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AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE

PURSuing GLOBAL JUSTICE FOR 25 YEARS

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**American Jewish World Service (AJWS)** is an international development organization motivated by Judaism's imperative to pursue justice. AJWS is dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or nationality. Through grants to grassroots organizations, volunteer service, advocacy and education, AJWS fosters civil society, sustainable development and human rights for all people, while promoting the values and responsibilities of global citizenship within the Jewish community.



CHILDREN AFFILIATED WITH KACHCHH NAV NIRMAN ABHIYAN, A NETWORK OF GRASS-ROOTS NGOS STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES IN INDIA. PHOTO WILL NASSAU

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Pursuing Global Justice For **25** Years



## Letter from AJWS's Leadership

Dear Friends,

Typically an annual report reflects on the year that has passed. Yet 2009 was the cusp of AJWS's quarter century anniversary—and we want to share with you the breadth of our organization's accomplishments from its founding in 1985 to the impact we are so proud to be making today.

In the scope of our history—which you will see detailed throughout this report—2009 shines as a pivotal year for all of AJWS's program areas, despite the pervasive economic challenges. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity and loyalty of our donors, and to thoughtful strategic belt tightening and strong management, AJWS was able to weather this period without having to significantly reduce our programs.

We have worked harder than ever to maintain our funding to the grantees around the world who depend on us—currently 458 grassroots organizations in marginalized communities around the globe. In fact, AJWS's grantmaking expanded in 2009 to include a donor-advised fund for the first time, which provided \$12 million to 71 NGOs, many of which work on development and human rights issues that leverage the work of our core grantees.

2009 was also a landmark year for service and activism: We sent our 3,000<sup>th</sup> volunteer into the field and strengthened our programming for alumni. We renewed our emphasis on Darfur and also introduced two new major domestic advocacy campaigns: Fighting Hunger from the Ground Up and

Just Aid. AJWS also broadened its reach within the American Jewish community, launching Global Circle, a leadership program for young activists and philanthropists; creating new resources for rabbis and educators; and making innovative inroads in social media.

The dawn of our 25<sup>th</sup> year was also a time for reflection on our future. In 2009, AJWS created the position of executive vice president and hired Robert Bank to create a roadmap to ensure continued excellence and impact moving forward. We also established a set of core values to anchor AJWS's growth with a shared ethical and visionary framework.

We are thrilled to have begun 2010—our anniversary year—with several particularly proud milestones: In January we granted our hundredth million dollar since our founding! And in the spring, AJWS mobilized Jewish communities worldwide for Global Hunger Shabbat, a day of solidarity, learning and activism as part of our ongoing hunger work.

Unfortunately, AJWS was also called upon to respond to tremendous tragedy during this time: Within 48 hours of the earthquake in Haiti, emergency funds from AJWS enabled our longstanding Haitian and Dominican partners to aid survivors on the ground. And thanks to the outpouring of generosity from 27,000 supporters—who contributed nearly \$6 million to our Haiti Emergency Relief Fund—we have embarked on a minimum four-year commitment



to intensive work in Haiti to empower our grantees to effect locally led redevelopment.

As long as poverty, oppression and violence persist on our planet, we are all from the “developing world” and need to work together to put things right. We are ever grateful for your belief in AJWS—over the past 25 years and in those yet to unfold. We will continue to inspire the kind of Jewish commitment to *tikkun olam* and global justice that has moved all of us for a quarter century, and that will build a better, more just world today and tomorrow.

**Ruth W. Messinger**  
President

**Barbara Dobkin**  
Chair of the Board



JUNE 2010



BOLGATANGA, GHANA  
PHOTO FINBARR O' REILLY / REUTERS

# How long does it take to change the world?

WE THINK 25 YEARS IS A GOOD START.

Since AJWS's founding 25 years ago, there has been a sea change in Jewish engagement—a reimagining of what it means to be a Jew and a citizen of our planet. Jewish voices have joined a chorus of empowered people around the world saying “no” to injustice. In 25 years, *tzedek* has become synonymous with activism, service and our responsibility to pursue equality, peace and human rights for all people.

Over the past 25 years, AJWS has witnessed the astonishing ability of individuals and communities to transform lives. Our grantees have made great strides fighting poverty, hunger and disease. They have provided quality health care and education, promoted peacebuilding and grassroots development, and advanced human rights around the world. They have overturned unjust laws, spoken truth to power and raised people's voices to defend their most basic liberties.

With your help, AJWS has helped change the world. But 25 years is just the beginning.

In the following pages, we commemorate the first quarter century of AJWS's history and honor the generation of changemakers that AJWS has empowered.

# { 25 Years of Grantmaking

AJWS WAS BORN IN 1985 OUT OF A GRASSROOTS VISION OF *TIKKUN OLAM*: OUR DUTY TO REPAIR OUR DEEPLY FRACTURED WORLD.

AJWS's founders understood that charity only goes so far, and that for change to be real and lasting in the world's poorest communities, it must be driven by the people who need it. AJWS began by funding a handful of community-based organizations that were implementing their own visions for fighting poverty and responding to crises—and achieving extraordinary results.

Today, AJWS supports 458 organizations working in marginalized communities in 34 countries. In remote rural areas, urban slums and regions of wrenching conflict, our grantees' work spans the broad spectrum of civil-society building and human rights advocacy—from education and women's empowerment, to food security and health, to recovery from natural disasters and genocide. AJWS supported many of these organizations in their nascent stages and has stood by them as they have grown.

To date, AJWS has granted more than \$100 million to grassroots organizations. Our grantees' dramatic success in alleviating poverty and empowering people to make lasting change in their communities demonstrates how far we've come—and what is yet to be achieved.





## GRANTMAKING SPOTLIGHT

### Clinton Global Initiative Partners with AJWS

In 2006, President William Jefferson Clinton launched a partnership with AJWS to fill educational gaps in regions torn by violent conflict. As a member of Clinton's Education Partnership for Children in Conflict Regions, AJWS pledged \$2.2 million in grants to provide educational opportunities for 13,000 women and children in Sri Lanka, Thailand, Guatemala, Darfur and Chad.

In his keynote speech at AJWS's gala dinner in 2007, Clinton said: *"More than anything else I came here to thank AJWS for the work you do around the world... and for doing it in partnership with local organizations, many of which would not be able to do their work were it not for you."*



On poverty, the Torah says:  
**“You Shall Strengthen [them].”**

—LEVITICUS 25:35

AJWS'S GRANTMAKING MODEL ECHOES THE BELIEF THAT EMPOWERMENT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF *TZEDEKAH*. OUR GOAL IS TO HELP OUR GRANTEEES SUCCEED ON THEIR OWN, ENABLING THEM TO DEVELOP, SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THEIR OWN STRATEGIES FOR TRANSFORMATION.

AJWS grants build the foundation for a vibrant civil society:

#### *Sustainable Livelihoods*

For people living in poverty, achieving economic security is a constant struggle. AJWS strengthens the capacity of grassroots organizations to create jobs in slums and urban areas and to help rural people build livelihoods from agriculture and available natural resources. While creating economic opportunities, these grants also promote the development of vital programs and services and help raise the social status of women and marginalized communities.

#### *Community Health*

Poor health causes millions of deaths in developing countries each year. AJWS helps increase access to prevention and treatment around the world by funding local efforts to provide basic health services, improve child and maternal nutrition and prevent and treat diseases like malaria, dysentery and HIV/AIDS. With AJWS's support, communities build clinics, fund preventative education and gain access to antiretroviral drugs and basic medicines that save lives.



### *Education for All*

Lack of access to education is one of the most critical roadblocks to change in the developing world. AJWS grants help communities provide traditional schooling as well as vocational training and informal opportunities for learning and skills building. Our grantees advocate for government provision of affordable, high-quality education to all people, especially frequently excluded populations like indigenous groups, women and girls.

### *Civic Empowerment*

AJWS supports marginalized communities to take a stand against injustice, expanding their political, economic and social rights. Civic empowerment grants help communities hold local governments accountable to the people. They also amplify the voices of women, children and youth; indigenous groups; sexual and ethnic minorities; refugees and people living with HIV/AIDS.

