



American Jewish World Service (AJWS)—Grantmaking in Haiti and Earthquake Emergency Response

Introduction

Since 1999, American Jewish World Service (AJWS) has partnered with community-based organizations throughout Haiti on human rights, sustainable livelihoods and community-development projects that are designed, implemented and managed by the local population. In addition, AJWS has decades of experience providing support to organizations responding to natural disasters and conflict-related violence. Increasingly AJWS is also in a position to foster strategic alliances between our grantees and other international development agencies for networking, service referrals and learning opportunities.

Following the earthquake on January 12th, AJWS began to provide general emergency relief grants that meet the immediate needs of communities affected by the disaster. Particular focus is being placed on communities directly affected by the earthquake that are outside of areas already targeted for large-scale relief, including those communities who are coping with the influx of more than 600,000 refugees.

AJWS is committed to the long-term reconstruction of Haiti and has created a five-year strategy for helping the local population rebuild their communities. To date, AJWS had raised more than \$5 million to carry out this multi-year strategy. During the first phase of emergency grantmaking, AJWS provided more than \$500,000 in grants to 10 grassroots partners based in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, to:

- Provide emergency psychosocial support and health services to survivors, as well as education on hygiene and disease prevention;
- Mobilize community volunteers to support relief efforts including looking for survivors, moving debris from roadways to facilitate rescue and aid distribution, and conducting needs assessments; and
- Support the Haitian and Haitian-Dominican population in the Dominican Republic to coordinate local humanitarian relief efforts and to advocate to the Dominican government for greater support to Haiti.

Throughout 2010, AJWS will continue to support its grassroots partners during the second phase of emergency grantmaking in order to meet ongoing medical, housing and psychosocial needs. AJWS will disperse an additional \$500,000 in grants during this period and has already dispersed \$240,000 to 11 organizations. During the second phase, support from AJWS will:

- Provide support for the rebuilding of partners' offices, community centers, clinics and schools;
- Reestablish vital agricultural production activities aimed at increasing food security and providing income; and
- Enable community-based organizations, particularly women and people with disabilities to actively participate and benefit from international response efforts;

- Address the growing incidences of gender-based violence and the needs of the newly disabled;
- Allow communities to transition from disaster to development.

The third phase of grantmaking will take place from 2011 through 2014. AJWS gained valuable experience in providing long-term reconstruction support following the 2004 South Asia tsunami and will work with grassroots partners in Haiti to ensure local food sovereignty, establish income-generating activities, promote rural development and provide opportunities for women and the disabled to actively participate and benefit from reconstruction efforts.

Current Haiti Emergency grants include:

Association of Peasant Farmers

Grant 1 – \$50,000

Title – Fondwa Evaluation Survey for Redevelopment Plan

Project Description – The Association of Peasant Farmers (APF), which was founded in 1988 to support the sustainable development of rural communities in Haiti, will establish a redevelopment plan for the village of Fondwa in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake. Through the development of the first rural University, University of Fondwa, and the National Peasants' Congress, APF has worked to improve the quality of life for more than 570 rural communities in Haiti. APF will partner with GreenMicrofinance to conduct a survey and needs assessment to develop a long-term redevelopment plan that will assist in the recovery of the village of Fondwa, which was completely devastated after the Haiti earthquake. In addition to producing a preliminary needs assessment for the project development, APF will conduct a thorough site inspection and assessment of damage, conduct a survey of available local workers as to kind and quality of skills, and begin to determine priorities in the rebuilding efforts. The report findings will allow for the continuation of APF's important work with rural communities and provide a redevelopment plan that will enhance its ability to receive complementary grant funds from the Inter-American Development Bank.

Direct Relief International (DRI)

Grant 1 – \$60,000

Title – Emergency Assistance to Communities Affected by the Earthquake in Haiti

Project Description – Direct Relief International (DRI) is sending essential medical supplies and equipment to its network of local healthcare partners in Haiti, including AJWS grantees PIH and MOSCTHA, enabling these partners to meet the immediate needs of earthquake victims. A portion of AJWS's grant is also allowing DRI the opportunity to purchase medicine and personal hygiene kits that are specific to the needs of women.

EarthSpark International

Grant 1 - \$30,000

Title – Emergency earthquake relief in Haiti

Project Description – With a grant from AJWS EarthSpark International is purchasing solar lamps and using its local knowledge and networks, including AJWS partners Fonkoze, KONPAY and Partners in Health, to distribute these lamps to the Haitian community for immediate earthquake relief. It is also promoting post-disaster development by conducting clean energy capacity building activities with Haitian communities, including working with partners to develop local businesses and country-wide supply chains for clean, efficient energy technologies. EarthSpark is also providing technical education and training to students and micro-enterprise entrepreneurs. This grant will meet the immediate needs of communities affected by the earthquake while also making progress towards the ultimate goals of access to clean and efficient fuels and productive technologies, thriving forest ecosystems, and opportunities for economic advancement and health. AJWS has leveraged the support of the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief, which has agreed to support this grant by matching AJWS's \$30,000 grant.

