

### **Black Women's Health Imperative Joins ASOP Global as Newest Member**

**December 17, 2019** - The disparities displayed in health equity is a concerning reality. The long-term socioeconomic inequalities faced by African American women in the U.S. have contributed to sobering statistics surrounding health issues including diabetes, cancer, heart disease and HIV/AIDS. The need for systemic changes is apparent, and the health and wellness of marginalized women should be a priority for policymakers. For over 35 years, one organization has met, and continues to meet, the challenge head-on: [Black Women's Health Imperative](#) (BWHI).

BWHI has been a leading voice in promoting health, financial stability, and equality, and their work moves the nation closer to a reality where all Black women and girls enjoy optimal health in a socially just society. Through investments, education programs, and advocacy for health and wellness policies, BWHI's important work is making a lasting impact. Signature initiatives of BWHI include *My Sister's Keeper*, an advocacy and leadership-building program for women on Historically Black College and University campuses, and *On Our Own Terms*, a network of organizations and experts who are focused on the prevention of HIV and care and treatment of women living with HIV, among others.

ASOP Global is pleased to welcome BWHI as its newest member. With a shared commitment to justice in health, the alliance looks forward to working with BWHI to further their cause, and draw on their experience with HIV/AIDS projects

#### **Black Women's Health Imperative**

The Black Women's Health Imperative is the only national nonprofit dedicated to improving the health and wellness of our nation's 21 million Black women and girls - physically, emotionally and financially.