



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

**TOGETHER, WE'RE
BUILDING A NEW WORLD**



Dear Friends:

As the sun sets on 2019, we look back on a year that presented both heart-wrenching struggles and hopeful victories. Racism surged and governments cracked down on essential freedoms. Unprecedented droughts, storms and floods caused by climate change claimed lives. Women suffered profound threats to their human rights. *But we forged ahead to create change.*

In 19 countries around the world, the AJWS community supported 487 extraordinary grassroots organizations that persevered in our unceasing fight for justice and equality.

Our grantees in Guatemala are building a powerful movement to challenge their authoritarian government and create a more equitable society. In India, women's rights activists empowered girls to enter new frontiers of education and leadership. Indigenous communities protected their ancestral forests in Thailand. Courageous first responders aided survivors of tsunamis in Indonesia and rose to stop a horrific genocide in Burma. And here in the U.S., when our government threatened the security and humanity of vulnerable people worldwide, we raised our voices on Capitol Hill to insist that our representatives pass legislation that protects human rights.

2020 is on the horizon. And we're ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, we're building a new world—brick by brick, person by person, community by community, movement by movement. Together, we're acting on our Jewish values, passed down generation to generation, to repair the imperfect world we have inherited. Inspired by our history, our eyes are on the future.

It's a new year, and the urgency of our times demands action.

Thank you for your support in 2019 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
Chair of the Board of Trustees



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**WHERE ACTION
LEADS TO CHANGE**



\$36 MILLION*

Invested in our grantmaking and social change strategies in 2019 to advance human rights and end poverty in the developing world

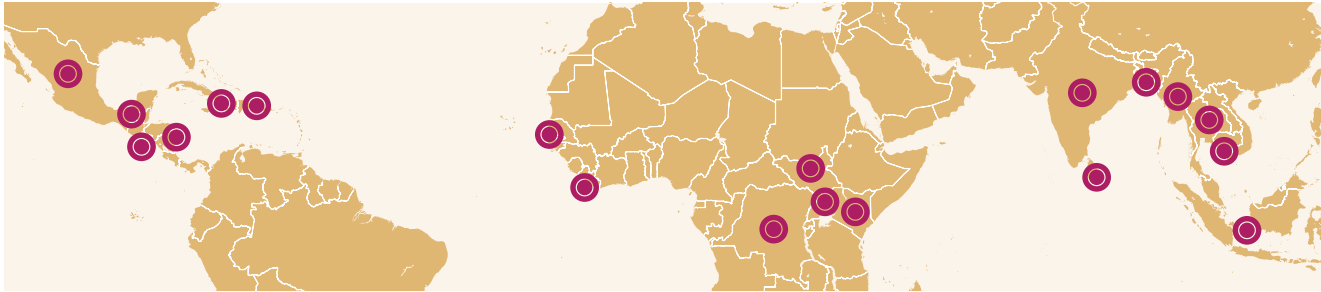
**Including \$5.4 million invested through a donor-advised fund AJWS administers.*

COMMUNITY ACTION FOR JUSTICE

In Malindi, Kenya, vast salt factories have poisoned farmland and plunged families deep into poverty. AJWS grantee Malindi Rights Forum has mobilized this community to fight the factories in court and return land to the community. *Photo by Christine Han*

MAKING CHANGE AROUND THE WORLD

In 2019, AJWS supported **487 social justice organizations** fighting poverty and promoting human rights in **19 countries**. Together, they're tackling **four pressing issues** and changing millions of lives.

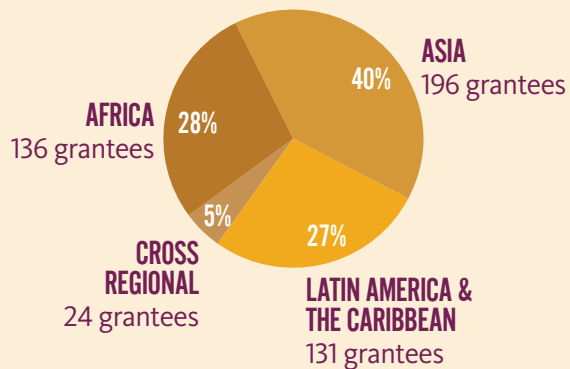


AFRICA Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Liberia, Senegal, South Sudan, Uganda

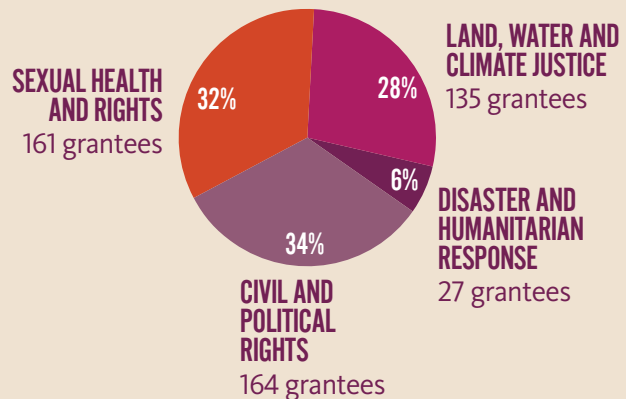
ASIA Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand


LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua

GRANTEES BY REGION



GRANTEES BY ISSUE





Rekha (center) is ensuring a bright future for her daughters. (Read her story on page 17.)
Photo by Jonathan Torgovnik

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We must support the efforts of organizations like American Jewish World Service, which are rooted in the belief that the first step in creating a just world is attaining human rights for all. I look forward to walking alongside all of you in this new year, on this journey and in this work that we must do.

