

HEKDESH GRANT REPORT, 2012-2013

In 2012-2013, HEKDESH members granted \$18,750.00, more than any prior year, to three social change organizations. This year, all of the grantees are based in Israel. One of the organizations, ASSAF, is a third-time recipient of a HEKDESH grant.

This document provides a summary of the grantees, including each organization's mission, activities, and finances.

1. [Association for Civil Rights in Israel](#) (ACRI)
2. [ASSAF | Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel](#)
3. [Hotline for Migrant Workers](#)

GRANTEES: A DASHBOARD

Organization	Grant Distributed	Number of Chips Allocated	Percent of Total Chips	Target Population and Primary Approaches
Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)	\$6,960.00	170	37%	Public education and outreach, legal work, and international advocacy promoting civil and human rights in Israel and the Occupied Territories
ASSAF Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel	\$6,182.00	151	33%	Social and youth services, advocacy, public policy, and education for refugee and asylum seekers in Israel
Hotline for Migrant Workers	\$5,609.00	137	30%	Crisis intervention, case management, legal work, public policy, and education for refugee and asylum seekers, migrant workers, and trafficking survivors in Israel

GRANTEE SUMMARIES

ASSOCIATION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IN ISRAEL

At-A-Glance

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

Year Founded: 1972

Operating Budget: \$3,000,000

Location: Israel

Target Population: Residents of Israel and the Occupied Territories

Primary Approach: Public education and outreach, legal work, international advocacy



Mission/Vision/Purpose:

ACRI is Israel's oldest and largest human rights organization and the only one dealing with the entire spectrum of human rights and civil liberties issues in Israel and the Occupied Territories. An independent and non-partisan organization, ACRI's mandate is to ensure Israel's accountability and respect for human rights by addressing violations committed by the Israeli authorities in Israel, the Occupied Territories, and elsewhere.

ACRI is committed to promoting the universality of human rights and defending the rights and civil liberties of all -- regardless of religion, nationality, gender, ethnicity, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background.

Main Activities:

Human rights education, legal advocacy, extensive public outreach, strategic international advocacy

ASSAF



At-A-Glance

Website: <http://www.assaf.org.il>

Year Founded: 2007

Operating Budget: \$320,000

Location: Israel

Target Population: Asylum seekers and refugees, including youth and young adults

Primary Approach: Refugee advocacy, social and youth services

Mission/Vision/Purpose:

ASSAF's mission is to assist 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.

Main Activities:

- *Psychosocial Support for Individuals/Families:* Local volunteers visit refugees regularly in their homes. ASSAF's psychosocial intervention program offers financial and basic psychosocial support.
- *Care for Unaccompanied Minors:* The Youth Centre for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors and Youth operates between 6-11 PM on ASSAF's premises and provides a place for young adults to socialize, receive support, and enjoy a nutritious meal. ASSAF also carries out individual mentoring and advocacy for refugee youth.
- *Advocacy and Support Centre:* Provides job search assistance, capacity-building, employer liaison, referrals to partner organizations, and entry into ASSAF's psychosocial program.
- *Refugee Community Development:* The African refugee community is comprised of a variety of diverse ethnic African groups that have fled similar situations of conflict and genocide. ASSAF provides continuous support and guidance to community leaders to effectively engage in community organizing.
- *Advocacy and Policy Change for Refugee Rights:* ASSAF works to raise public awareness of the plight of refugees and asylum seekers in Israel through media presence, public campaigns, advocacy, and lobbying vis-à-vis key policy makers and political parties.

HOTLINE FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

At-A-Glance

Website: <http://www.hotline.org.il/english/index.htm>

Year Founded: 1998

Operating Budget: \$250,000

Location: Israel

Target Population: Migrant workers, asylum seekers and refugees, survivors of trafficking

Primary Approach: Crisis intervention, legal intervention, and public policy

A red square logo with the text "Hotline For Migrant Workers" in white, bold, sans-serif font, arranged in four lines.

Mission/Vision/Purpose:

The Hotline for Migrant workers is dedicated to (a) promoting the rights of undocumented migrant workers and refugees and (b) eliminating trafficking in persons in Israel. The organizations aims to build a more just, equitable and democratic society, where the human rights of all those residing within its borders is a paramount civic and political value.

Main Activities:

The Hotline uses a three-pronged approach to achieve its goals:

Crisis Intervention: Providing information and solutions to those detained and exploited. Volunteers have assisted over 44,000 migrant workers, refugees and trafficking survivors through our telephone hotline and visits to detention centers.

Legal Action: Filing suits and petitions promoting public accountability and enforcement of the rule of law. Through use of a variety of legal tools including petitions to the High Court of Justice, the Hotline works to ensure that existing laws protecting basic human rights are implemented.

Public Policy: Educating and informing through work with the Israeli public, academia, the media and policymakers. The Hotline has initiated more than 1,400 media items and conducted over 600 lectures.