

# הקדש

## Statement on 2012-2013 Grantees

### + Hekdesh Mission

HEKDESH is a philanthropy collective that inspires members to be increasingly intentional and generous with their charitable donations by exploring the traditions and practice of tzedakah.



Association for Civil Rights in  
Israel (ACRI)

Aid Organization for Refugees and  
Asylum Seekers in Israel (ASSAF)

Hotline for Migrant Workers, now  
the Hotline for Refugees and  
Migrants

## Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)



**Total grant:** \$6,960

**Mission of organization:**

ACRI's mandate is to ensure Israel's accountability and respect for human rights by addressing violations committed by Israeli authorities in Israel, the Occupied Territories, and beyond.

**Key priorities for 2014:**

*Rights for Refugees*

- Advocate for the rights of asylum seekers to gain employment, access public health services, and be treated as accepted members of society
- Ensure that asylum seekers are no longer summarily detained for years at a time and are able to live in Israel in dignity

*Children's Rights*

- ACRI recently integrated the organization Israeli Children and has increased capacity to deal with pressing issues concerning the rights of migrants, refugees and their families, and also to approach the issue of children's rights from a human rights perspective

*Bedouin Rights*

- Advocacy against Praver-Begin Plan to resettle Negev Bedouin

*Social & Economic Rights*

- Block the damaging socio-economic policies expected as a result of the recently-approved two-year budget

**How grants will be/were employed:**

- Ensure implementation of Supreme Court's decision to overturn the "Anti-Infiltration Law" in order to release detainees immediately
- Follow-up legal work that establishes tap water as a fundamental right
- Publication of a report into the creeping privatization of law-enforcement services entitled "Law and Order, Ltd."

**How can members of Hekdesh continue to assist the organization?**

Sign up for newsletters, Facebook, Twitter in order to keep up with position papers, updates, and calls to action. For the Hebrew-confident, sign up online to volunteer:

[http://www.acri.org.il/he/?page\\_id=19279](http://www.acri.org.il/he/?page_id=19279)

**For more information:**

<http://www.acri.org.il/en/>

Check out their YouTube channel here:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Acrionline>

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ASSAF



**Total grant:** \$6,182

**Mission of organization:**

ASSAF's mission is to assist all those entering Israel in search of asylum, by advocating for their rights on the basis of international law. ASSAF also supports asylum seekers as they face daily economic, social, legal and emotional challenges. Through psychosocial and advocacy programs, ASSAF aims to both provide a source of familiarity and strength, and encourage institutional service providers to expand their scope to include refugees.

**Key priorities for 2014:**

- Reach out to victims of torture
- Support asylum seekers with HIV/AIDS
- Expand youth club afternoon and evening activities for 50 at-risk adolescents
- Raise awareness among Israeli public about plight of asylum seekers

**How grant will be employed:**

- Provide professional therapy and empowerment activities to refugees and migrants by a team of social workers, therapists, and trained volunteers and interns

**New activities in the works:**

- Hire full-time dedicated social worker for victims of torture
- Expand youth club beyond current three nights a week
- Raise funds for an educational film on the subject of “help us to help them”

**How can members of Hekdesh continue to assist the organization?**

Spread the word about this marginalized group.

Encourage others to donate.

Volunteer: 4-month stint minimum

required due to careful training. Online volunteering is possible for those outside Israel (writing, translating, editing materials for international advocacy and fundraising)

**For more information:**

**[www.assaf.org.il/en](http://www.assaf.org.il/en)**

Watch this 2013 interview with Orit Marom, ASSAF's advocacy program coordinator. It's in really clear Hebrew with subtitles and she talks through the events of 2013 with its rise in anti-refugee sentiment, etc.:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWuY-HL6KBs&list=PLu0pG8zxXK\\_nHL8L-caaa6tp3SiywUH2w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWuY-HL6KBs&list=PLu0pG8zxXK_nHL8L-caaa6tp3SiywUH2w)

## Hotline for Migrant Workers



**Total grant:** \$5,609

**Mission of organization:**

Hotline for Migrant Workers addresses the needs of three separate but intersecting immigrant populations: migrant workers, refugees, and trafficking survivors. The organization also takes a three-pronged approach to the problem, making use of crisis and case management for individuals, legal action, and engaging with public policy.

**Key priorities for 2014:**

- Establish rights for those still detained under the Anti-Infiltration Law, overturned by Supreme Court
- Campaign to end detention of migrant children

**How grants were employed:**

- General operating costs

**How can members of Hekdesh continue to assist the organization?**

Seeking volunteers who speak multiple languages, especially Hebrew, Arabic, French, Thai, Chinese, and Tigrinya. Like us on Facebook, where we publish calls-to-action and events.

**For more information:**

<http://www.hotline.org.il/english/index.htm> (currently being revamped)