
2018

IsraAID Annual Report



Our Vision

A world where vulnerable, disaster-affected communities have the strength, support and opportunities they need to recover from humanitarian crisis and build a more resilient future.

Our Mission

Our mission is to support people affected by humanitarian crisis. We partner with local communities around the world to provide urgent aid, assist recovery, and reduce the risk of future disasters.

Background

Founded in 2001, IsraAID is an Israel-based, international, non-governmental Humanitarian Aid Agency. Since its inception, IsraAID has worked in emergency and long-term development settings in 51 countries around the world.

What We Do

Protection

Prevention of Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) | Child Protection | Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Access to safe water | Hygiene and sanitation promotion | Vocational WASH training

Education

Psychosocial support integrated into education systems | Informal education | Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

Medical care

Emergency medical response | Sexual and reproductive health | Medical support and capacity building

Livelihood

Vocational training and income-generation | Small-scale agriculture

51 countries
since 2001

23 locations
in 2018

68,500
people reached
in 2018 emergency
missions

Dear Friends,

It is an honor and a privilege to share with you IsraAID's Annual Report for 2018, our second year as Co-Chief Executive Officers.

We are immensely proud of everything IsraAID's staff and volunteers have achieved in the past year. Their deep expertise and unrivalled dedication to the communities we work with inspire us every day. At a time of global instability and cynicism, they serve as a powerful example of why what we do matters.

2018 was a landmark year for IsraAID, building on the hard work and growth of the preceding years. Our teams around the world grew, reaching 240 staff members worldwide. At headquarters-level, we built and strengthened the organization's structure and leadership, introducing a new and experienced senior management team to guide IsraAID's day-to-day operations. We also established a new Emergency Department, to ensure streamlined coordination of our disaster response missions.

Our teams responded to nine emergencies around the world, from flooding in south India to a volcanic eruption in Guatemala, hurricanes in the U.S. to an earthquake in Indonesia, providing 68,500 people with direct support. Our long-term development work reached communities in 17 countries, and we began to incorporate Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) principles across all of our programming. We also chose to focus on our technical expertise, taking a leading role in the global dialogue on humanitarian best practice at Inter-Agency Standing Committee working groups, such as the Global Alliance for Child Protection and the Working Group for DRR and Resilience in Education.

After another year of growth, we are now entering a new phase of deepening and strengthening our programs around the world, alongside the development of a new strategic plan to take IsraAID into the 2020s. In a time where the number of people affected by disasters is rising dramatically, we at IsraAID must do more.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our supporters. Your generosity and commitment to IsraAID makes our work possible, and it is thanks to you that we have reached so many people in need around the world. As you read through this report, which gives a taste, not just of our achievements but of the thinking behind our work, we respectfully request your continued support for the year ahead.



Navonel Glick,
co-CEO



Yotam Polizer,
co-CEO

and IsraAID Board Members

CONTENTS

- 06** 2018 Highlights
- 08** Timeline
- 10** Where We Worked
- 12** Emergency Response
- 18** Recovery: After the Emergency, What Comes Next?
- 22** Towards Sustainability: When is Long-Term Long Enough
- 26** Refugees & Displacement
- 32** Partnership
- 34** IsraAID U.S.
- 36** Meet Our Team
- 39** Where Your Giving Goes
- 40** Supporter List
- 42** Get Involved



Our 2018 Highlights



1 Ran the first mobile dental clinic

in Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya with visiting international dentists.



6 Opened offices

in New York and LA, in addition to our Bay Area US headquarters.



7 Had a second cohort

of 15 US IsraAID humanitarian fellows spend the summer interning in our operations worldwide.



2 Named International NGO of the Year

in Sierra Leone.



3 Were awarded the 2018 National Integration Prize

by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, for our work with refugees.



8 Opened a Refugee Community Center

in Northern Greece, serving over 500 refugees from around the world.



9 Took our Mexico Safe Schools program national

on the recommendation of the Ministry of Education.



4 Repaired 100+

hurricane-destroyed roofs in Dominica.



5 Joined the Global Alliance for Child Protection

in Humanitarian Action, a network of humanitarian NGOs and inter-governmental agencies.



10 Deployed Emergency Response teams

to Guatemala, Indonesia, the Philippines, India, Japan, Vanuatu, North Carolina, Florida and California.



