

On January 12, 2010, a devastating earthquake—the worst natural disaster to hit the Western Hemisphere in two centuries—struck Haiti, killing an estimated 300,000 people¹ and leaving as many as one million homeless. Within 48 hours, AJWS sent funding to our grantees in the region who were providing aid on the ground—distributing food, water purification systems, temporary shelter and medicine. These grassroots groups were among the first responders to the earthquake, and in some cases have provided the only help that people in outlying towns have received.

The outpouring of contributions from our donor community has enabled AJWS to mobilize on all fronts, prioritizing Haiti in our grantmaking, advocacy, education and outreach to the Jewish community. The grantmaking plan detailed in this report was designed to address the complex challenges of reconstruction in a country already crippled by devastating poverty. Our experience responding to other natural disasters—like the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004—has taught us that post-disaster development takes time. We have therefore committed to at least four years of intensified grantmaking in Haiti followed by a return to our pre-disaster support in the region, to ensure that these communities not only recover, but thrive in the long term.

Domestically, AJWS is advocating vigorously in Congress and on the international stage for increased financial support to Haiti and a more just, inclusive approach to aid. Our decade of experience in the country has taught us that Haitian grassroots organizations are best positioned to determine the course of Haiti's redevelopment; yet, their voices have largely been excluded from the decision-making table and their efforts have been stymied by inefficient and misguided aid practices. We believe that Haiti's future should not be steered by the international community, but by the Haitian people themselves, and we are working hard to make this a reality.

¹ www.interaction.org/ngo_impact_haiti

The sum of this work reflects AJWS's ongoing commitment to the Haitian people. Their resilience and courage inspires and motivates us in our work around the globe to respond to disasters with tenacity and to confront adversity with hope.

A grassroots plan for disaster response six months after the earthquake.

Empowering HAITI:



Generosity Fuels RECOVERY

In the six months after the earthquake, AJWS received \$6.2 million in contributions from 28,000 donors. To date, these funds have provided \$1.19 million to 17 organizations. The following is an outline of AJWS's four-year plan in the region, enabling our Haitian partners to transition from disaster to development.

PHASE I: EMERGENCY RESPONSE (JANUARY-APRIL 2010)

Beginning just 48 hours after the earthquake and continuing through April, AJWS sent \$687,500 to 15 local NGOs, both in Haiti and in the neighboring Dominican Republic, where grassroots groups were organizing to come to Haiti's aid. Funds went to AJWS's long-standing grantees in the region, who had the knowledge and capacity to work immediately and effectively in the hardest-hit areas—in particular, those that had been overlooked by large-scale relief efforts. They provided food, shelter and emergency health services; responded to the needs of women that are often overlooked in disasters; and mobilized community volunteers to search for survivors, facilitate rescue and conduct needs assessments.

PHASE II: SUSTAINED SUPPORT (MAY-OCTOBER 2010)

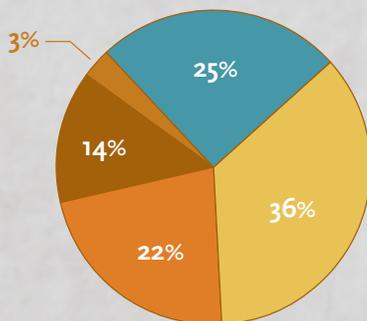
The second phase of funding, which currently totals \$506,000 and will reach \$700,000 by October, is supporting grantees to address the secondary impact of the earthquake: helping outlying towns cope with the influx of displaced people from the city; reviving stalled

social services; creating jobs; providing prosthetic limbs; and re-planting crops to replenish the local food supply. The second phase also seeks to enable marginalized populations—including women, youth and disabled people—to actively participate in and benefit from national and international response efforts.

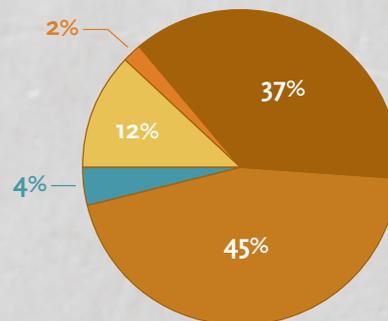
PHASE III: LONG-TERM STRATEGIC REDEVELOPMENT (NOVEMBER 2010-DECEMBER 2013)

Over the coming three-and-a-half years, AJWS will make a series of renewable grants totaling \$4-5 million to focus on human rights-based, long-term community development and "building back better." AJWS's support will help Haitian communities take advantage of the opportunity to develop their nation in new ways and from new perspectives—strengthening institutions and enabling grassroots organizations to have their voices heard and build on Haiti's rich history of community-based movements. Projects will also work to mitigate Haitians' vulnerability to future natural disasters. Gradually, we will transition to sustainable levels of ongoing grantmaking in Haiti in 2014 and beyond.