### *Community Response to Disasters and Emergencies*

AJWS has supported people who have suffered some of the worst catastrophes and violent conflicts of the past 25 years. When a tsunami, earthquake or conflict claims lives, our grantees are often among the first responders. With AJWS funding, they provide emergency aid, assist refugees, prevent gender-based violence, fill gaps in education, address profound psychosocial trauma and work with communities throughout the years that it takes to heal, rebuild and move toward peace and long-term development.

### *Collaboration, Partnership and Peer Exchange*

AJWS leverages our grantees' work by creating opportunities for collaboration. We frequently bring grantees together for local and regional peer-exchange conferences, enabling them to network, share best practices and problem-solve. AJWS also funds "collegial partners"—international and regional NGOs that provide valuable training, advocacy and support to grassroots organizations, bolstering movements for global change.

#### GRANTMAKING SPOTLIGHT

##### **AJWS Aids Tsunami Survivors**

When the tsunami swept Southeast Asia, killing 250,000 people on December 26, 2004, AJWS responded immediately. With more than \$11.4 million in donations, AJWS has supported 82 grassroots organizations in Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India and Somalia over the past five and a half years, helping communities on their long road to recovery.

Deval Sanghavi, founder of DASRA, an AJWS grantee, said after the tsunami: *"AJWS realized that the issues that are facing these communities are long-standing issues and that it's not mere relief that is needed, but development, allowing them to face future disasters on better footing."*

# Timeline of AJWS Grantmaking

1985

AJWS makes its first grant (for community health in famine-hit Mozambique).

1998

Nelson Mandela honors AJWS grantee Ntataise Trust for "its exceptional contribution to education in South Africa."

1986-1991

AJWS collaborates with the Tibetan community-in-exile on agricultural projects and an economic plan for Tibetan refugees.

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1988

The UN World Food Programme implements affordable grain-storage methods developed by AJWS and Israeli scientists.

January 13, 1999

AJWS grantee TOSTAN succeeds in outlawing female genital cutting in Senegal.

2003

HIV/AIDS grantees convene in South Africa for the first AJWS peer exchange.

## Emergency Grantmaking

1989

AJWS aids communities displaced by civil war in Sri Lanka.

1995

AJWS aids survivors of the Great Hanshin Earthquake in Kobe, Japan.

1998

AJWS aids communities devastated by Hurricane Mitch, launching more than a decade of work in Central America.

2003

AJWS aids communities in war-torn Sierra Leone.

# HOPE

**2006**  
AJWS joins **The Girl Effect**, a partnership with the **Nike Foundation**, to create safe spaces for adolescent girls and promote women's leadership.

**2008**  
AJWS sponsors 25 grantees as delegates to the **XVII International AIDS Conference**.

**2009**  
Thai grantees are instrumental in the passing of groundbreaking law protecting the land titles of indigenous farmers.

**2010**  
**Hillary Clinton and Michelle Obama** honor AJWS grantees **Ann Njogu and Sonia Pierre** with the U.S. Department of State's **International Women of Courage Award**.

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**2008**  
Since 2008, seven AJWS grantees have won the **UN's prestigious Red Ribbon Award**: Center for Popular Education and Human Rights (Ghana), CoCoSi (El Salvador), Empower Foundation (Thailand), Physicians for Social Justice (Nigeria), Sankalp (India), Social Action for Women (Burma/Thailand) and The Independent Project for Equal Rights (Nigeria).

**2009**  
AJWS grantees in India help overturn one of India's anti-homosexuality laws.

**2009**  
80 grantees work to overcome food insecurity, as part of the **Fighting Hunger from the Ground Up** campaign.

**2010**  
AJWS creates the **Urgent LGBT Uganda Fund** to help defeat the Ugandan Anti-Homosexuality Bill.

**2004**  
**AJWS responds to the genocide in Darfur.** To date, AJWS has sent \$4.4 million to grantees in Darfur and Chad working to save lives and end the genocide.

**2005**  
**AJWS aids tsunami-affected communities,** launching a five-year commitment to escalated grantmaking in the region.

**2008**  
**AJWS aids survivors of Cyclone Nargis in Burma.**

**2010**  
**AJWS responds to the earthquake in Haiti,** distributing emergency aid within 48 hours. AJWS raised nearly \$6 million to fund a four-year recovery strategy.

A photograph of a woman with dark hair and a headband, wearing an orange sleeveless top, smiling broadly. She is surrounded by a group of children of various ages, many of whom are also smiling and waving their hands. The background shows a rustic stone wall with some posters or notices attached to it. The overall atmosphere is joyful and positive.

*25 Years of Volunteer Service*

VOLUNTEER CORPS PARTICIPANT DEBORAH  
APELOIG WORKING WITH CHILDREN  
THROUGH DALIT FOUNDATION, INDIA  
PHOTO DEBORAH APELOIG

## AJWS HAS CHANGED THE LANDSCAPE OF JEWISH SERVICE. }

Twenty-five years ago, there were few international service opportunities designed specifically for Jews with aspirations of healing the world. But AJWS has led a renaissance of Jewish service, and to date, has sent 3,400 volunteers to work with grassroots organizations fighting poverty, hunger and disease around the world. On these “service-learning” trips, AJWS volunteers have made a lasting impact: They have helped build community centers, roads and schools; conducted research; improved health and hygiene; documented and protested human rights abuses and taught essential skills. At the same time, they have engaged deeply with the Jewish tradition of *tikkun olam*, studying AJWS’s service curriculum, *Expanding the Universe of Obligation: Judaism, Justice and Global Responsibility*. By learning about and contributing personally to global change, AJWS volunteers are applying the most fundamental Jewish ideals of justice.

### *Volunteer Corps*

Since 1993, AJWS has sent 563 skilled Jewish professionals to serve for three months to a year with grassroots organizations around the globe. By taking time off from their careers to work intensively in developing countries, these volunteers use their professional skills to further the organizations’ work to promote sustainable development and human rights.

### *Volunteer Summer*

In 1994, AJWS began sending groups of Jewish young adults to spend a summer living and working with our grassroots partners. Nearly 600 high school and college students have participated since then, spending seven weeks volunteering in a developing country and the following year solidifying their commitment to global justice through an intensive domestic program.

### *Alternative Breaks*

In 2000, AJWS re-invented “spring break” as an opportunity for life-changing Jewish service. Over the past decade, AJWS has led more than 200 groups—including 1,660 college students from 61 universities—to Central America, Asia and Africa in partnership with Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life and other campus organizations. The program has inspired budding young changemakers and helped jumpstart Jewish justice movements on campuses around the country.

### *World Partners Fellowship*

In 2004, AJWS founded a competitive, 10-month international fellowship to prepare recent Jewish college graduates for careers in social justice. The program has since sent 82 extraordinary young people to India and Central America to make tangible, long-term contributions to development and human rights struggles.

### *Rabbinical Students’ Delegation*

Since 2004, AJWS has sent more than 200 rabbinical students and educators from 15 seminaries on service-learning trips to volunteer, grapple with ideas of justice and pluralism and strengthen their Jewish leadership. This program, funded by the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust, has recently expanded to include U.S.-based workshops to help emerging leaders take global issues into synagogues and other institutions of American Jewish life.

### *Community Delegations*

AJWS provides opportunities for multi-generational community groups—often from synagogues and schools—to experience our volunteer service programs. More than 550 participants from Jewish communities around the country have traveled with AJWS to volunteer with grassroots organizations and deepen their commitment to Judaism and global change.

# Timeline of AJWS Volunteer Service

1993

AJWS sends its first volunteers to the developing world, launching **Volunteer Corps**.

1994

AJWS launches **Dig Honduras**, now called **Volunteer Summer**, sending three volunteers to help build a potable water system in Honduras.

2001

Volunteer Summer holds its first annual Washington, D.C. retreat, where participants meet with policymakers on the Hill to advocate for global justice issues.