Fonkoze

Grant 1 - \$30,000

Title - Immediate relief and reconstruction

Project Description: AJWS is supporting Fonkoze to provide immediate general relief to communities affected by the earthquake in Haiti by establishing an emergency operations center, re-establishing community banks and providing new loans to borrowers devastated by the earthquake.

Grant 2 –\$35,000

Title – Immediate relief and reconstruction

Project Description – AJWS is supporting Fonkoze to contribute to the post-earthquake recovery of Haiti by renting temporary office space and addressing the immediate needs of its 30 displaced staff members. Emergency housing, capital, healthcare, transportation and other resources provided by Fonkoze to staff will enable the organization to resume its work delivering microfinance services to Haiti's poor.

GROOTS International

Grant 1 – \$50,000

Title – Emergency Relief to Earthquake Affected Communities in Haiti

Project Description – Funding from AJWS is allowing Groots International to provide an opportunity for exchange between women organizations in Haiti with a network of women in Jamaica, Honduras, and Peru in order to provide assistance to the Haiti organizations working on resilience in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Groundswell International

Grant 1– \$70,000

Title – Support to rural villages for earthquake IDPs

Project Description – Groundswell is supporting nine community-based organizations, including AJWS grantees, responding to the needs of rural communities who have experienced a large influx of internally displaced earthquake victims. With AJWS’s support, Groundswell is setting up an income generating program that provides refugees with income to buy food and other supplies while helping the villages expand food production capacity for the upcoming agricultural season. Groundswell is also promoting the creation of emergency committees that include local organization leaders and refugee representatives who will continue to assess community needs.

Konbit Pou Ayiti (KONPAY)

Grant 1 - \$15,000

Title - Emergency relief to communities affected by the earthquake in Haiti

Project Description - With AJWS support, KONPAY is gathering and distributing food from regional farmers and coordinating volunteers on the ground in Jacmel. The organization is responding to the immediate needs of affected communities by gathering and transporting food, providing medical care and responding to other immediate needs.

Grant 2 – \$20,000

Title – Emergency Relief to Earthquake Affected Communities in Haiti

Project Description – With AJWS support KONPAY is delivering immediate relief to communities in Jacmel and Port-au-Prince, as well as providing medical care, equipment and other resources to communities displaced from the cities by the earthquake. KONPAY is coordinating volunteers, including youths on the ground and other partners, to assess the emerging needs of these affected communities and mobilize and transport the necessary resources to meet those needs.

Lambi Fund of Haiti (Lambi)

Grant 1 - \$30,000

Title - Immediate relief and reconstruction

Project Description - The Lambi Fund of Haiti is supporting peasant groups to obtain food and essential provisions. With AJWS support, Lambi is responding to communities' immediate needs and conducting reconstruction initiatives such as repairing rainwater cisterns, rebuilding grain mills and sugar cane mills, and supporting farmers to obtain agricultural materials.

Grant 2 – \$35,000

Title – Immediate relief and reconstruction

Project Description – The Lambi Fund of Haiti is supporting peasant groups to replace essentials lost in the earthquake and meeting the needs associated with massive post-earthquake migration from Port-au-Prince to the countryside. To address affected communities' long-term needs, Lambi is replenishing microcredit funds and conducting reconstruction initiatives such as repairing rainwater cisterns, rebuilding grain mills and sugar cane mills, and supporting farmers to obtain agricultural materials in preparation for the upcoming planting in April.

Movman Peyizan Bayone (MPB)

Grant 1 - \$8,080

Title – Internally Displaced Persons Assistance

Project Description – Support from AJWS will allow MPB to provide assistance to 790 refugees who have arrived in this tiny northern community and their 243 hosting families. MPB will provide immediate assistance by providing food, clothes, sanitation, potable water, jobs, education materials and seeds for farmers for the next rainy season. They will also provide microcredit to women and farmers and build 38 water filters and 20 latrines.

Movman Peyizan Rankit (MPR)

Grant 1 - \$6,540

Title – Internally Displaced Persons Assistance

Project Description – Following the earthquake on January 12th, the small northern community of Ranquitte was flooded with over 1,000 refugees. The Ranquitte community is midway through the dry season and concerned about meeting the community's needs with the next planting season. With AJWS's support, MPR will provide direct assistance to meet the basic needs of the displaced population in Ranquitte, their 247 host families and other families living under the poverty line. Activities will include providing access to food and medicine, creating income generating activities, providing microcredit loans to woman, building water filters and buying seeds.