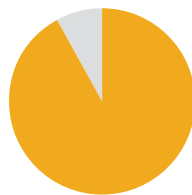
— U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JERRY NADLER

BUILDING COLLECTIVE POWER TO MULTIPLY IMPACT

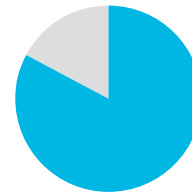
It takes strength in numbers to counter the powerful forces in the world today that suppress human rights, harm vulnerable communities and destroy our planet. That's why AJWS invested deeply in 2019 to empower thousands of activists around the world, strengthen the organizations they run, and facilitate collaboration between them. Together, they're creating strong social change movements that are rising up to tip the scales toward justice.



39% of our grantees are **young organizations** founded within 5 years of their first AJWS grant.



93% of our grantees **engage in advocacy** to advance laws and policies to promote human rights.



82% of our grantees are members of networks or coalitions that **work together to effect more change**.

29 **in-country experts** mentor our grantees on strategy, leadership, finance, fundraising, programs and risk management—to increase their capacity to make a difference.

AJWS GRANTEES BELONG TO 38 SOCIAL CHANGE MOVEMENTS WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING:

LGBTQI rights • Women's rights • Sexual and reproductive health and rights
Sex workers' rights • Land rights • Water rights • Forest rights
Agrarian reform • Food sovereignty • Indigenous Peoples' rights • Climate justice
Youth • Ethnic rights • Citizenship rights • Peace • Democracy

OPPOSITE In May 2019, AJWS convened 21 Guatemalan grantees for a three-day retreat. The activists formed bonds that will strengthen their growing movement to confront authoritarian leadership in their government and bolster justice and equality in the country.

Photo by Christine Han



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It was really fruitful to be able to spend time with people from different organizations, get to know each other, and see how we can ally. We are all united by the defense of human rights.

— A member of AJWS grantee Bufete Jurídico de Derechos Humanos, at the AJWS convening in Guatemala

TRANSFORMING LAWS AND LIVES WORLDWIDE

AJWS grantees and the movements they're a part of are currently working to shape more than 150 laws, policies and precedent-setting court cases to protect human rights locally, regionally and nationally.



DISPLACED GUATEMALANS WIN LAND

Impact: 81 indigenous families

Land is the source of life for indigenous Mayan families—but many have spent decades uprooted because landowners evict them at their whim, sometimes by force. In 2019, after navigating a complex government land program, AJWS grantee **Comité Campesino del Atilplano (CCDA)** secured official legal titles for 81 displaced families to own land together. Now, for the first time in generations, they're laying down roots in their own soil.



EL SALVADOR ADVANCES TRANS RIGHTS

Impact: Trans and gender non-binary Salvadorans

In 2018, after years of advocacy by AJWS grantees and others, the FMLN (a major political party) introduced a groundbreaking bill enabling Salvadorans to change their gender on official documents. While the bill faces an uphill battle in a conservative Parliament, in May 2019 elected officials agreed to hold hearings to consider it. This progress comes on the heels of a new policy passed in 2018 to improve how the Salvadoran justice department treats LGBTQI people.

PHOTO CREDITS (from far left): *Christine Han, Jonathan Torgovnik, deCOALonize, and Rhateel Photography*



When you are resilient and consistent ... success follows. Corporations and governments aren't demigods. If you stand up against them when they are in the wrong, you have a good chance of winning. Now the world has seen how communities can rise and stand for what is right.

— **OMAR ELMAWI**, Campaign Coordinator of deCOALonize, Kenya, which halted a harmful coal plant



KENYAN COURT HALTS COAL PLANT

Impact: Over 100,000 people in Lamu

In June 2019, a Kenyan environmental court froze plans for a coal plant in a case lodged by **deCOALonize** and litigated by **Katiba Institute**—both AJWS grantees. The ruling came just weeks after deCOALonize made national headlines by exposing the harm that the plant would cause. The power company has appealed, but it faces rising public opposition to coal, buoyed by recent protests and last year's ruling against a similar, environmentally-devastating, multi-billion-dollar energy project.

LGBTQI KENYANS FIGHT ANTI-GAY LAW

Impact: Millions of LGBTQI Kenyans

In May 2019, a coalition including AJWS grantees challenged a cruel anti-homosexuality law in Kenya's High Court, making global headlines and bringing hope to LGBTQI people across the country. The court upheld the law, but the activists are already planning their appeal—if necessary, all the way to the Supreme Court.

JEWISH ADVOCACY FOR JUSTICE

As our grantees marched toward justice in their own countries, our staff on Capitol Hill advanced legislation and policy to promote U.S. action on the very same human rights issues. We also mobilized hundreds of influential rabbis from across the country to join these campaigns and inspire their congregants and communities to call for justice by our side.



JEWISH COALITION SEEKS JUSTICE FOR GENOCIDE

Since the Rohingya genocide in Burma began in 2017, AJWS has launched and led a united Jewish coalition and advocated vigorously for U.S. intervention. Our advocacy helped secure increased aid in 2018 and sanctions by the U.S. government in July 2019. We also ensured that the voices of Rohingya activists—pursuing justice for their own people—were heard in the halls of power. **After our grantee Tun Khin testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, U.S. lawmakers called the crisis a “genocide” for the first time.** *(Learn more about our Rohingya response on page 25.)*



AJWS has been one of our strongest partners in thinking through solutions to the Rohingya crisis.

