



From India to Haiti to Thailand, AJWS's grantees are fighting to build a more equal and sustainable world. Clockwise from top: Photos courtesy of Talash Society, by Réginald Louissaint Junior, and courtesy of Public Policy on Mineral Resources.

FRONT COVER: In the Casamance region of Senegal, members of AJWS grantee USOFORAL gather to celebrate International Women's Day and pay tribute to Casamance's first female mayor. Photo courtesy of USOFORAL.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Despite the grave challenges that continue to define life around the world today—including escalating threats to democracy, human rights and the very planet beneath our feet—we must keep moving forward together.

Here in the U.S., we have grappled with racial injustice, attempts to undermine the rule of law, the erosion of reproductive rights and the ongoing impact of COVID-19. Around the world, massive food shortages caused by the climate crisis and Russia's war on Ukraine have left millions of people without basic sustenance. Sham elections and political violence have continued to disintegrate democracies worldwide. And, as always, those already marginalized in their societies—like LGBTQI+ people, Indigenous communities, and women and girls—continue to bear the brunt of these calamities.

Jewish tradition has fortified us to confront this deeply broken world. The sages of the Talmud taught us, “You are not expected to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it.” What they understood then—and we know today—is that although the struggles for justice may seem insurmountable, we must press forward.

While we cannot solve every problem alone, if we work *together*, little by little we will bring about a better world.

Again and again this year, we've witnessed the power of unity: From activists pursuing a new path for democracy in Haiti, to Indigenous farmers banding together to reclaim their right to water in Mexico, to movements of women and girls rising up to advance gender equality in India—extraordinary people have come together to forge a path ahead that is rooted in equity and justice.

This annual report celebrates the progress that the AJWS community has made this year, thanks to 541 courageous activist organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and our global human rights advocacy in Washington, D.C. Our work is fueled by your philanthropic solidarity, compassion and action.

When we work together, we know that *tikkun olam*—repairing our broken world—is within reach.

Thank you for your support in 2022 and beyond.

With our deepest gratitude,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Bank".

Robert Bank
President and CEO



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley Abelow".

Bradley Abelow
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