Haiti Grantmaking as of June 2010: \$1,193,500



By Population



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AJWS Grantees ON THE GROUND

After more than two decades of responding to disasters, AJWS has learned that local organizations are the most effective agents in rebuilding and healing their own communities. Our Haitian grantees are demonstrating that today.

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS	TOTAL FUNDING	IMPACT
KONPAY	\$ 35,000	Distributing food from regional farmers, providing medical care and resources for displaced populations and coordinating local volunteer response
The Lambi Fund of Haiti	\$ 65,000	Supporting peasant groups to obtain food and essential provisions, replenishing micro-credit funds and working with farmers to restart agricultural production
MOSCTHA	\$ 60,000	Operating two mobile clinics with 85 health professionals and volunteers from the Haitian-Dominican community—providing medical care and supplies and peer-to-peer support for women and youth
Mouvman Peyizan Rankit	\$ 8,000	Coordinating emergency relief efforts and replanting crops to prevent famine
Mouvman Peyizan Bayone zeme Section Communale des Gonaives	\$ 6,500	Providing emergency aid and health services, including education about hygiene and disease prevention
MUDHA	\$ 60,000	Addressing women's health and hygiene needs and conducting community workshops to organize reconstruction efforts
Oganizasyon Gwoupman Peyizan pou Developman 8eme Seksyon Kominal Akaye	\$ 8,000	Assisting nearly 1,000 refugees and host families outside Port-au-Prince, helping meet immediate basic needs and reestablish their livelihoods with jobs and microcredit
Red de Encuentro Dominicano Haitiano - Jacques Viau	\$ 30,000	Organizing relief efforts by the Haitian and Haitian-Dominican community in the Dominican Republic

AJWS also funds international and regional NGOs that provide training, support and vital assistance to our community-based grantees and other local organizations, expanding their capacity to recover and rebuild.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS	TOTAL FUNDING	IMPACT
Asosyasyon Peyizan Fondwa	\$ 50,000	Carrying out a needs assessment and designing long-term re-development plans
BRAC USA	\$ 431,000	Responding to one of the most devastating, widespread impacts of the earthquake—crippling injuries that remain unhealed—by establishing a locally staffed limb and brace center that will provide thousands of Haitians with the physical and psychological rehabilitation they need to fully recover and participate in the rebuilding of their country
Direct Relief International	\$ 60,000	Providing medical supplies and equipment (emphasizing women’s health) to healthcare providers in Haiti, including AJWS grantees PIH and MOSCTHA
EarthSpark International	\$ 85,000	Distributing solar lamps via AJWS’s local grantees to address nighttime safety in camps
Fonkoze	\$ 65,000	Establishing an emergency operations center, re-establishing community banks and providing new loans to borrowers devastated by the earthquake
GROOTS International	\$ 50,000	Organizing an exchange forum for Haitian women’s organizations to learn from other communities worldwide that have recovered from disasters
Groundswell International	\$ 70,000	Setting up an income-generating program and improving agricultural capacity in nine communities that are experiencing a large influx of displaced people
Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief	\$ 50,000	Funding safety initiatives in displaced persons camps and emergency aid to Haitian NGOs
Partners in Health (PIH)	\$ 60,000	Operating a field hospital in Port-au-Prince staffed by more than 120 doctors and nearly 500 nurses, and caring for patients at PIH’s other local clinics

Raising our Voices FOR CHANGE

AJWS has assumed a leading role in advocating for sufficient and just relief for Haiti by hosting a weekly coalition meeting that includes faith-based, development, and Latin American organizations. Additionally, AJWS and our volunteers have met with more than 35 Congressional offices and key members of the Obama administration at the State Department, Treasury Department and USAID. We have also raised awareness within the Jewish community through our food justice blog, *Food Forever*, and via an e-advocacy campaign, which has mobilized an average of 1,000 AJWS constituents each month since the disaster to write to policymakers in Washington.

AJWS is currently advocating for the following:

- **INCREASED FUNDING FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY:** When tragedies fade from the headlines, the political will to support rebuilding efforts often follows suit. Thus, AJWS is advocating for passage of \$2.8 billion in funding to replenish the U.S. foreign disaster assistance fund for this year and support long-term Haiti reconstruction.
- **DEBT RELIEF:** Crushing international debt has stymied Haiti's development efforts for decades and would cripple any effort to rebuild the country post-earthquake. In late January, AJWS mounted a campaign to relieve Haiti of its debt to the InterAmerican Development Bank and the IMF. Subsequently, Congress passed legislation to this effect, and both multilateral institutions pledged \$600 million in debt forgiveness.
- **MORE EFFECTIVE U.S. AID:** Typically, the majority of U.S. foreign assistance is delivered through U.S. contractors in the form of in-kind donations of food and goods, a system that foments dependence rather than stimulating local economies. To break this cycle, AJWS is leading an effort with Oxfam, ActionAid and other allies to support more effective U.S. aid to Haiti. We are working to inject Haitian voices into the debate in Washington and are supporting legislation that promotes local procurement of goods and services.



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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.



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