2002

AJWS launches the **Delegations** program, sending synagogue groups from New Jersey and the Bay Area to El Salvador.

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1999

Volunteer Summer adds a domestic component, holding post-trip retreats for participants in the U.S.

2000

Volunteer Corps sends its 100th volunteer.

2000

AJWS funds **Alternative Breaks**, sending a group of NYU students to volunteer in El Salvador.

2000

AJWS convenes a group of six Jewish service organizations—including AVODAH, JDC and Otzma—which in 2001 becomes the **Jewish Coalition for Service** and grows to coordinate the efforts of more than 50 service programs.

2003-2007

AJWS partners with the **Pfizer Global Health Fellowship**, sending eight AJWS volunteers to work on health-related projects in India and Uganda.





## SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

2004

AJWS founds **World Partners Fellowship**, sending five fellows to India.

2004

AJWS launches the **Rabbinical Students' Delegation**, sending 26 students from five seminaries to El Salvador.

2004

**Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health** partners with AJWS to create an international fellowship.

### Volunteers Witness the Miracle of Water

Students from Tufts and University of Maryland spent a week with AJWS in March 2008 building water cisterns with the community of Potrero de Batres, El Salvador. In the absence of plumbing or a running tap, the new cisterns filled a critical need to collect clean, uncontaminated spring and rain water for the community.

Tufts student Emma Blumstein wrote: *"When the whole community gathered around to see the faucets turned on, I could feel a change moving through the people... For me and for the rest of the students on the trip, it was rewarding to be a small help and beautiful to witness this moment in history for the people of Batres."*

2009

60 alumni attend the first annual Rabbinical Students' Delegation Alumni Institute.

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### AJWS Volunteer Collaborates on Groundbreaking Health Passport

In 2009, retired surgeon and Volunteer Corps member, Dr. Mordechai Gemer, worked with AJWS partner Halo Medical Foundation in India to remedy the critical lack of medical records among the rural poor. Dr. Gemer helped the Halo staff develop a "health passport" to enable patients to track and carry their medical histories with them. The foundation reports that the project has since been applied in more than 70 villages, reaching about 80 percent of local patients.

2005

The 100<sup>th</sup> Alternative Breaks group travels to Ghana.

2009

AJWS sends its 3,000<sup>th</sup> volunteer to the developing world.

2010

AJWS launches the **Young Rabbis Delegation**, sending 12 early-career rabbis to volunteer in Muchucuxcah, Mexico.

# { 25 Years of Advocacy and Activism

THIS PAST QUARTER CENTURY, AJWS HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THROUGH ACTIVISM, INDIVIDUALS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. }

AJWS has united Jewish communities to engage in some of the most critical struggles for justice around the world. Together, we have challenged domestic and international policies that exacerbate poverty and violate human rights, and have worked to advance justice and equality. AJWS has empowered American Jews to lobby U.S. presidents and elected officials, and to organize strong local movements for global justice. Over the years, hundreds of thousands of our constituents have raised their voices for change.

Because of these efforts, members of Congress have increased their focus on poverty and human rights. AJWS's advocacy has contributed to better and more affordable antiretroviral drugs for HIV/AIDS and the unshackling of some of the world's poorest countries from unfair debt. AJWS supporters have helped secure a commitment at the highest levels of our government to bring an end to the genocide in Darfur. And this year, our work to help alleviate global hunger supports a future in which food is considered an inalienable human right.

These actions always work in tandem with AJWS's grantees' own activism. As we hold our own government accountable, our grantees pursue accountability at home, and work to put more power in the hands of the formerly powerless. To amplify these voices and bring the reality of the developing world into the halls of power, AJWS brings our grantees to visit policymakers in Washington, address the UN and other international forums, and attend conferences for justice and human rights.



DISARM  
DARFUR

### *Darfur*

When news of the first genocide of the 21<sup>st</sup> century emerged in 2004, AJWS led the campaign to bring Darfur to the top of the American Jewish agenda and into the international and political spotlight. “Never again” resonated in synagogues, JCCs and college campuses, as the Jewish community united behind this cause. AJWS co-founded the Save Darfur Coalition and today continues to collaborate with faith-based, humanitarian and advocacy organizations to bring an end to the bloodshed.

### *HIV/AIDS*

AJWS has been a vocal HIV/AIDS advocate for more than a decade. Our advocacy has increased global funding for affordable antiretroviral treatments among poor, marginalized and high-risk populations. And, as a longstanding member of key HIV/AIDS advocacy groups, AJWS has been instrumental in galvanizing faith-based support for AIDS-related activism.

### *Debt Relief*

Since the late ‘90s, AJWS has advocated for alleviation of the crushing and unfair debt that obstructs the development of emerging democracies around the world. AJWS has brought a strong Jewish voice to the Jubilee debt-relief movement, which has succeeded in canceling the debts of Uganda, Honduras, Mozambique and Haiti.

### *Foreign Assistance Reform*

In April 2009, AJWS launched Just Aid, a campaign to support reform of the U.S. Foreign Assistance Program to more effectively alleviate poverty and promote human rights. AJWS’s advocacy in Congress helped secure 126 cosponsors on the Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009.

### *Global Hunger*

AJWS concluded 2009 by launching an effort to address one of the most severe epidemics of our time with Fighting Hunger from the Ground Up, a campaign to alleviate global hunger through political advocacy, Jewish activism and grassroots solutions to food insecurity.

A large crowd of people, many wearing blue UN hats, gathered for a rally. Several signs are visible, including "STOP GENOCIDE IN DARFUR", "SAVE DARFUR", "YESHIVA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SAY: 'NEVER AGAIN!'", and "IMAGINE PEACE STAND WITH YALE".

## ACTIVISM SPOTLIGHT

### AJWS and the Save Darfur Coalition Organize Historic Rally in the Capital

Sixty thousand AJWS and Save Darfur supporters flooded Washington's National Mall on April 30, 2006 for the first anti-genocide rally in American history (pictured). Nearly a dozen leading members of Congress—including Nancy Pelosi and then-Senator Barack Obama—appeared onstage, joining Ruth Messinger, George Clooney, Elie Wiesel and Darfuri activists to lead the crowd's demand of immediate action to counter the genocide.

## AJWS HAS INSPIRED A GENERATION OF JEWISH CHANGEMAKERS. }

AJWS has worked to cultivate Jewish activists who are deeply passionate about global justice. They include families, students, rabbis and congregants who come in busloads to rallies for Darfur; college students and young adults who galvanize their peers about global hunger; and educators who teach that alleviating poverty is an inherently Jewish act.

Some of AJWS's most passionate activists have emerged from our volunteer service programs. AJWS alumni are at the frontlines of AJWS's advocacy campaigns and are building their own movements around the country. These committed individuals now populate the Jewish social justice landscape and pursue change in myriad ways—from classrooms to boardrooms, to synagogues and the halls of Congress. In their own lives and work, AJWS alumni are the catalysts behind some of the most innovative Jewish justice projects of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

AJWS fosters innovation and collaboration among these young activists. The AJWS-AVODAH Partnership (renamed "Pursue" in 2010) attracts thousands of organizers, social entrepreneurs, artists, innovators and professionals in their 20s and 30s. At events around the country, they convene to activate their Jewish values, network and collaborate to build a more just world.

*"[AJWS was] an early leader and a powerful leader in the movement to end the genocide. There are lots of people alive today who wouldn't be if it weren't for AJWS's work."*

—NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF  
PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING JOURNALIST, AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST

# Timeline of AJWS Advocacy and Activism

1991

AJWS is elected to the executive committee of **InterAction**, a consortium of 140 international humanitarian organizations.

1999

AJWS fights for debt relief, becoming a leading member of the **Jubilee USA coalition**.

2003

A global meeting of HIV/AIDS activists organized by AJWS leads to the formation of the **International Treatment Preparedness Coalition**. That same year, AJWS joins the **Global AIDS Roundtable**.

2007

AJWS is the first national Jewish organization to promote targeted **divestment from Sudan**, playing a key advocacy role in a movement that has secured divestment in 27 states.

2007

AJWS furthers a key HIV/AIDS victory through vigorous advocacy in favor of reform and reauthorization of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

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2006

2000

AJWS establishes the **Jewish Coalition Responding to AIDS in Africa**.

2005

AJWS and Save Darfur supporters send **one million postcards to President Bush** advocating for a stronger multi-national force in Darfur.

2004

AJWS co-founds the **Save Darfur Coalition**, which is today the primary advocacy voice for Darfur on the international stage.

2006

AJWS launches a partnership with **AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps**, to build a national movement of Jewish justice activists in their 20s and 30s.

## ADVOCACY SPOTLIGHT

### President Obama Collaborates with AJWS

On March 31, 2009, AJWS president Ruth Messinger met with President Barack Obama at the White House as part of a small group of leading anti-genocide, peace and human rights advocates called upon to advise the President and the new Special Envoy for Sudan about Darfur. In June 2009, Ruth was appointed to the administration's Task Force on Global Poverty and Development.

2007

The AJWS-AVODAH Partnership hosts its first annual *Inside the Activists' Studio*, a day-long grassroots activism event.

2007

2008

The AJWS-AVODAH Partnership hosts **Presidential debate-watch parties** in six cities, co-sponsored by more than 60 Jewish organizations.

2008

The AJWS-AVODAH Partnership launches "Organizational Leadership for Social Change," an annual seminar to prepare young Jews to assume leadership roles in the Jewish community.

2008

2009

16 members of Congress and representatives of major advocacy organizations in Washington attend **AJWS's Congressional reception about Foreign Assistance Reform**, with speeches by Reps. Nita Lowey (D-NY) and Howard Berman (D-CA).

2009

AJWS helps secure 120 Congressional cosponsors on the **Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009**.

2009

AJWS and Equal Exchange launch "Better Beans," a line of Fair Trade coffee and chocolate.

2009

The Sudan Interfaith Working Group appoints AJWS as its chair.

2009

AJWS launches a campaign to reduce global hunger, **Fighting Hunger from the Ground Up**.

2009

2010

AJWS plays a leading role in the fight against the **Uganda Anti-Homosexuality Bill**, resulting in a parliamentary recommendation in May that the bill be withdrawn from consideration.

2010

More than 200 Jewish communities worldwide participate in AJWS's **Global Hunger Shabbat**.

2010

The AJWS-AVODAH partnership is renamed **Pursue: Action for a just world**. To date, the program has more than 3,000 active members.

2010

2009

AJWS is instrumental in campaigns to **cancel Haiti's debt** to lenders including the U.S., the Inter-American Development Bank and the IMF.

## { 25 Years of Education

**“Which is greater, study or action?  
...Study is greater, because it leads to action.”**  
—BABYLONIAN TALMUD, KIDDUSHIN 40B

Through education, AJWS has helped reignite the spirit of action and activism at the core of our tradition. The Torah and three millennia of Jewish teachings contain a trove of wisdom on the importance of aiding the orphan and the stranger, saving lives and ensuring that the world we live in is equitable, righteous and just. AJWS works to bring this tradition to the forefront of Jewish consciousness and inspire Jewish learning about contemporary issues like genocide, global hunger, human trafficking and Fair Trade. The fact that *tikkun olam* shares the pulpit with ritual and spirituality in American Judaism today is a legacy of our commitment to authentic justice-based Jewish education.

To this end, AJWS has developed a growing body of educational resources that teach about poverty and injustice through deep exploration of biblical, rabbinic and contemporary Jewish texts. Our volunteer curriculum, *Expanding the Universe of Obligation: Judaism, Justice and Global Responsibility*, infuses the volunteer experience with study, generating a vibrant Jewish discourse on activism, *tzedakah* and justice. From Rashi and Maimonides to Abraham Joshua Heschel and Susan Sontag, the curriculum’s texts forever change the way AJWS volunteers think about what it means to be Jewish in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In 2009, our Torah commentaries, text studies and book and film guides reached more than 8,000 people. Our webinars introduced educators to Jewish perspectives on issues like food sovereignty and foreign assistance reform. Resources for holidays related the Jewish calendar to a global worldview. And at the cutting edge of online education, On1Foot—AJWS’s Jewish text database—enabled users to share texts and curricula with each other, multiplying access to this tradition exponentially.





ETHIOPIAN CHILDREN RECEIVE THEIR FIRST BOOKS  
FROM AJWS GRANTEE ETHIOPIA READS  
PHOTO J. CARRIER

# Timeline of AJWS Education

1986

AJWS works to put global issues higher on the agenda of the American Jewish community, establishing **Associate Groups** in major cities to organize events and learning opportunities.

2005

AJWS launches **Dvar Tzedek**, a weekly Torah commentary and podcast that inspires social and global activism for more than 5,000 subscribers.

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1991

AJWS collaborates with the Bureau of Jewish Education in San Francisco to publish a curriculum for Jewish students about global hunger called "**Hunger for Justice.**"

2006

AJWS publishes **Not on Our Watch**, hands-on resources to help young people understand and take action to stop the genocide in Darfur.

2007

AJWS launches *Chag v'Chesed* and *From the Sources*, essays on Jewish holidays by noted scholars and in-depth text studies linking the holidays to themes of global justice. Today, the two publications have more than 7,000 subscribers.

2007

AJWS founds the **Lisa Goldberg Memorial Writers' Fellowship** for writers, activists and Jewish educators to write Dvar Tzedek Torah commentaries.

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## EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

### AJWS Creates Comprehensive Jewish Justice Curriculum

First published in 2007 and now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, AJWS's curriculum, *Expanding the Universe of Obligation: Judaism, Justice and Global Responsibility*, brings dynamic Jewish discourse into some of the most remote and marginalized communities around the world. Volunteers turn to Jewish texts in helping them grapple with the injustice and poverty that they witness up close. The questions that the curriculum poses and the teachings it provides help them shape their understanding of our individual and collective responsibility to empower others and build a better world.

2009

AJWS launches **On1Foot**, an online database of Jewish justice texts and teaching tools. Users have uploaded over 700 texts and original text studies.

2009

AJWS founds **Kol Tzedek—Voices of Justice**, a speakers' fellowship. In the first six months, the four fellows have spoken in more than 30 Jewish communities around the country.



