



American Jewish World Service Supports Victims of Conflict

American Jewish World Service devotes itself to sustainable, rights-based change in the developing world, and takes inspiration from Jewish principles including *tikkun olam* (healing the world) and *tzedakah* (righteousness and charity). We do this mostly through grantmaking to local grassroots organizations, though we also send volunteers on service trips, and advocate on issues affecting the poorest of the world's poor.

One of our newest grantees is the Aceh Judicial Monitoring Institute in Indonesia. AJMI provides advocacy and assistance for Indonesians internally displaced by the continuing civil conflict in Aceh.

AJWS staff in June traveled to the village of Kreung Cut, a village outside the Indonesian capital, where AJMI recently built a school in this community of internally displaced persons.



Below: A school for internally displaced persons in Indonesia, built with help from AJWS. (Kate Kroeger/AJWS)

Left: A schoolteacher and her class. (Kate Kroeger/AJWS)



With help from AJWS, AJMI is assessing the needs of internally displaced persons and providing targeted assistance, such as education, cultural activities and childhood trauma counseling. They are also monitoring the distribution of emergency relief and reconstruction assistance, and working to ensure that people have access to it.

This is just one of the grantees AJWS funds around the world, regardless of race, religion, or nationality. AJWS' grants range from women's empowerment projects in Afghanistan, income-generation programs in Peru, HIV/AIDS prevention in South Africa, and over 250 more project partners dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease.