Jewish tradition teaches that if a person saves one life, it is as if they’ve saved the entire world. By that measure, over these past 30 years, [AJWS has] saved the world many, many times over.

—PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, 2015
PEOPLE WE HELP
AJWS supports 502 organizations around the world. Many of them are grassroots groups led by people who have been directly affected by discrimination, violence and other human rights violations. The populations we support include:

- Women & Adolescent Girls
- LGBTQ+ People
- Refugees & Internally Displaced People
- Farmers, Fishers & Laborers
- Indigenous Communities
- Human Rights Defenders
- Religious & Ethnic Minorities
- Youth
- Women & Adolescent Girls

WHERE WE WORK

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

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

ASIA
India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia

U.S. OFFICES
New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago

WHY WE PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS
AJWS strives to overcome the root causes of poverty and oppression by supporting grassroots organizations and social movements for justice. Our grantees advocate for people’s rights—to live without violence, to have a say in the laws that govern society and to express one’s religion, culture, sexual orientation or gender identity.

We believe that realizing human rights is the essential first step to creating just societies. When people are empowered to shape solutions to the problems they face, they can overcome poverty, live with dignity and transform the lives of others. Additionally, we believe that promoting human rights is a way to act on the Jewish traditions of repairing the world and respecting the inherent dignity of all human beings.

GET INVOLVED!
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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. Photo by Regina López