RUTH MESSINGER PLANTS A TREE WITH FESTUS  
WAKHUNGU OF KILILI SELF-HELP PROJECT, KENYA.  
PHOTO EVAN ABRAMSON

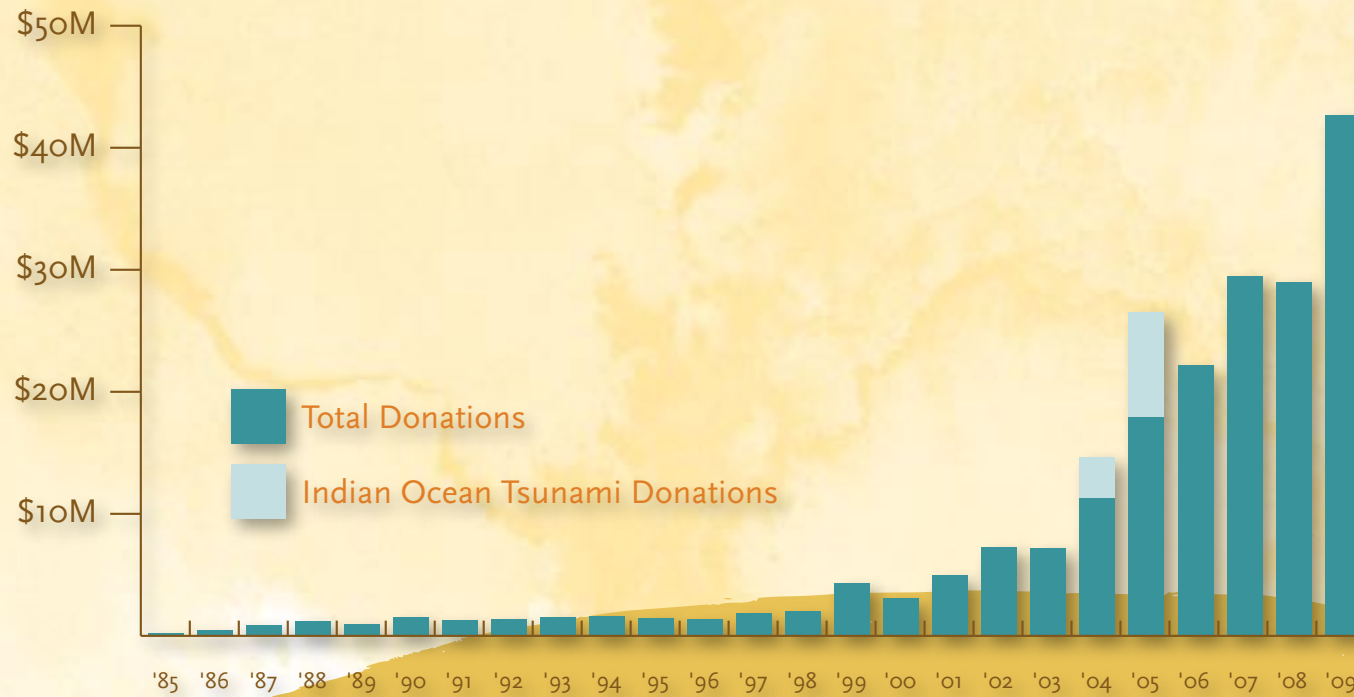
# { 25 Years of Leadership

AJWS THANKS ALL THOSE WHOSE STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE HAS GIVEN THIS ORGANIZATION LIFE, SUSTAINED IT AND ENABLED IT TO REACH THIS DAY.

The trustees and professionals who have led AJWS over the years have done so with extraordinary dedication, vision and integrity. Their leadership has steered AJWS through times of both remarkable growth and formidable challenge, shaping the strong, sustainable organization that we are today.

AJWS's donors and supporters have made all this work possible. Their unwavering commitment to overcoming global injustice and to the Jewish values that inform AJWS's mission inspires all that we do. From institutional and corporate funders to tens of thousands of individual donors, they are our foundation and our future. AJWS's new young leadership program, Global Circle, nurtures a passionate cohort of more than 1,000 young philanthropists. They are eager to activate their Jewish values through *tzedakah*, building the next generation of AJWS leadership.

## HISTORY OF SUPPORT





# Timeline of AJWS Leadership

1985

AJWS is founded in Cambridge, MA, by Lawrence Phillips and Lawrence Simon.

*"It's obviously not only those on the receiving end of AJWS programs who can be transformed by this work; those of you—those of us—who give time, money, energy and dedication are transformed as well... I am struck by the eagerness and desire of many American Jews to dedicate themselves to something humanitarian, transcendent and Jewish."*

—Lawrence Simon, 1990 AJWS Annual Report

1991

AJWS hosts a benefit in New York City to celebrate AJWS's collaboration with the Tibetan community in exile. **The Dalai Lama** addresses 500 AJWS supporters:

*"I very much appreciate your genuine concern for our freedom and legitimate rights. I am very touched. Sometimes I think it is quite natural that people who go through the same type of suffering or unfortunate events develop a deeper human feeling."*

2001

**First Lady Hillary Clinton** speaks at an AJWS fundraiser in New York City.

2001

Ruth Messinger leads the first **Study Tour**—to Senegal—bringing AJWS supporters to visit grantees and witness grassroots development in action.

1985

2000

2001

2002

2003

1987

*"As Jews, we must show that our suffering has produced a tremendous outcry against moral numbness. When I needed people to come and help, nobody came. Therefore, today, I must come. I must help. That is why I have joined the board of American Jewish World Service."*

—Elie Wiesel, member of AJWS board of trustees

1998

AJWS launches its website, [www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org), which, today, attracts nearly 200,000 unique visitors annually.

## LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### President Obama honors AJWS

In his speech at the national prayer breakfast on February 4, 2010, President Obama commended AJWS as an example of the *"compassion and decency of the American people"* following the earthquake in Haiti.

## AJWS Governance

1985-1991

Lawrence Phillips, chair

1985-1989

Lawrence Simon, president

1990-1997

Andrew Griffel, president

1992-1994

Lawrence Bittenwieser, chair

1995-1996

Eric Wallach, chair



## LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### Ruth Messinger Inspires a Movement

In her 12 years as AJWS president, Ruth Messinger has been an indefatigable spokesperson for activism, service and global justice. In the past decade she has been recognized for her work with honorary doctorates from four rabbinical schools and awards from major Jewish organizations; and has collaborated with President Obama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other world leaders. For eight consecutive years, she was among the Forward's "50 most influential Jews of the year."

In 2010, Ruth delivered the Baccalaureate Address at Stanford University, where she called upon the graduates to be agents of change: *"Make the choice to act for justice. Engage the problems that threaten the future of our nation and the world. Embrace a responsibility to people in need. For the first time in history, the world has the knowledge, the resources and the capacity to move all people out of poverty, to effect change in every corner of the globe. The question is whether you—and we all—will take part in this effort."*

2005

42,000 donors contribute \$11.9 million to AJWS after the Indian Ocean Tsunami.

2007

AJWS reaches 100,000 supporters.

2007

AJWS hosts a gala dinner with special guest President William Jefferson Clinton.

2008

AJWS donates support for Darfur at a luncheon in New York City, with guest speakers including Nicholas Kristof, John Prendergast, Ann Curry and Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo.

2009

In a year of mounting online engagement, AJWS launches a blog ("From the Ground") as well as a Twitter presence (AJWSdotORG).

2009

Young philanthropists launch AJWS's new young leadership program, **Global Circle**.

2010

27,000 people contribute \$5.7 million to the AJWS Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

