



AJWS in Haiti: One Year After the Earthquake



Background

Haiti continues to suffer the impact of the earthquake that claimed an estimated 230,000 lives and devastated the capital region in January 2010. As many as 1.1 million people remain housed in overcrowded, dangerous and under-resourced IDP camps. Rural communities extended a welcoming hand to people displaced from the cities but now struggle to accommodate over 600,000 people. Thousands of Haitians lost limbs. And the entire country is coping with economic collapse, political turmoil and the spread of disease.

A Grassroots Emergency Response

Following the earthquake, AJWS received \$6.4 million in contributions from 28,000 donors. To date, these funds have supported 21 organizations that have mobilized a grassroots response to the disaster.

AJWS drew upon 10 years of experience funding in Haiti to launch emergency relief within 48 hours after the earthquake, providing food, clean water, temporary shelter and medical care to survivors. In the months that followed, AJWS grantees focused on intermediate needs including replanting crops, reestablishing local businesses, providing the injured with prosthetics and improving safety in the camps. In all of these efforts, AJWS has prioritized Haiti's most vulnerable populations—women, young people, residents of IDP camps and rural areas, and individuals with disabilities.

Building Back Better

AJWS has committed to at least three years of intensified earthquake relief, with grants totaling nearly \$4 million, followed by continued support into the future. As we move forward, our strategic grantmaking will focus on building Haiti "back better," through a human rights approach to long-term community development. Grants will support projects that strengthen infrastructure, empower marginalized communities, develop Haitian leadership and build the capacity of grassroots organizations. We will also continue to respond rapidly to emergencies like the cholera epidemic by bolstering organizations with the initiative and experience to implement home-grown solutions. We will further our collaborative efforts with collegial organizations and other funders, including the Clinton Global Initiative, to maximize our impact. We have hired consultants to develop a baseline assessment of our work that will enable us to monitor and evaluate our progress over the coming years.

Advocating for a Stronger Future

AJWS advocacy has contributed to increased government funding for relief and reconstruction, and has provided Haitian civil society organizations with a voice in U.S. and international decision-making processes from which they have been otherwise almost uniformly excluded. AJWS has promoted practices that will advance Haiti's development in ways that are focused on social justice and equity and that will benefit the most marginalized members of society.

AJWS Grantmaking in Haiti (as of January 2011): \$1,641,000

Grassroots Grantees

Asosyasyon Peyizan Fondwa: Designing long-term redevelopment plans
\$80,000

Groupe d'Appui aux Rapatriés et aux Réfugiés: Advocating for the rights of IDPs and migrants
\$25,000

KONPAY: Regional agriculture, medical care
\$50,000

The Lambi Fund of Haiti: Repairing food and water infrastructure
\$125,000

MOSCTHA: Emergency medical care and health
\$119,500

Mouvman Peyizan Bayone 2eme Section Communale des Gonaives: Sustainable agriculture and income generation
\$14,000

Mouvman Peyizan Rankit: Reviving local agriculture
\$12,500

MUDHA: Emergency relief and women's health and rights
\$90,000

Oganizasyon Gwoupman Peyizan pou Devlopman 8eme Seksyon Kominal Akaye: Assisting IDPs
\$14,000

Red de Encuentro Dominicano Haitiano - Jacques Viau: Organizing relief by the Haitian-Dominican community
\$30,000

SEROvie: Cholera prevention/care and LGBTI rights
\$30,000

Collegial Partners

BRAC USA: Establishing a locally staffed limb and brace center
\$431,000

Direct Relief International: Providing emergency medical supplies to Haitian healthcare providers
\$60,000

EarthSpark International: Distributing solar lamps in IDP camps
\$85,000

Fonkoze: Repairing and rebuilding homes
\$105,000

GROOTS International: Empowering women in recovery efforts
\$50,000

Groundswell International: Cholera response, supporting recovery in rural communities
\$135,000

Haiti Adolescent Girls Network: Empowering adolescent girls
\$25,000

Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief: Safety initiatives in IDP camps and emergency aid to Haitian NGOs
\$50,000

Other Worlds: Empowering women in IDP camps and rural communities
\$20,000

Partners in Health (PIH): Medical relief and combating malnutrition
\$90,000

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