




We Believe in
HAITI

A Report on the 2nd Anniversary
of the 2010 Earthquake

A young girl with dark skin and braided hair, wearing a light blue short-sleeved shirt and a grey vest over a grey skirt, stands in a classroom. She is holding a piece of chalk and looking towards the camera. To her left is a large, green chalkboard with a wooden frame. The background shows a plain, light-colored wall and a window with some potted plants on the sill. The lighting is bright, coming from the right side.

Inspired by Judaism's commitment to justice, **AJWS** works to realize human rights and end poverty in the developing world.

When the earthquake hit, you turned to AJWS.
Two years later, your contribution is **still making a difference.**

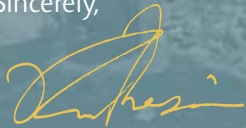
DEAR FRIENDS:

As you know, the earthquake that devastated Haiti in 2010 continues to impact Haitian lives profoundly today. When I visited in November 2011, I saw the camps where 600,000 men, women and children still sleep on the ground in tents—battling cholera, violence and stifling heat. In the countryside, I saw poor rural communities that struggle to support hundreds of thousands of displaced people with nowhere to go. And in Port-au-Prince, I walked beneath towers of rubble still looming on every street, as if time had frozen on that terrible day.

While much of the world's focus has turned elsewhere, I am proud to tell you that AJWS remains with Haiti. We are supporting grassroots development on the ground and are advocating for international support of Haiti's development. We are committed to standing with the Haitian people as they work to "build Haiti back better."

To be sure, this recovery won't be easy. But your gift has made progress possible, and our partners in Haiti have inspired us to believe that their dreams of a brighter future can be achieved.

Sincerely,



Ruth W. Messinger
President, American Jewish World Service

AJWS supports Haitian-led recovery and innovation.

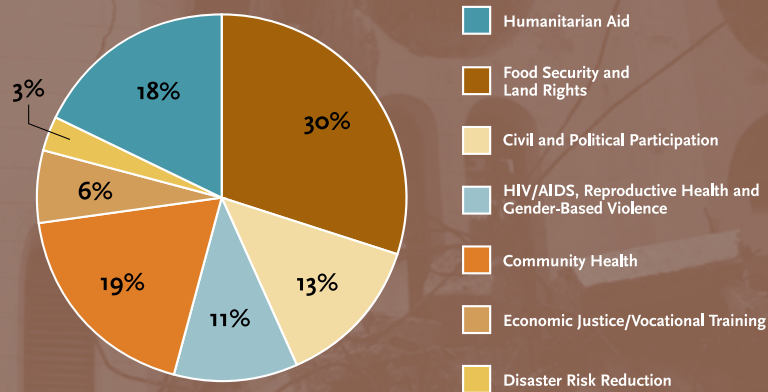
When the earthquake hit, AJWS's grantees were already on the ground in Haiti. They worked night and day to rescue survivors, distribute food and water, care for the injured and bring life-saving aid to the poorest villages and communities.

In the two years since, our support to Haiti has multiplied. AJWS has granted \$3 million to 40 grantees that are implementing ambitious relief and reconstruction plans. They are working with people in the camps, addressing daily needs and teaching skills that will lead to jobs. They're providing the rural poor with health care and education and helping farmers rebound so that Haiti can grow its own food. Most importantly, they're creating stronger and more resilient communities and are ensuring that the Haitian people realize their human rights.

Meanwhile, from here at home, AJWS has fought for policies that lighten Haiti's heavy burden. We lead and host a coalition of 30 organizations that is the principal group of Haiti advocates in Washington today. With these allies, AJWS has helped secure \$2.8 billion of additional

relief funding from the United States and cancellation of more than \$700 million of Haiti's debt. In the spring of 2011, AJWS and fellow Haiti activists organized an advocacy week that brought a critical mass of Haitian civil society organizations to Congress for the very first time, allowing Haitian voices to be heard in the halls of power.

HAITI GRANTMAKING BY THEME



Total grantmaking as of January 2012: **\$3 million**

OUR GRANTEES IN HAITI

Alterpresse | Association des Universitaires Capois pour l'Avancement et le Progres | Association pour la Promotion de la Famille Haïtienne | Ayiti Kale Je | BRAC | Diaspora Community Services | Direct Relief International | EarthSpark International | Equitas | FAVILEK | Asosyasyon Peyizan Fondwa | Fonkoze | FRAKKA | GROOTS International | Groupe d'Appui aux Rapatriés et aux Réfugiés | Haiti Adolescent Girls Network | Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti | International Planned Parenthood Federation | Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief | Kodinasyon Nasyonal Fanm Peyizan | Lambi Fund of Haiti | MOSCTHA | Mouvman Peyizan Bayone | Mouvman Peyizan Rankit | MUDHA | OP7G | OPD8 | OPDL | Other Worlds | PAPDA | Partners in Health | Partnership for Local Development | Red de Encuentro Dominicano Haitiano - JV | Reseau National de Defense des Droits Humains | ROPLA | ROPNES | SAKS | SEROvie | SOPABO



Learn more at www.ajws.org/HaitiRelief.

CASE STUDY: RESOLVING HAITI'S FOOD CRISIS

Even before the earthquake, Haiti had been suffering from a deep food crisis. Two decades of free trade and food aid had flooded Haiti's markets with cheap food from the U.S. and other countries, decimating local agriculture. A nation that once grew enough to feed itself was now dependent on imports, and price fluctuations thrust 1.9 million people into chronic hunger.

Unfortunately, well-meaning U.S. food aid sent in response to the earthquake delivered Haitian farmers another blow. Even though there were still rice growers left in the country, the U.S. government sent American rice to Haiti rather than buying and distributing the Haitian rice that had just been harvested. The imported rice competed with the Haitian crop, causing many farmers to lose their entire season's income. This was a missed opportunity: rather than using food aid to support local farmers and bolster Haiti's long-term food security, the United States increased dependency on aid.

Reversing this cycle is the goal of AJWS's **Reverse Hunger** campaign. We seek to reform U.S. food aid policy so that our government can buy food locally and regionally when it's available. Our food aid should, and does, save lives in the short term; but it should also prevent hunger in the future, by supporting local farmers.

AJWS's grantees in Haiti are also tackling this problem, working to build Haiti's agricultural economy. For example, Partnership for Local Development (PDL) has trained more than 1,000 farmers to increase their yields and has established seed banks and built grain silos in poor rural communities. PDL has also looked beyond the farms: with AJWS's support, its staff have become leaders in the Haitian food justice movement, advocating for reform in Washington and fighting for greater inclusion of small-scale farmers in Haiti's development plans.

Join AJWS in fighting hunger in Haiti and around the world: www.ajws.org/ReverseHunger.



“The highest level [of charity] is to support a [person in need]... by strengthening his hand until he no longer needs to be dependent upon others.”

—MAIMONIDES, MISHNEH TORAH,
LAWS OF GIFTS TO THE POOR 10:7



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