Movimiento Social-Cultural de los Trabajadores Haitianos (MOSCTHA)

Grant 1 - \$30,000

Title - Immediate health support to communities affected by the earthquake in Haiti

Project Description - With AJWS support, MOSCTHA is organizing the Haitian and Haitian-Dominican population in the Dominican Republic to respond to the immediate and long-term health needs of affected communities in Jacmel. MOSCTHA has equipped two of its mobile clinics to provide medical services and conduct health education workshops on disease prevention.

Grant 2 – \$30,000

Title – Immediate Health Support to Earthquake-Affected Communities in Haiti

Project Description - With this second grant, AJWS is continuing to support MOSCTHA's emergency response initiatives in earthquake-affected communities of Port-au-Prince, Leogane and Jacmel. MOSCTHA has equipped its two mobile clinics, and mobilized 85 health professionals and trained volunteers from the Haitian Dominican community to provide medical assistance and psychosocial support. The organization is continuing to transport and distribute water, food and tents as well as provide peer-to-peer support for youth and women.

Movimiento De Mujeres Dominico Haitiana (MUDHA)

Grant 1 - \$30,000

Title - Immediate relief and reconstruction

Project Description - With AJWS support, MUDHA is organizing the Haitian and Haitian-Dominican population in the Dominican Republic to respond to the immediate needs of communities affected by the earthquake in Haiti focusing primarily on the needs of women that are not normally met by humanitarian aid: feminine hygiene products, undergarments and diapers. MUDHA is also conducting a needs assessment analysis of affected communities and will conduct community workshops to plan for reconstruction efforts.

Grant 2 – \$30,000

Title – Immediate Earthquake Relief and reconstruction in Haiti

Project description – With AJWS support, MUDHA is continuing to organize the Haitian and Haitian-Dominican population in the Dominican Republic to respond to the immediate needs of earthquake-affected communities in Leogane, Petit Goave and Grand Goave. Focusing primarily on the needs of women that are not normally met by humanitarian aid, MUDHA is distributing feminine hygiene products, undergarments and diapers in addition to food and water. MUDHA is also continuing to establish safe spaces for women and training youth mental health promoters to provide

counseling and training to other women and youth. MUDHA's community workshops are focusing on reconstruction efforts, sexual and reproductive health, and arts and crafts for children.

Oganizasyon Gwoupman Peyizan pou Devlopman 8eme Seksyon Kominal Akaye (OPD8)

Grant 1 - \$7,940

Title – Internally Displaced Persons Assistance

Project Description – Due to its proximity to Port-au-Prince, the town of Ivoire was one of the first places to receive refugees after the earthquake. OPD8 also helped establish the Montrouis refugee camp. With a grant from AJWS, OPD8 will assist 732 refugees and 200 hosting families, including 150 refugees in the Montrouis camp, by helping them meet their immediate basic needs, as well as rebuild their infrastructure and reestablish their livelihoods. Activities will include creating jobs for host families and refugees, supplying food, improving road conditions, building latrines and water filters, buying school supplies and providing microcredit to women.

Partners in Health (PIH)/Zanmi Lasante

Grant 1 - \$60,000

Title - Immediate health relief to communities affected by the earthquake in Haiti

Project Description - With AJWS support, Partners in Health (PIH) is mobilizing medical staff and supplies needed to set up a field hospital in Part-au-Prince where the organization can triage patients, provide emergency care, and send those who need surgery or more complex treatment to its functioning hospitals and surgical facilities in the Central Plateau and Artibonite. PIH is ensuring that its facilities in the Central Plateau and Artibonite (several of which are just 2 hours outside the capital) are ready to serve the growing volume of patients from Port-au-Prince. PIH is already responding to a large number of earthquake victims in their sites in Cange, Belladere, Lacolline, Hinche and St. Marc.

Red de Encuentro Dominicano Haitiano - Jacques Viau (REDH-JV)

Grant 1 - \$30,000

Title: Emergency relief to communities affected by the earthquake in Haiti

Project description: REDH-JV is organizing the Haitian and Haitian-Dominican population in the Dominican Republic to provide humanitarian emergency aid following the earthquake in Haiti in the communities of Jacmel, Puerto Príncipe, Petionville, and Croix-des-Bouquets. The organization is providing support to communities most affected by the earthquake and contributing to reconstruction efforts through providing medicine, food, some material belongings, and by organizing meetings to coordinate relief efforts.