



AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE

Working together to build a more just and equitable world

WHO WE ARE

American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is the leading Jewish organization working to promote human rights and end poverty in the developing world.

WHAT WE DO

Over the past 33 years, AJWS has provided \$390 million to thousands of grassroots and global social justice organizations striving to effect change on critical human rights issues. AJWS currently invests \$30 million annually to promote human rights and supports 453 groups focused in 19 countries. Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill and internationally, we advocate for laws and policies that promote human rights and strengthen our efforts to combat poverty, oppression and injustice worldwide.

“Jewish tradition teaches that if a person saves one life, it is as if they’ve saved the entire world. By that measure, over these past 30 years, [AJWS has] saved the world many, many times over.”

—PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, 2015

OUR ISSUES

Sexual Health and Rights

We support 155 organizations empowering women, girls and LGBT people to stop violence and discrimination and live with dignity, safety and health.

Civil and Political Rights

We aid 131 communities to fight for civil and political rights around the globe—promoting justice under the law for all and the right to be heard, vote and participate in political life.

Land, Water and Climate Justice

We support 147 grassroots groups slowing climate change and protecting the land, water and natural resources that rural and indigenous people depend on for survival.

Disaster and Humanitarian Response

We support 20 organizations that save lives and build more equitable societies in the wake of earthquakes, hurricanes and epidemics.

AJWS BY THE NUMBERS

\$30 MILLION INVESTED ANNUALLY*

to promote human rights in the developing world

453 GRANTEES

changing lives and building movements for justice

19 COUNTRIES

in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean

4 ISSUE AREAS:

- Sexual Health and Rights
- Civil and Political Rights
- Land, Water and Climate Justice
- Disaster and Humanitarian Response

170,000 SUPPORTERS

from 50 states

\$390 MILLION TOTAL GRANTED

since our founding in 1985 to support social change

*\$15.3M additional grants made through a donor-advised fund

Photos from left to right: Activists and members of communities supported by AJWS in Burma, Uganda, and Guatemala. Photos by Jonathan Torgovnik



PEOPLE WE HELP

AJWS supports 453 organizations around the world. Many of them are grassroots groups led by people who have been directly affected by discrimination, violence and other human rights violations. The populations we support include:



WHY WE PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS

AJWS strives to overcome the root causes of poverty and oppression by supporting grassroots organizations and social movements for justice in developing countries. Our grantees advocate for people’s rights—to live without violence, to have a say in the laws that govern society and to express one’s religion, culture, sexual orientation or gender identity.

We believe that realizing human rights is the essential first step to creating just societies. When people are empowered to shape solutions to the problems they face, they can overcome poverty, live with dignity and transform the lives of others. Additionally, we believe that promoting human rights is a way to act on the Jewish traditions of repairing the world and respecting the inherent dignity of all human beings.



AJWS supporters and staff at the Women’s March on Washington in January 2017. Photo by Christopher Dilts

GET INVOLVED!

All of AJWS’s work is made possible by our committed community of supporters and activists.

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