2004

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

1997-2002

Don Abramson, chair

1998—present

Ruth Messinger, president

2002-2006

Marty Friedman, chair

2006-2009

James Meier, chair

2009-present

Barbara Dobkin, chair

# 2009 Annual Report

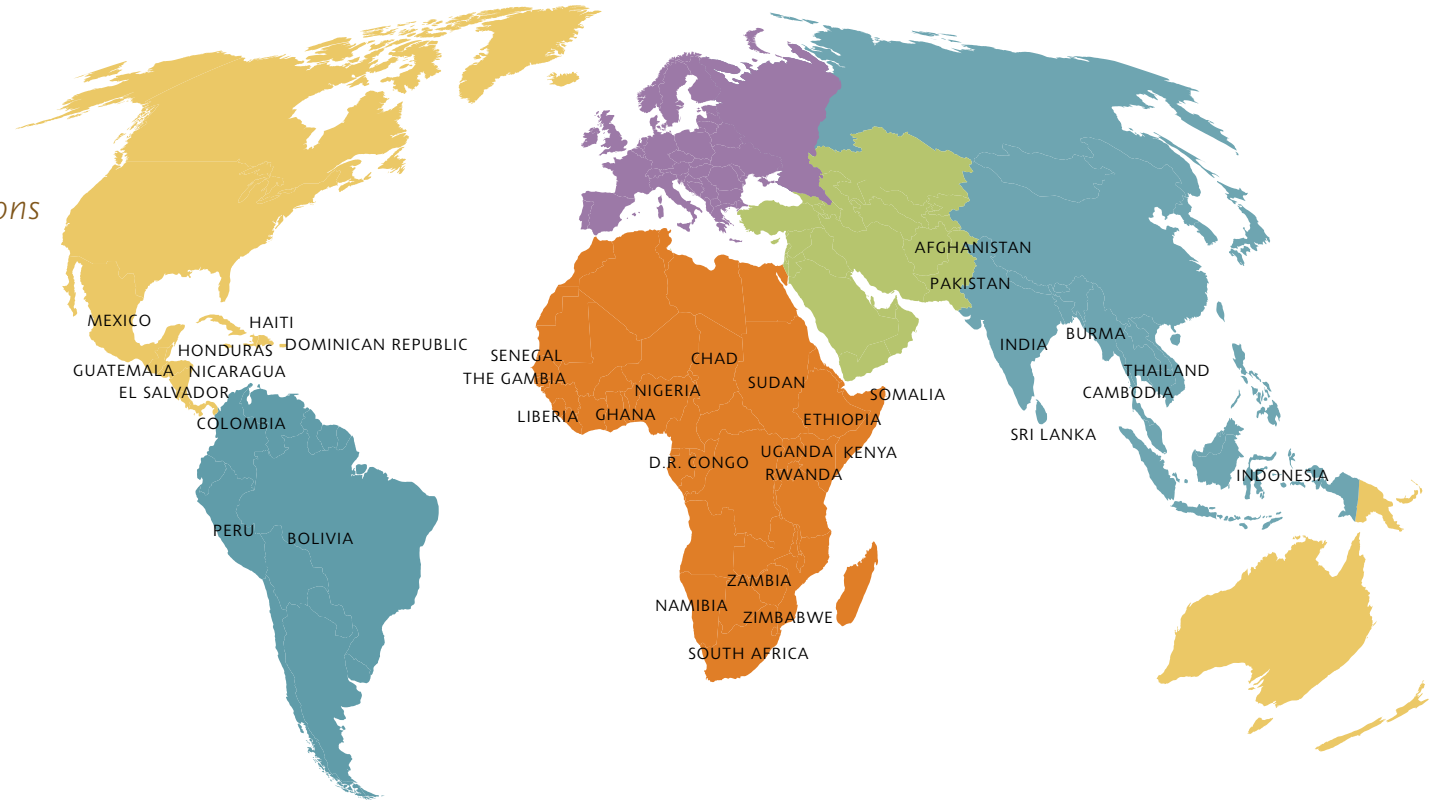


# AJWS Around the Globe in 2009

## SERVICE

443 volunteers at 135 organizations

Alternative Breaks:	206
Volunteer Corps:	91
Volunteer Summer:	61
World Partners Fellowship:	19
Rabbinical Students' Delegation:	43
Study Tours:	23



## GRANTMAKING

626 grants to 458 organizations

### CORE GRANTS

#### Africa (166)

Chad:	2
DRC:	12
Ethiopia:	16
The Gambia:	1
Ghana:	9
Kenya:	25
Liberia:	16
Namibia:	1
Nigeria:	13
Senegal:	8
Somalia:	4
South Africa:	8

Sudan:	2
Uganda:	32
Zambia:	5
Zimbabwe:	12
<b>Americas (147)</b>	
Bolivia:	16
Colombia:	21
Dominican Republic:	5
El Salvador:	21
Guatemala:	24
Haiti:	10
Honduras:	7
Mexico:	16
Nicaragua:	7

Peru:	20
<b>Asia (229)</b>	
Afghanistan:	7
Burma:	33
Cambodia:	18
India:	72
Indonesia:	23
Pakistan:	8
Sri Lanka:	52
Thailand:	16
<b>Worldwide</b>	
Collegial Partnerships	9
<b>DONOR-ADVISED FUND</b>	<b>75</b>

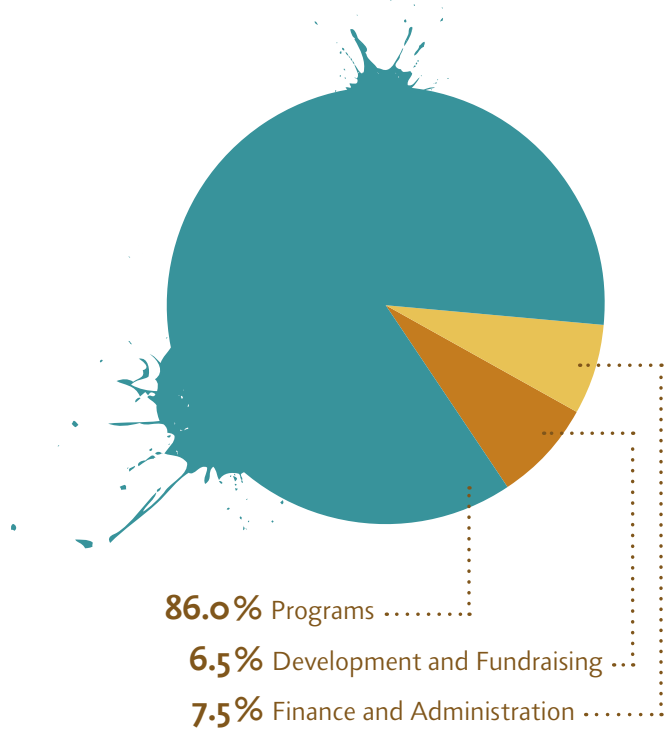


PERUVIAN ACTIVIST WITH AJWS GRANTEE  
AIDSESP OUTSIDE CONGRESS IN LIMA  
PHOTO EVAN ABRAMSON

# American Jewish World Service, Inc. Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2009

(With comparative financial information as of December 31, 2008)

## Expenditures



The statements of Financial Position and Activities were derived from the 2009 audited financial statements of American Jewish World Service, Inc. A copy of the audited financial statements and form 990 for 2009 are available upon request. Our independent auditor is McGladrey & Pullen, LLP.

## Assets

	2009	2008
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,426,086	4,639,555
Contributions Receivable	4,288,908	5,248,240
Investments	8,500,000	8,782,459
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	426,192	319,712
Notes Receivable	50,000	50,000
Property and Equipment, Net	2,192,284	2,493,306
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,883,470</b>	<b>\$ 21,533,272</b>

## Liabilities and Net Assets

### Liabilities:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	792,056	532,287
Grants Payable	7,466,185	6,977,125
Deferred Rent	266,957	228,456
Unearned Revenue	168,101	51,854
Charitable Gift Annuity Obligation	237,080	237,942
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 8,930,379</b>	<b>\$ 8,027,664</b>

### Net Assets:

Unrestricted Net Assets		
Undesignated	4,053,415	1,154,608
Unrestricted Designated for Donor Advised Funds	1,171,200	
Unrestricted Designated for Long-Term Investment	2,000,131	
Board-Designated for Reserve Funds	3,441,015	3,441,015
<b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,665,761</b>	<b>\$ 4,595,623</b>
<b>Total Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,287,330</b>	<b>\$ 8,909,985</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 17,953,091</b>	<b>\$ 13,505,608</b>

<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,883,470</b>	<b>\$ 21,533,272</b>
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# American Jewish World Service, Inc.

## Statement of Activities, 2009

(With summarized comparative financial information for the year ended December 31, 2008)

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<i>Contributions and Revenue:</i>				
Individuals	10,893,745	15,486,136	26,379,881	25,305,001
Donor Advised Fund*	12,000,000		12,000,000	
Bequests	164,907	178,789	343,696	34,296
Foundations and Corporations	551,750	2,452,808	3,004,558	4,798,441
Special Event Revenue, Net	86,362	3,070	89,432	92,328
Donated Services	227,368	551,561	778,929	1,630,780
Investment Income, Net	108,751	2,089	110,840	(3,392,516)
Study Tours and Miscellaneous Revenue	278,037	30,736	308,773	392,982
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	20,327,844	(20,327,844)		
<b>Total Contributions and Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 44,638,764</b>	<b>\$ (1,622,655)</b>	<b>\$ 43,016,109</b>	<b>\$ 28,861,312</b>
<i>Expenditures</i>				
<i>Program Expenditures:</i>				
Grants	24,833,907		24,833,907	15,562,007
Service	3,467,055		3,467,055	4,762,166
Education and Community Engagement	3,801,559		3,801,559	3,754,845
Advocacy	1,048,899		1,048,899	1,444,400
<b>Total Program Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 33,151,420</b>		<b>\$ 33,151,420</b>	<b>\$ 25,523,418</b>
<i>Supporting Services:</i>				
Finance and Administration	2,891,765		2,891,765	2,663,666
Development	2,525,441		2,525,441	3,126,544
<b>Total Support Service Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,417,206</b>		<b>\$ 5,417,206</b>	<b>\$ 5,790,210</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 38,568,626</b>		<b>\$ 38,568,626</b>	<b>\$ 31,313,628</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,070,138</b>	<b>\$ (1,622,655)</b>	<b>\$ 4,447,483</b>	<b>\$ (2,452,316)</b>
Beginning Net Assets	4,595,623	8,909,985	13,505,608	15,957,924
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,665,761</b>	<b>\$ 7,287,330</b>	<b>\$ 17,953,091</b>	<b>\$ 13,505,608</b>

\*Donor Advised fund established in 2009



COPAL URCO, PERU  
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KISUMU, KENYA  
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AJWS is proud to recognize our hardworking grantee organizations. Their hands-on commitment to building a more just world is at the heart of our efforts around the globe.