—SENATOR EDWARD MARKEY

CLERGY FOR JUSTICE Rabbis on Capitol Hill with AJWS in March 2019. Photo by Chuck Kennedy



Today we were deeply moved by the words of the rabbis [with AJWS] in Washington, D.C. Your words encourage us, make us feel safe, and strengthen us in the determination to continue fighting to achieve the dignity of all Guatemalans.

—AJWS GRANTEE UDEFEGUA



14 New Global Justice Fellows (clergy leading activism for social change) in 2019

428 Alumni fostering action from their pulpits

25 Jewish organizations responding to the Rohingya genocide in coalition with AJWS

1,800 Rabbis in our clergy network across the U.S.

AJWS CHAMPIONS LEGISLATION ON SEXUAL HEALTH & RIGHTS

Throughout 2019, AJWS defended women’s and LGBTQI people’s rights under siege. We advocated to repeal the heinous “global gag rule”—which blocks any U.S. funding to foreign clinics that offer or even discuss abortion, depriving millions of vulnerable people of health care. We also played a leading role in crafting and building support for the GLOBE Act—bold legislation that would require all U.S. foreign agencies to prioritize LGBTQI rights in their work, including access to health care for sex workers and other at-risk groups. **A record number of members of Congress supported the GLOBE Act, signaling their belief that these rights should be integral to all U.S. foreign policy.**

RABBIS AMPLIFY GUATEMALAN PROTEST

26 clergy descended on Capitol Hill with AJWS in March, visiting 62 members of Congress. When news broke that Guatemala’s Congress was voting that day to give amnesty to all those convicted of genocide during the country’s civil war, the rabbis livestreamed a spontaneous protest and wrote an urgent appeal to the State Department. **Pressured by Guatemala’s human rights movement and boosted by the rabbis in Washington, the legislators cancelled the amnesty vote.**

FREEDOM TO PLAY In Pattani, Thailand, the BUKU Football Club warms up for their weekly Saturday night game. In Thailand's conservative South, the team is a rare safe space for young women, girls and LGBTQI people to play, lead and be themselves. *Photo by Allison Joyce*



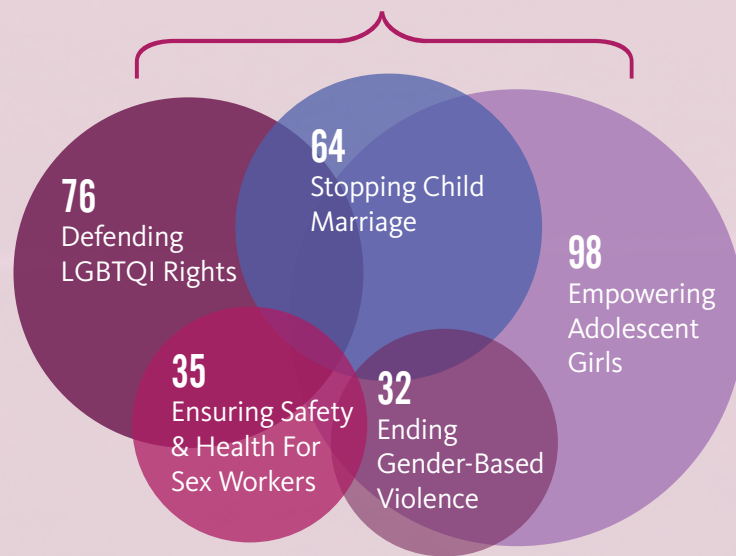
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**WHERE WOMEN &
GIRLS THRIVE**



In a year when reproductive choice was under fire and LGBTQI people were persecuted in countries around the world, AJWS supported **161 organizations** empowering women, girls and LGBTQI people to promote equality, stop violence, and live with dignity, safety and health.

161 GRANTEES PROMOTING SEXUAL HEALTH & RIGHTS



CHAMPIONING SEXUAL HEALTH & RIGHTS AROUND THE GLOBE



We encourage women to think about freedom, about living their lives with strength.

—DR. ANTICHA SANGCHAI, Founder of BUKU, Thailand



KICKING OFF NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

In Pattani, a conservative Muslim town in southern Thailand, rigid gender roles severely limit the lives of women and girls. Dr. Anticha Sangchai wanted to change that: She established **BUKU** to create a safe space to discuss taboo topics like sexuality and gender, and expand opportunities for women, girls and LGBTQI people. Noticing that local parents barred their daughters from playing sports, Anticha launched a soccer team open to everyone. Today, the players are cheered by their families and exude newfound confidence—both on and off the field.



MAKING SPACES SAFE FOR LGBTQI PEOPLE

In El Salvador's conservative society, trans women are often ostracized from their families and blocked from jobs. Many are forced to live on the streets, leading to frequent clashes with police and sometimes time in prison—a particularly dangerous place if you're trans. A trans woman named Naomi was sent to a men's penitentiary, where she was beaten by prisoners and guards. But **COMCAVIS Trans** (pictured) taught her how to advocate for herself and made sure she wasn't alone. After her release, they hired her to help other trans inmates survive their terms.

Bianka Rodríguez, executive director of COMCAVIS Trans, won a prestigious award from the UN in 2019 for her extraordinary work.



VOTING EMPOWERED WOMEN INTO OFFICE

Men have long been the sole elected leaders in Brim village, Senegal. But now, women like Elizabeth Sagna are taking political office, following the passage of a groundbreaking law that requires half of all candidates to be women in Senegalese elections. Elizabeth, a single mother in the war-torn Casamance region, has lived through years of violence and seen elected leaders ignore women's safety and other needs. **USOFORAL** supported her campaign, and now she's making sure women's rights are top priority in her village.



OPENING DOORS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

In Pune, India, Rekha Sapkal (center) makes her living the same way her mother did: as a “waste-picker” sorting garbage and selling scrap and recyclables. By age 12, she was married. By 13, she was a mother who had to work to ensure her family's survival. But with support from **Kashtakari Panchayat**, Rekha and her colleagues have garnered respect for the essential work they do for their cities. She has also put all of her daughters through school, and now they are free to choose their own futures: One is studying to be an engineer.




CREATING A FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR

In Nairobi, Kenya, the intrepid women of **Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health (TICAH)** are championing safety and health, many after surviving brutal sexual violence. Miri contracted HIV after she was sexually assaulted as a teen, and today provides healthcare to other young women. High school senior Grace became a sex educator—teaching her peers about consent, safety and sexuality. And Amina (pictured), whose childhood was upended by a brutal rape, opened a nursery school educating families to prevent abuse. These leaders are fearlessly fighting violence and teaching girls that their bodies are their own.

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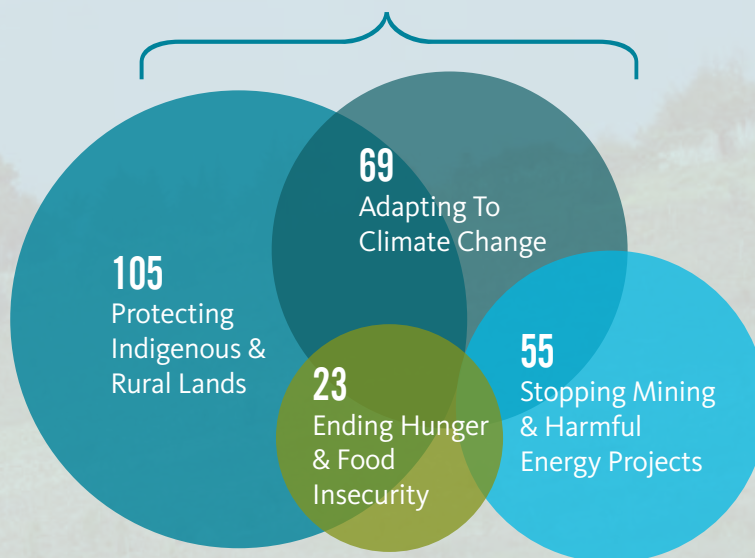
WHERE THE PLANET IS PROTECTED

A photograph showing five scouts in green uniforms standing in a field, replanting trees. They are holding small saplings and using tools to plant them in the soil. The background shows a hilly landscape with sparse vegetation under a clear sky.

LAND IS LIFE Scouts from Kenya's Ogiek tribe are replanting trees in the Mau Forest, their ancestral home, which has been decimated by logging and agriculture. Thanks to support from Ogiek Peoples' Development Programme, the community won a landmark case protecting this land for the future. *Photo by Jonathan Torgovnik*

As climate change and unbridled development increasingly threatened our planet, we supported **135 organizations** in 2019 that are protecting the ecosystems and natural resources that rural and indigenous people depend on for survival.

135 GRANTEES DEFENDING LAND, WATER & CLIMATE JUSTICE



PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN THAILAND



Baan Klang is a tiny village in northern Thailand—a cluster of houses in the Lampang forest, where 200 families from the Karen ethnic group have lived sustainably amid the trees for over 300 years.

They call themselves “the protectors of the forest,” and today they’re fighting for their future.

The forests and villages surrounding Baan Klang are at grave risk: Foreign investors, industrial developers and government officials have claimed the land with little regard for those who depend on it.

To fight back, Baan Klang became a member of the **Northern Peasant Federation (NPF)**, an AJWS grantee and growing movement of 80 rural Thai villages. NPF is taking to the courts to protect the ancestral land they depend on for survival, all while promoting sustainable farming, protecting the forest and creating a strong support network.

