhance our African Canadians participation and response towards any future efforts towards Ebola outbreak in Manitoba.

The "**Tour for Ebola in Manitoba**" message would travel from **January 2015 to June 2015**. The African Community Group on Ebola representatives would be available to work with you to provide any possible assistance.

For further information or any questions you may contact **Zita Somakoko** or **Lambros Kyriakakos**.

In Solidarity,

Acomi – Ebola Campaign Committee

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