## Grantees

### Afghanistan

Afghan Institute of Learning  
Global Afghanistan Reconstruction Organization

### Bolivia

Asociación Departamental de Regantes y Sistemas Comunitarios de Agua Potable de Santa Cruz  
Centro de Estudios Aplicados a los Derechos Económicos Sociales y Culturales  
Centro para el Desarrollo Regional  
Colectivo Rebeldía  
Confederación de Mujeres Indígenas de Bolivia  
Consejo de Ayllus Originarios de Potosí  
Consejo Regional Tsimane Mosekene - Pilón Lajas  
Equipo Equidad T.L.G.B.  
Fundación Igualdad LGBT  
Movimiento Cultural Saya Afroboliviano  
Mujeres Asociadas - Mujeres Creando  
Wayna Rap

### Burma

Adolescent Reproductive Health Zone  
Burma Issues  
Burmese Women's Union

Human Rights Education Institute of Burma  
Kachin Women's Association Thailand  
Karen Environmental and Social Action Network  
Karen Human Rights Group  
Karen Women's Organisation  
Network for Environment and Economic Development  
New Generation School  
Save and Care Organisation for Ethnic Women at Border Areas  
Shan Women's Action Network  
Shan Youth Power  
Social Action for Women  
Women's League of Burma

### Cambodia

3S Rivers Protection Network  
ARV Users Association  
Cambodia Women Movement Organization  
CORD  
Kampuchea Women's Welfare Action  
Kampuchean Action for Primary Education  
Messenger Band Association  
Non-Timber Forest Products  
Norkor Phnom Community Empowerment Organization  
Positive Women of Hope Organization  
Social Action for Change

Women's Network for Unity  
Worker's Information Centre

### Colombia

APSA MINGA  
Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas del Norte del Cauca  
ASPROCIG  
CENSAT  
Comisión Colombiana de Juristas  
Familiares Colombia  
FORO JOVEN  
Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia  
Palenque Regional el Congal  
Picacho con Futuro  
Red de Jóvenes del Suroccidente de Barranquilla  
Taller Abierto

### Dominican Republic

Grupo de Jóvenes Batey Los Jovillos  
Movimiento De Mujeres Dominicano Haitiana  
Movimiento Social-Cultural de los Trabajadores Haitianos  
Red de Encuentro Dominicano Haitiano - Jacques Viau

### El Salvador

Asociación Agropecuaria Mujeres Produciendo en la Tierra  
Asociación Agropecuaria Salvadoreña

Asociación Amigos de San Isidro, Cabañas  
Asociación Cooperativa de Aprovechamiento, Ahorro, Crédito y Consumo de Mujeres del bajo Lempa 'Marta González'  
Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes  
Asociación de Desarrollo Económico Social Santa Marta  
Asociación de Mujeres Flor de Piedra  
Asociación Equipo Maíz  
Comité Contra el SIDA  
Comité de Reconstrucción y Desarrollo Económico y Social de Comunidades de Suchitoto  
Entre Amigos  
Foundation for Sustainability and Peacemaking in Mesoamerica  
Programa de Fortalecimiento de Capacidades en la Gestión de Riesgo en Centro America  
Programa de Fortalecimiento de Liderazgos

### Ethiopia

African Services Committee  
Culture and Art Society of Ethiopia  
Ethiopia Reads  
HUNDEE  
Jerusalem Children and Community Development Organization  
Mekdim  
Rift Valley Children and Women Development Organization

Siqquee Women Development Association

### Ghana

Centre for Popular Education and Human Rights Ghana  
Challenging Heights  
Girls Growth and Development  
People's Dialogue on Human Settlements  
Regional Advisory and Information Network Systems  
Rural Education and Development Programme  
West Africa Project to Combat AIDS and STI Ghana

### Guatemala

Alianza Maya para la Educación Popular  
Asociación Comunitaria de Desarrollo Integral MAM  
Asociación Cultural y Educativo Ukema No'j  
Asociación de Desarrollo Integral Civil Fe y Esperanza  
Asociación de Desarrollo Integral de San Miguel Ixtahauacan  
Asociación de Docentes en Acción Rural Educativa  
Asociación Frente de Salud Infantil y Reproductiva de Guatemala  
Comité Campesino del Altiplano  
Coordinadora Departamental de Comadronas Tradicionales de Quetzaltenango

Frente Petenero Contra Represas

Fundación Nueva Esperanza

Incide Joven

Nuevo Amanecer

Organización para la Promoción  
Comercial y la Investigación

Proyecto de Desarrollo Santiago

Puente de Paz

Red Alternativa de Intercambio Solidario  
Rights Action

Unidad de Defensores y Defensoras de  
Derechos Humanos en Guatemala

Unión Verapacense de  
Organizaciones Campesinas

## Haiti

KONPAY

Lambi Fund of Haiti

Mouvman Peyizan Rankit

Mouvman Peyizan Bayone 2eme Section  
Communale des Gonaives

Oganizasyon Gwoupman Peyizan pou  
Devlopman 8eme Seksyon

Kominal Akaye

Partners in Health/Zanmi Lasante

## Honduras

Arcoiris

Consejo Cívico de Organizaciones  
Populares e Indígenas de Honduras

Organización Fraternal Negra Hondureña

Red COMAL

## India

Awaaz-e-Niswaan

Bharathi Trust

Cafya

Christian Council for Rural Development  
and Research

Collective Action Network

Committee for Legal Aid to Poor

CREA

Dalit Foundation

Dasra

Delhi Network of Positive People

Development for Rural Oppressed  
People's Service Society

Dreamcatchers Foundation

EcoNet

Ekal Nari

Elgar Pratishtan

Gandhian Unit for Integrated  
Development Education

Girijana Vikas

Global Resistance

Gramin Yuva Abhikram

Grassroots Foundation

Himmat

Human Education and Action for  
Liberation Movement

Jan Jagruti

Keonjhar Integrated Rural Development  
& Training Institute

Kislay

Mohammad Bazar Backward Classes  
Development Society

Nirman

Regional Centre for  
Development Cooperation

Rural Awareness and  
Development Society

Rural Organisation for Social Education

SAATHII

Sahayog

Sahiyar

Salaam Initiative

Samarth Mahila Sangathan

Samatha

Sanghamitra Service Society

Sangram

Sankalp Rehabilitation Trust

Santi Seva

Shaheen

Society for Participatory Research and  
Integrated Training

Society for Poverty Action Network

Society for Rural, Urban and

Tribal Initiative

Society for Upliftment of the Needy

Society to Train and Educate People's  
Participation in Development

Udaan Trust

Vana Niketan

Vikalp

## Indonesia

Acehnese Solidarity for Humanity

Beujroh

Flower Aceh

Forum Bangun Aceh

Himpunan Serikat Perempuan

Kalyanamitra

KontraS Aceh

Mitra Sejati Perempuan Indonesia

Radio Komunitas Suara Perempuan

Samdhana Institute

Saree School for Human Rights and Peace

Serikat Perempuan Petani dan Nelayan

Solidaritas Perempuan Bungoeng

Juempa Aceh

Sri Ratu Syafiatuddin

Tim Relawan Perempuan

Untuk Kemanusiaan

Yayasan Keumala

Yayasan Pengembangan Kawasan

## Kenya

Arid Lands Development Focus

Carolina for Kibera

Centre for Rights Education  
and Awareness

Education Center for Advancement  
of Women

Fortress of Hope Africa

Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Kenya

Grassroots Organizations Operating  
Together in Sisterhood Kenya

Heshima Kenya

Kenya Orphans Rural

Development Programme

Kilili Self Help Project

Kisumu Medical Education Trust

Northern Aid

Sourcenet 2000 Plus

Development Organization

Ugunja Community Resource Center

Wahanda Women Development Group

## Liberia

Association of Disabled

Females International

Committee for Peace and

Development Advocacy

Imani House, Inc.