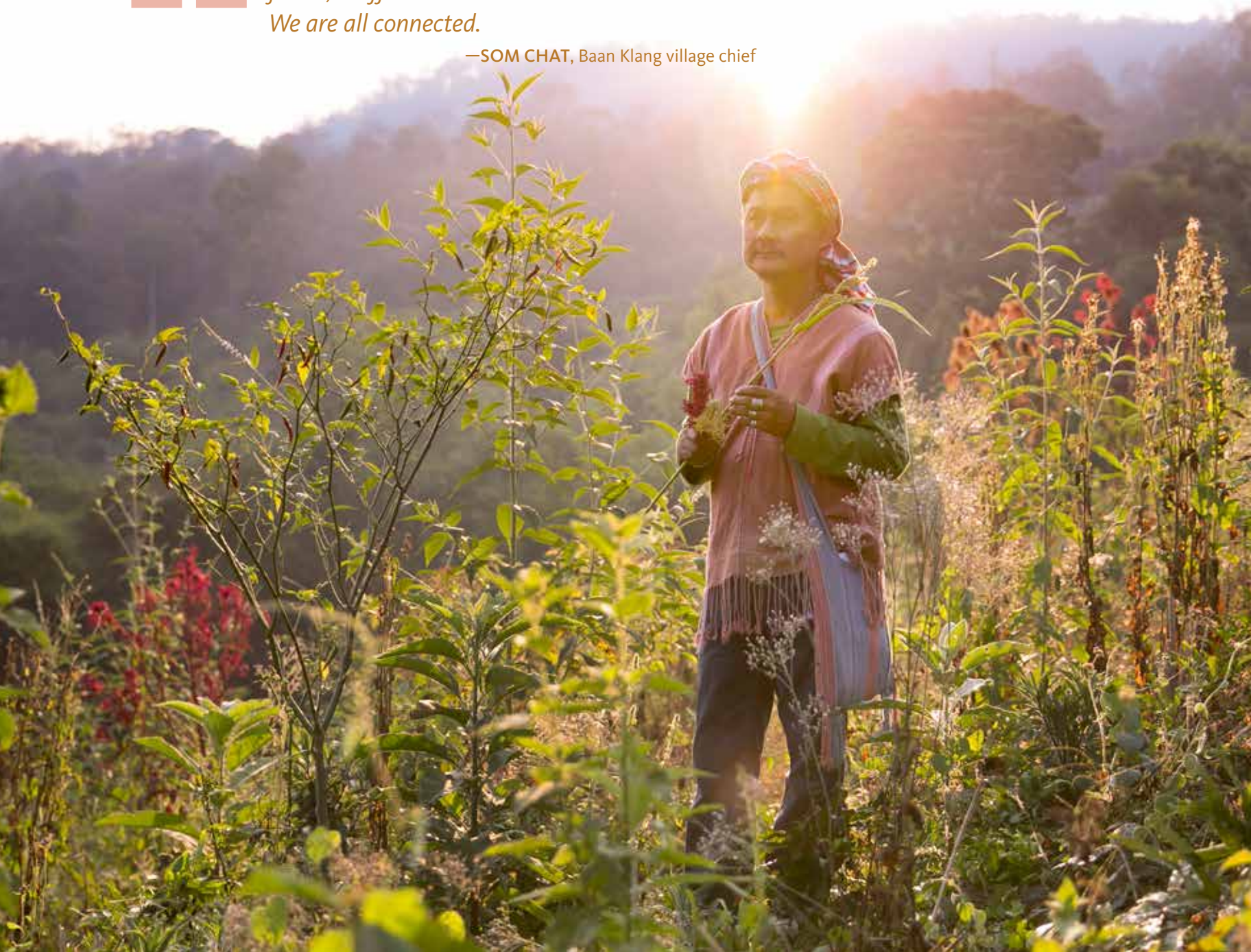
Village chief Som Chat knows that no one can protect the land like his community: They farm sustainably and organically, gather what grows naturally, use no plastic and shield the forest against fires. The villagers understand that ensuring this ecosystem thrives isn’t just about land—it’s about preserving their indigenous culture and way of life in a rapidly changing world.

ABOVE Village leaders and activists unite to share successes and struggles in their fight to defend their land. **OPPOSITE** Baan Klang chief Som Chat looks out over the lush forest that sustains and feeds his village in northern Thailand—land that his community has been protecting for generations. *Photos by Allison Joyce*

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This forest doesn't just belong to us. It belongs to all Thai people. And if we don't take care of the forest, it affects all the world and the climate. We are all connected.

—SOM CHAT, Baan Klang village chief





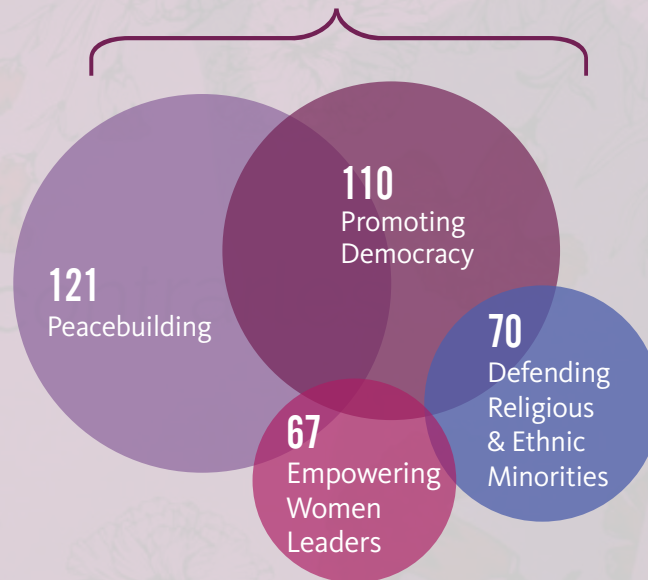
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**WHERE ALL PEOPLE ARE
FREE FROM PERSECUTION**

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164 GRANTEES ADVANCING CIVIL & POLITICAL RIGHTS



To counter the rising tide of authoritarianism in 2019, we supported **164 organizations** working on civil and political rights: stopping oppression, building democracy, promoting justice under the law and defending basic freedoms for all.

RISING UP TOGETHER 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. They delivered signatures from more than 100,000 people urging the government to search for loved ones who have gone missing. *Photo by Regina López*

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I had to memorize my speech today because, like many Rohingya women, I cannot read or write. I was denied an education. I am the only Rohingya woman that could leave Bangladesh to tell you what happened to hundreds of thousands of us.

—HAMIDA KHATUN, Rohingya genocide survivor, at the United Nations



RESPONDING TO THE ROHINGYA GENOCIDE

In 2017, after decades of persecuting the Rohingya people of western Burma, the Burmese military unleashed a genocide. An estimated 740,000 Rohingya civilians fled fire, mass murder and rape. They escaped on foot into Bangladesh, where today they cling to survival in crowded camps prone to flooding and disease.

