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 Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

WHAT WE DO

Over the past 37 years, AJWS has provided $475 million to thousands of grassroots and global social justice organizations striving to effect change on critical human rights issues. AJWS currently invests $37.5 million annually to promote human rights and supports 541 groups focused in 17 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.

AJWS BY THE NUMBERS

$37.5 MILLION INVESTED IN 2022
in our grantmaking and social change strategies to advance human rights and end poverty

541 GRANTEES
changing lives and building movements for justice

17 COUNTRIES
in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean

4 ISSUE AREAS
Sexual Health and Rights | Land, Water and Climate Justice
Civil and Political Rights | Disaster and Humanitarian Response

200,000+ SUPPORTERS
from 50 states

Photos from left to right: Activists and members of communities supported by AJWS in Thailand, India, and Senegal. *Photos by Allison Joyce, Deepak Sharma, and Maroussia Mbaye*

> "Jewish tradition teaches that if a person saves one life, it is as if they've saved the entire world. By that measure... [AJWS has] saved the world many, many times over."
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> —PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

OUR ISSUES

Sexual Health and Rights

We support 170 organizations empowering women, girls and LGBTQI+ people to stop violence and discrimination and live with dignity, safety and health.

Civil and Political Rights

We aid 177 activist organizations to advance civil and political rights around the globe—promotin g 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 164 grassroots groups fighting the climate crisis and protecting the land, water and natural resources that rural and Indigenous people depend on for survival.

Disaster and Humanitarian Response

In the wake of earthquakes, hurricanes, droughts, epidemics and other crises, we support grassroots relief organizations to save lives and build more equitable societies.

RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Since COVID-19 emerged, AJWS has supported our grantees to aid communities with essential needs, stop the spread of infection and defend human rights under fire.

OUR GRANTEES

AJWS supports 541 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:

GET INVOLVED!

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

To donate, attend a digital event, learn more about our work or find out about opportunities to take action with AJWS, visit **www.ajws.org**.

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. 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.

In a nationwide protest organized by AJWS grantee MovNDmx, Mexican activists took to the streets of Mexico City and 18 other cities on International Day Against Forced Disappearances. *Photo by Regina López*

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