



# 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

AJWS has a three-part strategy to advance human rights and multiply our impact: We **fund** 522 social change organizations in 17 countries working on four key areas of human rights. We **accompany** our grantees with coaching, skills building and resources, and bring them together to scale up their work and strengthen social movements. 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

*Since our founding in 1985, AJWS has granted more than **half a billion dollars** to advance human rights around the world.*

### \$34.8 MILLION INVESTED IN 2023

in our grantmaking and social change strategies to advance human rights and strengthen social movements

### 522 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

### 230,000+ SUPPORTERS

from 50 states

“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.”

—PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

## OUR ISSUES

### Sexual Health and Rights

We support 180 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 164 activist organizations to advance 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 169 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 organizations to provide relief, save lives and build resilience for the future.

“AJWS was our first core funding, and that has set the pace for everything we’ve built since. You were not only giving us money—you came to us as partners.”

—LUCY WANJIKU NJENGA, *Founder of AJWS grantee Positive Young Women Voices in Kenya*

**Photos from left to right:** Activists and members of communities supported by AJWS in Mexico, India, and Senegal. *Photos from left: Courtesy of Flor Y Canto, Deepak Sharma, and Maroussia Mbaye*

## OUR GLOBAL GRANTMAKING

Two countries have been omitted to protect the security of our staff and grantees working in regions of intense political upheaval.

### LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua

### AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Liberia, Senegal, Uganda

### ASIA

India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia

## OUR GRANTEEES

AJWS supports 522 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:

Religious & Ethnic Minorities

Youth

Indigenous Communities

Women & Adolescent Girls

Refugees & Internally Displaced People

LGBTQI+ People

Farmers, Fishers & Laborers

Human Rights Defenders

## 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](http://www.ajws.org).

## WHY WE PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS

AJWS strives to overcome the root causes of oppression and inequality by supporting grassroots organizations and social movements for justice. We fund grantees to fight for people's rights—to live without violence, to influence the laws and norms that govern their societies, and to freely express their full identities.

Beyond grantmaking, we serve as thought partners to our grantees and help them improve their organizations and programs. We also support our grantees to form and participate in social movements—gaining the power to transform society on a much larger scale.

Meanwhile, AJWS staff on Capitol Hill and a volunteer base of rabbis, Jewish leaders and supporters advocate for Congress, the White House and global bodies like the UN to uphold the rights of marginalized people everywhere.



Red's members march in the streets of San Salvador with the banners of Latin America's "Green Wave" abortion rights movement, declaring "Her strength is the right to decide." Photo by Andrea Padilla Moreno

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