AJWS responded immediately—via an outpouring of support by the Jewish community that funded emergency food, shelter and boats to ferry survivors to safety. Two years on, we're proud that our grantees have improved hygiene for 120,000 refugees, trained 80 health care volunteers, and ensured that 7,500 children have access to medical help and education following the trauma they've faced.

When we promised “Never Again”—we meant it.

AJWS is applying the full force of our advocacy to rouse the world from silence. We're supporting Rohingya activists to speak out on Capitol Hill and at the UN. We're also leading the Jewish Rohingya Justice Network (JRJN), a coalition of 25 organizations that has mobilized hundreds of rabbis and thousands of individuals to press for justice for the Rohingya people.

And our voices are being heard: In 2018, we helped secure increased humanitarian aid from the U.S. for Rohingya refugees; and in 2019, the U.S. sanctioned Burmese military officials responsible for the atrocities. This August, AJWS delivered a letter signed by nearly 600 rabbis calling on the State Department to forge a path for justice and accountability for these unspeakable crimes.



A Survivor Speaks Out

Hamida Khatun fled to Bangladesh in August 2017, after her brothers, sisters, husband and mother were all murdered by the Burmese military. She wanted to tell the world what happened, yet as a stateless Rohingya refugee, leaving the camp in Bangladesh seemed impossible. But with the support of AJWS grantee Legal Action Worldwide, she secured papers, traveled to Geneva, and became the first female genocide survivor from the camps to speak at the UN. She boldly called upon world leaders to ensure justice and education for her people in this time of profound crisis.

OPPOSITE In Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, Rohingya refugees struggle to survive in what is now the largest refugee camp in the world. *Photo by Stockimo/Alamy Stock Photo.* **THIS PAGE** Hamida Khatun calls on the United Nations to bring justice for the Rohingya people. *Photo by REUTERS/Denis Balibouse*



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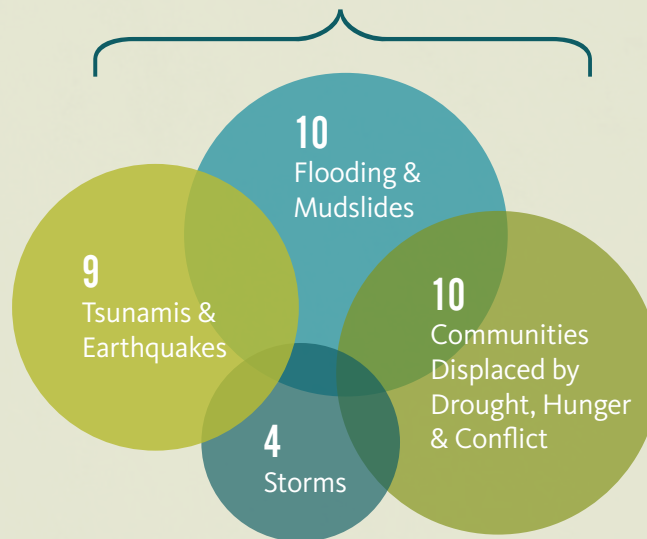
**WHERE COMMUNITIES
CAN REBUILD & GROW**





Natural disasters exacerbated by climate change and humanitarian crises sparked by violent conflict are on the rise—posing a deadly threat to millions of people worldwide. But AJWS is by their side, providing emergency aid to local first responders and staying the course to advance human rights as communities recover, repair and rebuild. In 2019, AJWS supported **27 organizations** that saved lives and helped people begin anew.

27 GRANTEES RESPONDING TO DISASTERS



RECOVERY AND REBUILDING

A survivor of a catastrophic hurricane in Haiti rebuilds his home using supplies funded by a grant from AJWS. *Photo by Jonathan Torgovnik*

AIDING COMMUNITIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF DISASTERS

NEW BEGINNINGS IN INDONESIA

Throughout late 2018, Indonesia suffered multiple catastrophic tsunamis, leaving nearly 200,000 people displaced, their homes damaged or entirely swept away, and killing more than 4,000 people. AJWS immediately identified local partners to distribute relief packages for mothers, reconstruct resilient new homes, empower youth and women's groups to lead recovery efforts—and more. In 2019, on the island of Sulawesi, where communities of fishermen and women lost everything, **Indonesian Forum for the Environment (WALHI)** helped more than 100 families launch small businesses so they could begin anew.

HEALING & PEACE IN EAST AFRICA

2019 marked the third year of a drought that plagued South Sudan, Kenya and Uganda, pushing millions of people to the brink of starvation and exacerbating longstanding conflicts. Throughout the year, our grantees in the region continued to help communities survive and heal. In northern Uganda, **Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment West Nile (RICE-WN)** launched “peace clubs” for South Sudanese refugees who fled their country's violent civil war, offering trainings on human rights and conflict resolution. RICE-WN also led trainings for girls and young women to learn about their reproductive health and speak out about sexual violence they've faced during the crisis.

A SAFE SPACE TO REBUILD IN INDIA

In May 2019, Cyclone Fani tore across Odisha, one of the poorest regions in India. The Indian government's quick response saved countless lives, but Fani destroyed homes, infrastructure and crops—leaving many families without power or food. AJWS grantee **Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India (SAATHI)** offered immediate support to the region's transgender community—who are often excluded from humanitarian aid responses—providing materials and assistance to rebuild homes. In the most severely affected areas of Odisha, **Centre for Youth and Social Development** offered play therapy and schooling to children traumatized by the storm.

Disaster & Humanitarian Response Around the World

TSUNAMIS AND EARTHQUAKES

Indonesia (2018-ongoing)

Haiti (2018-2019)

Mexico (2018-ongoing)

STORMS

Hurricane Matthew: Haiti (2016-2019)

Cyclone Fani: India & Bangladesh (2019)

Tropical Storm Vicente: El Salvador (2018-2019)

FLOODING AND MUDSLIDES

Burma (2018-ongoing)

Sri Lanka (2018-ongoing)

COMMUNITIES DISPLACED BY DROUGHT, HUNGER & CONFLICT

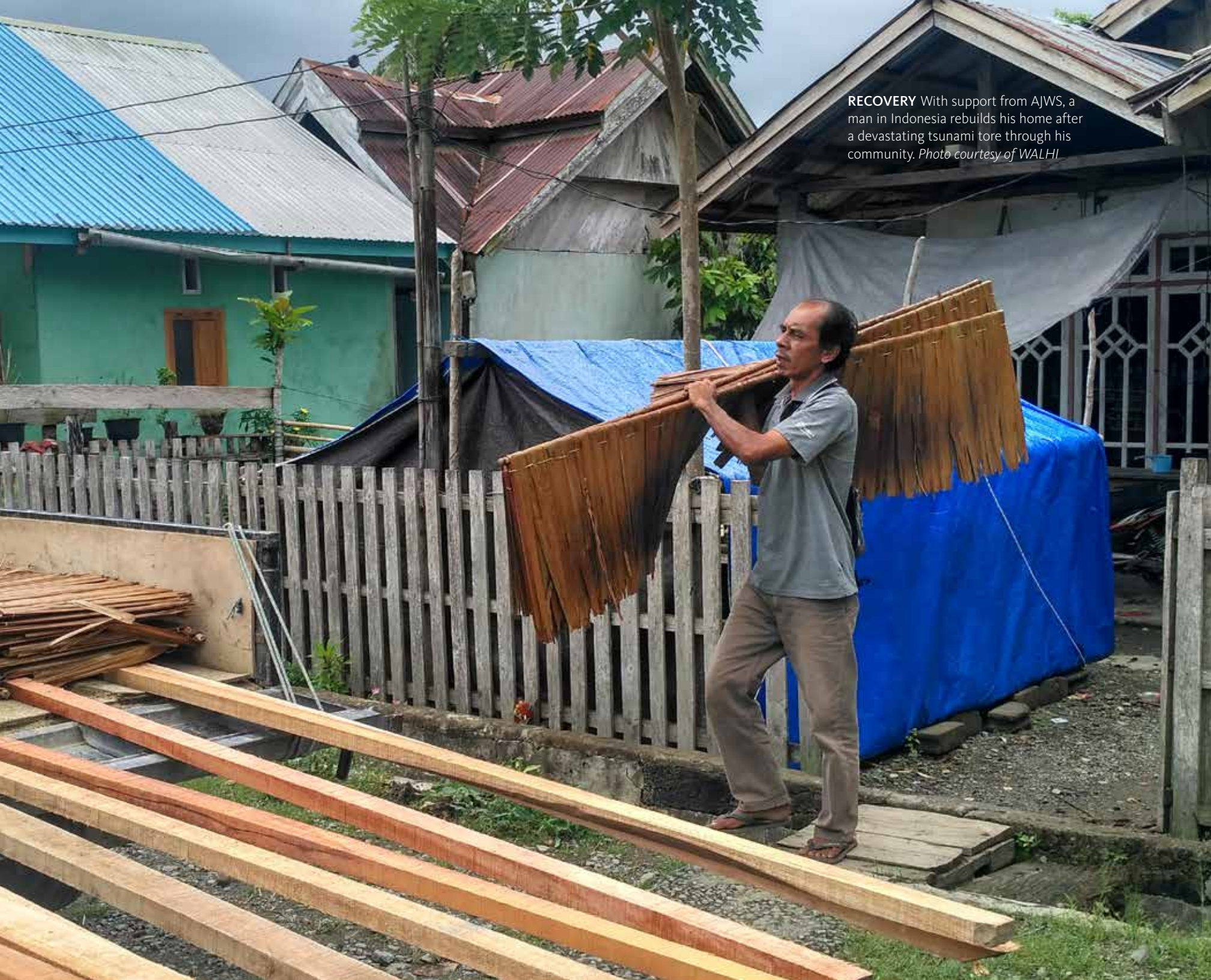
East Africa hunger crisis: South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda (2017-2019)

Rohingya genocide & other ethnic conflict: Burma, Bangladesh (2017-ongoing)

Conflict: Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico (both 2018)



Photo courtesy of Centre for Youth and Social Development



RECOVERY With support from AJWS, a man in Indonesia rebuilds his home after a devastating tsunami tore through his community. *Photo courtesy of WALHI*

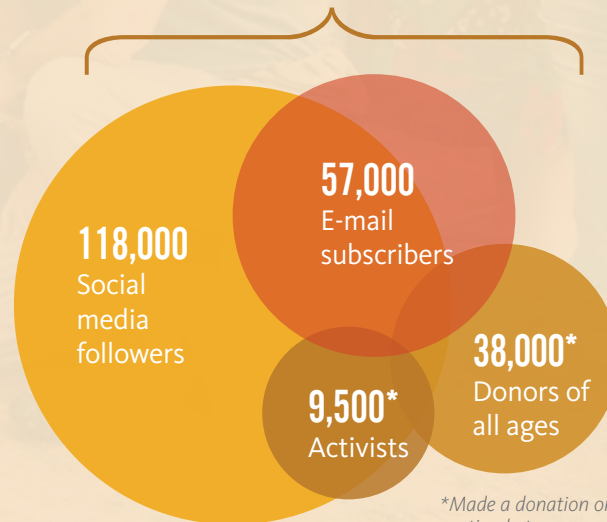


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**WHERE YOUR GENEROSITY
TRANSFORMS LIVES**



170,000 SUPPORTERS



*Made a donation or took action between 2017-2019

AJWS unites the power of **170,000 supporters** from all 50 states and around the world.

SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

AJWS supporters connect with Kenyan women's rights activists on a Study Tour in Nairobi. *Photo by Christine Han*

2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

American Jewish World Service, Inc.

Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2019

(with summarized comparative financial information as of April 30, 2018)

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,167,601	\$13,988,899
Contributions receivable, net	21,610,112	27,102,721
Investments, at fair value	21,099,354	14,549,652
Prepaid expenses and other assets	680,438	821,055
Property and equipment, net	1,081,678	888,164
Total assets	\$50,639,183*	\$57,350,491*
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<i>Liabilities:</i>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$794,112	\$545,706
Grants payable	3,205,198	6,375,101
Deferred rent	868,293	731,708
Unearned revenue	254,891	108,162
Charitable gift annuity obligations	187,297	194,707
Total liabilities	5,309,791	7,955,384
<i>Net assets:</i>		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	2,026,487	228,838
Designated for donor-advised fund	653,383	2,849,243
Board-designated for reserve fund	12,096,982	9,761,210
Board-designated for working capital fund	3,993,375	3,993,375
Total without donor restrictions	18,770,227	16,832,666
With donor restrictions	26,559,165	32,562,441
Total net assets	45,329,392	49,395,107
Total liabilities and net assets	\$50,639,183	\$57,350,491

*AJWS's total assets vary year-to-year due to the timing of the receipt and usage of commitments and payments for multi-year grants. In Fiscal Year 2019, AJWS's total assets decreased primarily due to planned 2019 disbursements from a major multi-year restricted gift received in 2018.

Meeting the
Highest Standards
of Philanthropic
Integrity

“FOUR STARS”

from *Charity Navigator*
for 16 years

ALL 20

of *Better Business
Bureau's standards*
for charity accountability

“A” RATING

from *CharityWatch* (formerly
American Institute of
Philanthropy) since 2004

AWARD:

“2019 Best Multi-Channel
Campaign of the Year”
by *Direct Marketing
Fundraisers Association*

American Jewish World Service, Inc.

Statement of Activities as of April 30, 2019

(with summarized comparative financial information as of April 30, 2018)

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL
REVENUES AND SUPPORT				
Contributions:				
Individuals	\$14,652,318	\$15,524,269	\$30,176,587	\$35,795,545
Donor-advised fund	3,438,300	-	3,438,300	8,500,000
Bequests	679,942	152,400	832,342	576,541
Foundations and corporations	891,418	3,022,303	3,913,721	18,431,293
Government agencies	331,447	-	331,447	258,014
Special event revenue, net of expenses of \$0 in 2019 and \$51,269 in 2018	-	-	-	104,733
Donated services and goods	404,449	-	404,449	577,857
Investment return, net of expenses of \$64,857 in 2019 and \$54,162 in 2018	689,488	21,116	710,604	469,363
Study tour fees and miscellaneous revenue	419,688	504	420,192	374,824
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	22,581,024	(22,581,024)	-	-
Satisfaction of time restrictions	2,142,844	(2,142,844)	-	-
Total revenues and support	46,230,918	(6,003,276)	40,227,642**	65,088,170**
EXPENDITURES				
Program services:				
Programs	30,122,911	-	30,122,911	39,350,299
Communications	3,587,028	-	3,587,028	3,544,231
Strategic learning, research and evaluation	2,352,068	-	2,352,068	2,346,766
Total program services expenses	36,062,007	-	36,062,007**	45,241,296**
Supporting services:				
Finance and administration	2,635,522	-	2,635,522	2,415,865
Development	5,595,828	-	5,595,828	5,318,991
Total supporting services expenses	8,231,350	-	8,231,350	7,734,856
Total expenses	44,293,357	-	44,293,357	52,976,152
Change in net assets	1,937,561	(6,003,276)	(4,065,715)	12,112,018
Beginning net assets	16,832,666	32,562,441	49,395,107	37,283,089
Ending net assets	\$18,770,227	\$26,559,165	\$45,329,392	\$49,395,107

**AJWS's revenue and expenses fluctuate year-to-year based on variations in multi-year gifts and donor-advised funds (DAFs). In 2018, AJWS was awarded a \$15-million gift to support our work on child marriage over three years. This is reflected solely in our 2018 revenue, because accounting regulations require that multi-year gifts be recorded in the year in which they are awarded. Additionally, between 2018 and 2019, revenue and expenses from a large DAF we administered decreased because the donor formed a foundation that began awarding its own grants.

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FRONT COVER Activists in Malindi, Kenya, dance to welcome AJWS visitors to their community. **BACK COVER** In western Kenya, members of the Ogiek community are thriving on their land after a court ruled that they can no longer be evicted to make room for development. *Photos by Christine Han*



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