



ADVOCATES FOR SURVIVORS OF TORTURE AND TRAUMA ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009

A LETTER FROM ASTT

For more than 15 years ASTT's focus has not changed: provide mental health and case management services to torture survivors, advocate for the abolition of torture worldwide and educate the local community about the needs of torture survivors living in our community. This is demanding work in the best of times, but during a time of economic uncertainty the load can feel heavier.

During this past year we saw several torture treatment centers in the U.S. close due to a lack of funding. Yet, at the same time we saw an ever-increasing number of torture survivors fleeing to the United States. ASTT saw a 30.5% increase in the number of clients served, while we still maintained a waitlist of 3-4 months.

Fortunately, even in this time of struggle for many of our counterparts, we are able to continue to provide services because of the generous support of so many people. We have dedicated staff and volunteers that work on a daily basis to provide the best care possible for torture survivors. Our Board of Directors work tirelessly to ensure that the organization is running in an efficient and effective manner. Our generous donors provide the resources to make it all possible. Together we all form a Circle of Strength for our survivors to hold on to so they may recover and thrive as Survivors of torture rather than victims.

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OUR MISSION

The mission of ASTT is to alleviate the suffering of those who have experienced the trauma of torture, to educate the local, national, and world community about the needs of torture survivors, and to eliminate torture in the world. ASTT was founded in 1994.

At our three offices in Baltimore, Wheaton and Washington, D.C., ASTT offers:

- counseling and specialized treatment in a safe, caring, and confidential environment;
- psychological assessments;
- expert testimony for asylum cases;
- and facilitates access to social services and resources, including medical and legal assistance, housing, language training, and employment opportunities.

In addition to these direct services for survivors, ASTT also:

- provides specialized training for legal and health professionals in order to increase their ability to respond to the needs of torture survivors;
- raises community awareness about torture, its consequences, and the needs of survivors;
- advocates for the abolition of torture worldwide through publications, the media, conferences, and other forums.

In Baltimore and Washington, D.C., ASTT promotes consciousness of torture as a global concern and provides insight into the situation of survivors here in the greater Baltimore area.

ASTT has no religious, political, or economic agenda. We do not exclude members of any nationality, religion, or ethnic group. All of our services for torture survivors are provided completely free of charge.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Cash	\$119,839
Certificate of deposit, 3.15%	\$78,686
Accounts Receivable	\$69,483
Prepaid expenses	\$6,943
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	\$89,556
TOTAL ASSETS	\$364,507

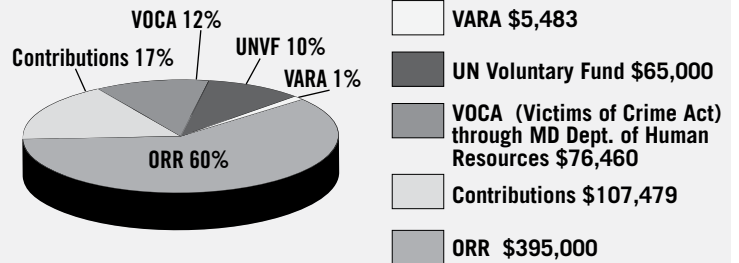
LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$9,880
Mortgage note payable	\$55,924
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$65,804

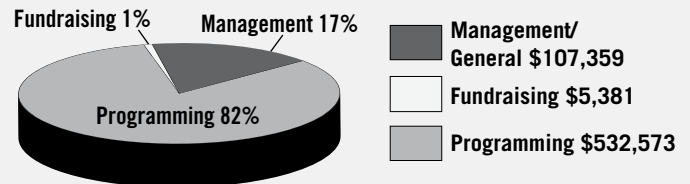
NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$144,496
Temporary Restricted	\$154,207
Total net assets	\$298,703
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$364,507

SOURCE OF FUNDS 2008/2009



SOURCE OF EXPENSES 2008/2009

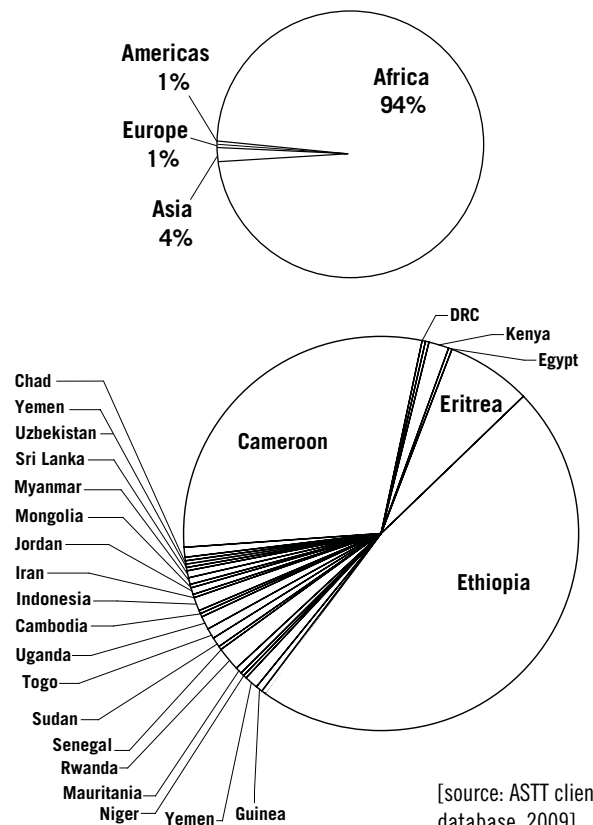


DEMOGRAPHICS AND PROGRAM ADDITIONS

During the past fiscal year, ASTT once again increased the number of clients we served. We served 296 clients, up from 206, from 33 different countries. 47% of clients are from Ethiopia, 29% from Cameroon, and 7% from Eritrea. The remaining 17% of clients came from 30 other countries. 51% of clients are female, and 49% are male. The two largest age groups were women ages 18-29 and men ages 30-39. At the time of intake, our clients work with a case manager to create a "Personal Wellness Plan" where the clients create specific goals in order to improve their functioning. On average, 80% of clients reached their goals in this period.

This past year ASTT continued to expand the types of services to our clients as our client base grows. Clients participated this year in a Women's Beading group in the summer and continued another year of the Photography group that will be displayed in upcoming events in June 2010. In April 2009 we added a group therapy session at the DC Office once a week and continue to have our well-attended Life Skills group at the office as well. In the spring of 2009 two of our staff members went on to pursue further work; Joachim Nthawie in Sudan and Estela Abosch in Argentina. Overall, ASTT's comprehensive torture treatment program continued to grow this fiscal year and looks forward to success in 2010.

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[source: ASTT client database, 2009]

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