Liberian Education Trust

Liberian Rural Women Association

Mano River Women Peace Network

Self-Help Initiative for

Sustainable Development

West Africa Network for

Peacebuilding Liberia

Women Peace and Security

Network Africa

## Mexico

Centro De Derechos Indígenas

Flor y Canto

Centro para los Derechos de la

Mujer, Naaxwiin

Colectivo Oaxaqueño en Defensa  
del Territorio

El Hombre Sobre la Tierra

Organización del Pueblo

Indígena Mepha'a

Otros Mundos

Servicios del Pueblo Mixe  
Tlachinollan  
Unión de Comunidades Indígenas de la  
Zona Norte del Istmo  
Unión de Organizaciones de la Sierra  
Juárez, Oaxaca

### **Nicaragua**

Centro Para la Educación y Prevención  
del SIDA  
Comisión Ejecutora de la Mujer, Ninez y  
Adolescencia de Waslala  
Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito Caja  
Rural Mano a Mano  
Fundación Denis Ernesto González  
Servicios Médicos Comunes

### **Nigeria**

Amana Association  
Baobab for Women's Human Rights  
Education as a Vaccine Against AIDS Inc.  
Independent Advocacy Project  
Journalists Against AIDS  
Living Hope Care  
Media Concern  
Physicians for Social Justice  
The Independent Project

### **Peru**

Amazon Watch  
Asociación Interétnica de Desarrollo de  
la Selva Peruana

Asociación para la Conservación del  
Patrimonio de Cultivireni  
Capital Humano y Social Alternativo  
Centro Para el Desarrollo Urbano y Rural  
Comunicaciones Aliadas  
DeporVida  
Escuela de Diplomacia Indígena  
Federación de Comunidades Nativas del  
Bajo Ucayali  
Grupo de Trabajo Racimos de  
Ungurahui LUNDU Centro de Estudios  
y  
Promoción Afroperuanos  
Minga Perú  
Mujeres de Anta  
Musas, Mujeres que Inspiramos Cambios  
Sol y Visión  
Solas y Unidas

### **Senegal**

Africa Consultants International  
Afrique Enjeux  
ASREAD  
Association Nationale Pour le Bien Etre  
de la Population  
Espoir Pour l'Enfance  
GREEN Senegal  
Tostan

### **South Africa**

African Solutions to African Problems  
HIV/AIDS Awareness Project &  
Youth Development

Ilitha Labantu  
Let Us Grow Organization  
MaAfrika Tikkun  
Rural Women's Movement

### **Sri Lanka**

AHAM  
Ampara Special Needs Network  
Association of War Affected Women  
Centre for Human Rights and  
Community Development  
Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Jaffna  
Coalition for Educational Development  
Community Encouragement Foundation  
Community Trust Fund  
Equal Ground  
Janasahana Padanama  
Mannar Women  
Development Federation  
NGO Management Development Centre  
Organization for Rehabilitation of  
the Handicapped  
Paltra  
Participatory Action &  
Learning Methodologies  
Pragati  
Professional Psychological  
Counseling Centre  
Siyath Foundation  
Social Economical and  
Environmental Developers  
The POWER Foundation  
Trincomalee District Women's Network

Viluthu  
Worldview Sri Lanka

### **Thailand**

Andaman Resources Restoration  
Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers  
Development Center for Children and  
Community Network  
EMPOWER Foundation  
EMPOWER Mae Sai  
Foundation for Education  
and Development  
Migrant Assistance Programme  
Northern Development Foundation  
Project For Ecological Awareness Building  
Rays of the Rainbow  
Rural Ecological Study Center  
Southern Farmer Alliance  
Sustainable Development  
Foundation (North)  
Yaung Chi Oo Workers Association

### **The Gambia**

BAFROW

### **Uganda**

Action for Women and Awakening  
in Rural Environment  
Concerned Children and  
Youth Association  
Development Foundation for Rural Areas  
Federation of Communities Infected and  
Affected with HIV/AIDS in Koboko

Foundation for the Development of  
Needy Communities  
Friends of Christ Revival Ministries  
Friends of Orphans  
Gulu Youth for Action  
Lady Mermaid's Bureau  
NACWOLA-Arua  
Pader Concerned Youth Association  
Platform For Labour Action  
Support Initiative for People with  
Atypical Sex Development  
Uganda Community Based Association  
for Child Welfare  
Uganda Community Development Trust  
Uganda Orphans Rural  
Development Programme  
United Movement to End  
Child Soldiering  
Watwero Rights Focus Initiative

### **Zambia**

Development AID from People to People  
- Children's Town  
Judith Chikonde Foundation  
Multi Vision Youth Development and Job  
Creation Centre  
Society for Women and AIDS in Zambia  
Treatment Advocacy & Literacy Campaign

### **Zimbabwe**

Community Foundation for the Western  
Region of Zimbabwe  
Farm Orphan Support Trust of Zimbabwe

Foundation for Hospices in  
Sub-Saharan Africa  
ICA-Zimbabwe  
JF Kapnek Trust  
Rozaria Memorial Trust  
Southern Africa HIV/AIDS Information  
Dissemination Service  
Women and AIDS Support Network

**International**

Disability Rights Fund  
Fahamu  
Firelight Foundation  
Global Goods Partners  
Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS  
International Network for Economic,  
Social and Cultural Rights  
Reproductive Health Response in  
Conflict Consortium  
Urgent Action Fund - Africa



AJWS's volunteers not only leverage the work of our grantees around the world, but provide an example of the transformation that can be accomplished through service. They change the world daily by giving their time, their labor and their passion for global justice.

## Volunteers

### Alternative Breaks

Evelyn Abdelhak  
 Shayna Abelman  
 Samuel Adatto  
 Michelle Aerov  
 Adina Alpert  
 Ariel Altman  
 Lisa Anchin  
 Emily Aronson  
 Anna Ashkenazi  
 Yael Shoshana Ausubel  
 Rachel Aviv  
 Asal Azozoddin  
 Sophia Bailey  
 Rachel Barnehama  
 Dafna Barzilay  
 Karen Baskind  
 Avital Bauman  
 Eric Behar  
 Sarah Belfer  
 Samuel Belfer  
 Helen Bennett  
 Abigail Benudis  
 Jessica Berlin  
 Daniel Berman  
 Julia Bernstein  
 Rebecca Bieber  
 Ariel Bigio  
 Amanda Bilski  
 Alyssa Pollak Birnbaum  
 Marni Blitz  
 Paul Jacob Bloch  
 Michelle Bloom

Danielle Bluford  
 Natalie Blum  
 Jay David Blumstein  
 Emma Blumstein  
 Joshua Bobrow  
 Elizabeth Bomes  
 Abby Boorstin  
 Mark Borenstein  
 Stanislav Brand  
 Laura Brandt  
 Michael Braunstein  
 Esther Breger  
 Morris Breitbart  
 Noah Bresler  
 Ellen Brown  
 Michael Brown  
 Shoshana Brownstein  
 Sean Bulger  
 Matthew Butnaru  
 Ilana Butrimovitz  
 Zoe Camp  
 Ilan Caplan  
 Britne Carlen  
 Annie Carlton  
 Andrew Carton  
 Stephanie Chalifour  
 Tori Cheifetz  
 Marnina Cherkin  
 Micah Chervin  
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