11 Organized the Caribbean Safe Schools Initiative

regional conference with governmental, NGO & UN partners.

Our 2018 Timeline

January Water access & management program with local students in Acholiland, Uganda.

February IsraAID signs a formal partnership with Vanuatu's Ministry of Health to provide a national Psychosocial Support Program.

March IsraAID receives a Fammy Award from Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) for its 2017 Santa Rosa Wildfires response.

April IsraAID recognized at the Clinton Global Initiative Action Network.

May | Specialist pediatric mission to Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya
| Caribbean-wide 'Education in Emergency' conference in Barbados, organized by IsraAID.

June Volcán de Fuego eruption response, Guatemala.

July | Western Japan Flooding response.
| Mobile dental clinic in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya.

August Kerala Flooding response, India.

September | Hurricane Florence response, North Carolina.
| Sulawesi Earthquake response, Indonesia.
| Typhoon Mangkhut/Ompong response, the Philippines.

October | Hurricane Michael response, Florida.
| IsraAID Germany wins the Chancellor's Integration Prize for our work with refugees.

November Camp Fire response, California.

December IsraAID Sierra Leone named International NGO of the Year.



IsraAID's 2018 Map

IsraAID operated in 23 locations this year.

- **New operations in 2018:**
 Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Florida, North Carolina, California
- **Existing operations in 2018:**
 Bangladesh, Germany, Dominica, Greece, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Texas, Uganda, Vanuatu



IsraAID's team reached more than **10,000** people in Guatemala

more than **11,600** people affected by flooding in Kerala

Emergency Response

- | Kerala Flooding
- | USA Emergencies
- | Guatemala Volcano
- | Vanuatu Volcano



In 2018, IsraAID Emergency Response missions reached 68,500 people affected by:

- Fuego Volcano, Guatemala | Okayama Flooding, Japan | Kerala Flooding, India | Ambae Volcano, Vanuatu | Hurricane Florence, North Carolina | Typhoon Ompong, Philippines | Central Sulawesi Earthquake, Indonesia | Hurricane Michael, Florida | Camp Fire, California

Emergency response has always been the core of IsraAID's work. Since 2001, the organization has honed its expertise, responding to disasters, epidemics and post-conflict situations in every corner of the world. IsraAID's teams are specialists in providing emergency medical care, post-trauma mental health support, essential relief items, and water, sanitation and hygiene solutions. Each response is implemented with local partners, according to the needs of affected communities.

Our ability to bring that aid to communities in need has always relied on quickly galvanizing financial support. This can be a struggle, with some 'silent' disasters barely mentioned in the international media. In addition, once the news cycle has moved on to a new tragedy in a new place, organizations are often forced to follow, as funding for last month's cyclone or earthquake dries up.

Two years ago, thanks to the generous support of the Koret Foundation, followed by the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation and the Weil-Bloch Foundation, IsraAID established the Emergency Response Fund, to mitigate these risks and ensure our continued rapid response to disasters. This year, the Emergency Fund also enabled IsraAID to focus on neglected emergencies – the places outside of the world's attention – bringing urgent aid to communities that have seen little international support, and staying for as long as needed.

In 2018, IsraAID further strengthened its professional infrastructure and established a new Emergency Department at HQ. This streamlined our coordination so we could better leverage our 17 years in disaster response, and pay even greater attention to the strategic decisions of where and when to intervene.



Coast-to-Coast: USA Emergencies

Recently, the United States has been hit by regular hurricanes – an annual phenomenon that could worsen in years to come. When a hurricane hits, families without the right insurance and without the means to support themselves can be stuck with nowhere to go and no way to repair the damage.

IsraAID brings teams of volunteers to help families return home after disasters, removing debris and cleaning out damaged houses. In 2018, we partnered with Team Rubicon to respond to Hurricane Florence in North Carolina and Hurricane Michael in Florida.

Then, in early November, Camp Fire began in Butte County, Northern California. Over more than two weeks, it became the deadliest – and most destructive – wildfire in California history. The burned area covered more than 150,000 acres, including the 26,000-person town of Paradise, which was almost entirely destroyed. Many were forced to evacuate to the nearby city of Chico. IsraAID launched its response in Chico, bringing relief supplies and training teachers, police officers and other leaders, so they can better support their communities as they deal with the fire's emotional and psychological impact.

The Worst Monsoon in Living Memory: Kerala Flooding

Between May and August 2018, over 500 people were killed after monsoon rains brought unprecedented flooding to the southern Indian state of Kerala. More than one million fled their homes to emergency camps. Thousands were left stranded until the flood waters receded.

IsraAID's team arrived on the ground in August, bringing relief items, and WASH and mental health experts. The initial emergency response was led by an experienced team of local and international specialists from IsraAID Nepal, ensuring support could reach the affected area as quickly as possible.

With no coordinated international response, local NGOs and volunteer groups were a key part of helping Kerala communities get back on their feet. IsraAID partnered with The Art of Living Foundation, an Indian volunteer-based humanitarian NGO, to support affected communities. The team focused their efforts on indigenous communities living in tribal lands in Wayanad district, high in the Western Ghats mountain range. In India's richest state, these communities are among some of the country's poorest and least included.

IsraAID's team in Kerala reached more than 11,600 people affected by the flooding through water filter installations, hygiene kit distributions, hygiene promotion workshops, well cleaning, and psychosocial support workshops.



Bringing Resilience into Focus: Guatemala Volcano

Volcán de Fuego in southern Guatemala is one of the most active volcanoes in the world. On June 3rd 2018, Fuego erupted, leaving surrounding communities with little-to-no time to evacuate. At least 190 people were killed in the deadliest eruption to hit the Central American country since 1929. IsraAID immediately deployed an Emergency Response team to support the more than 3,000 people evacuated and 2 million affected.

During the initial emergency phase, IsraAID provided direct relief supplies and mental health support to more than 1000 people. Then, through resilience and psychosocial support training for teachers, psychologists, nurses, and shelter coordinators, IsraAID's team reached more than 10,000 people across the affected area.

In a country that faced severe humanitarian challenges before Fuego erupted, including drought, violence, and the long-term scars of more than three decades of civil war, the importance of mental health, community-building, and resilience cannot be over-emphasized. IsraAID has remained in Guatemala since the emergency, focusing on mental health and working with schools and communities to reduce the risks posed by future natural hazards.



What Happens When You Evacuate an Entire Island?: Vanuatu

The 83-island strong Pacific archipelago of Vanuatu is one of the world's most susceptible countries to natural hazards. Vanuatu has nine active volcanoes, and the island of Ambae, home to 11,000 people, sits on top of the largest. In July 2018, after months of volcanic activity, including a constant stream of ash and thick smoke, the government ordered the compulsory evacuation of its entire population for the second time in under 12 months.

IsraAID's team in Vanuatu focused its response on the island's less-populated West, where damage from frequent landslides had already left communities harder to access and therefore at greater risk of neglect. IsraAID's specialists and partners trained community members from Ambae in Psychological First Aid and psychosocial support tools. This helped the community build the resilience and support structures needed to cope with the trauma and uncertainty of evacuation. By the second week of August, all Ambae residents had been moved to either the neighboring island of Maewo or the larger island of Santo.

IsraAID has been in Vanuatu since Cyclone Pam hit in 2015, focusing on community water provision and mental health and psychosocial support.

Community water filter
for **250 families** in El Real,
Puerto Rico

IsraAID Dominica worked with
each of the island's 73 schools, reaching

11,000 teachers & educational
professionals and
Children

Recovery: After the Emergency, What Comes Next?

| Safe Water in Puerto Rico
| Safer Schools: Dominica & Mexico

In Summer-Autumn 2017, IsraAID experienced one of the busiest emergency response periods in the organization's history. With simultaneous and devastating disasters occurring in different parts of the world, it soon became clear that the consequences would be long-term.

When a disaster like a hurricane or an earthquake hits a community, the immediate concern is saving lives: providing medical care, restoring access to safe water, offering psychological first aid. As the initial emergency subsides, however, the challenges become far greater. How can communities, governments, and humanitarians support long-term recovery, and strengthen the resilience of individuals and communities?

In 2018, IsraAID confronted these big questions in several countries – and in each case provided answers attuned to local needs.

Preparing for Future Hazards

This year, IsraAID put disaster risk reduction (DRR) – the process of strengthening community resilience to mitigate against the risks of future disasters – at the heart of its programming.

It might seem paradoxical, but the best time to work on DRR is often right after an emergency has hit, when the possibility that it could happen again feels all too real.

In places like Dominica, Puerto Rico, and Mexico, where IsraAID launched emergency responses in 2017, the need to focus on community resilience was clear. But IsraAID's teams also had to think strategically about the best way to work with affected communities to develop plans for the next emergency.

“The fundamental essence of resilience is community. Social cohesion is what people need in times of crisis. It's easy to bring medical supplies and relief, but the long-term goal of staying in the country and equipping local partners and people is what IsraAID is committed to.”

Sawana Fabien,
IsraAID Dominica Education Program Manager



Water in the Mountains

After Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in September 2017, infrastructure across the island was decimated. For the 3% of the island's water districts that exist outside of the central water network, this would have profound, long-term effects. In the rural community of El Real in Patillas, 250 households – including many retirees – found themselves without electricity for eight months after the hurricane. To make matters worse, the community's water system relied on an electrical pump.

To provide El Real with a safe and secure source of water that would have long-term sustainability and strengthen community resilience to future disasters, IsraAID, the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, and the El Real Water Committee partnered to build a gravity-based sand filtration system. Without the need for electricity, the system provides El Real with a safe and sustainable source of filtered water. IsraAID's team accompanied the construction with public water, sanitation and hygiene education so that the changes will be felt in the community for the long-term.



Safer Schools, Safer Communities: DRR in Education Systems

In Dominica and Mexico, schools and the education systems were chosen as the ideal point of intervention. Schools represent a broad cross-section of the local community and school populations, i.e. children, are particularly vulnerable when disasters strike.

In Dominica, IsraAID partnered with the Education Ministry and UNICEF to support each of the island's 73 schools as they built an emergency operational plan. 11,000 children, teachers, and education professionals were trained to manage the risks posed by disasters.

In Mexico, more than 1,800 schools across the state of Morelos were damaged by the 2017 earthquake. Mexico is one of the most earthquake-prone countries in the world, and the chance of another catastrophe is ever-present. In response, IsraAID developed a participatory 'Safe Schools' program, with training sessions, emergency kits and a practical DRR manual given to each participating school. After an initial pilot in 20 schools, with more than 6,800 students and staff, the Ministry of Education requested that the program be expanded nation-wide. In 2018, IsraAID Mexico directly reached more than 24,500 people in Morelos's schools. IsraAID's team in Guatemala is now implementing a similar program in its education system, modelled on Mexico's program.



2,400 mental health cases were flagged in Nepal
and more than
600,000 people reached

400% increase in farmers' income in the Philippines over four years



Towards Sustainability: When is Long-Term Long Enough?

| Restoring Livelihoods in the Philippines
| Mental Health Support in Nepal
| Teen Pregnancy: Sierra Leone

The question of sustainability sits at the heart of humanitarian response and international development work. While an organization like IsraAID brings vital resources during a crisis and accompanies communities on the road to recovery, continued intervention without a responsible exit plan can be ineffective – and even make matters worse.

In 2018, IsraAID addressed this problem head-on in several countries, where our work responded to community needs by developing into long-term programming. Ultimately, our aim is to no longer be needed. As the communities we support strengthen, a humanitarian organization like IsraAID needs to constantly assess whether our continued presence is building community resilience and self-sufficiency.

This year our teams in several countries began responsible exit plans to ensure local ownership and sustained change in the communities we work with. This was reinforced by cross-cutting disaster risk reduction activities across all our programs, to strengthen community resilience and mitigate the risks of future disasters.

Community Irrigation: The Philippines

IsraAID's Emergency Response team arrived in the Philippines three days after Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) struck in November 2013. 16 million people across the country were affected. What began as an emergency response program focusing on medical care, became, with time, a long-term commitment to livelihood and psychosocial support, focusing on otherwise under-served areas in Leyte island, including Ormoc and Maasin City.

Farmers were hit particularly hard by Yolanda, affecting both their own livelihoods and the food security of the wider community. In 2014, IsraAID launched a partnership with CALCOA, a farmers association in Cabintan, a rural area of Ormoc, to work with farmers to increase agricultural production. Utilizing Israeli irrigation technology and local agricultural know-how, the project saw a 400% increase in farmers' income over four years. In June 2018, the project reached its conclusion, with CALCOA continuing its work independently, ensuring that Cabintan's farmers can not only survive, but thrive, long after IsraAID's departure.

IsraAID's program in the Philippines will be concluded in summer 2019.



After the Earthquake: Nepal

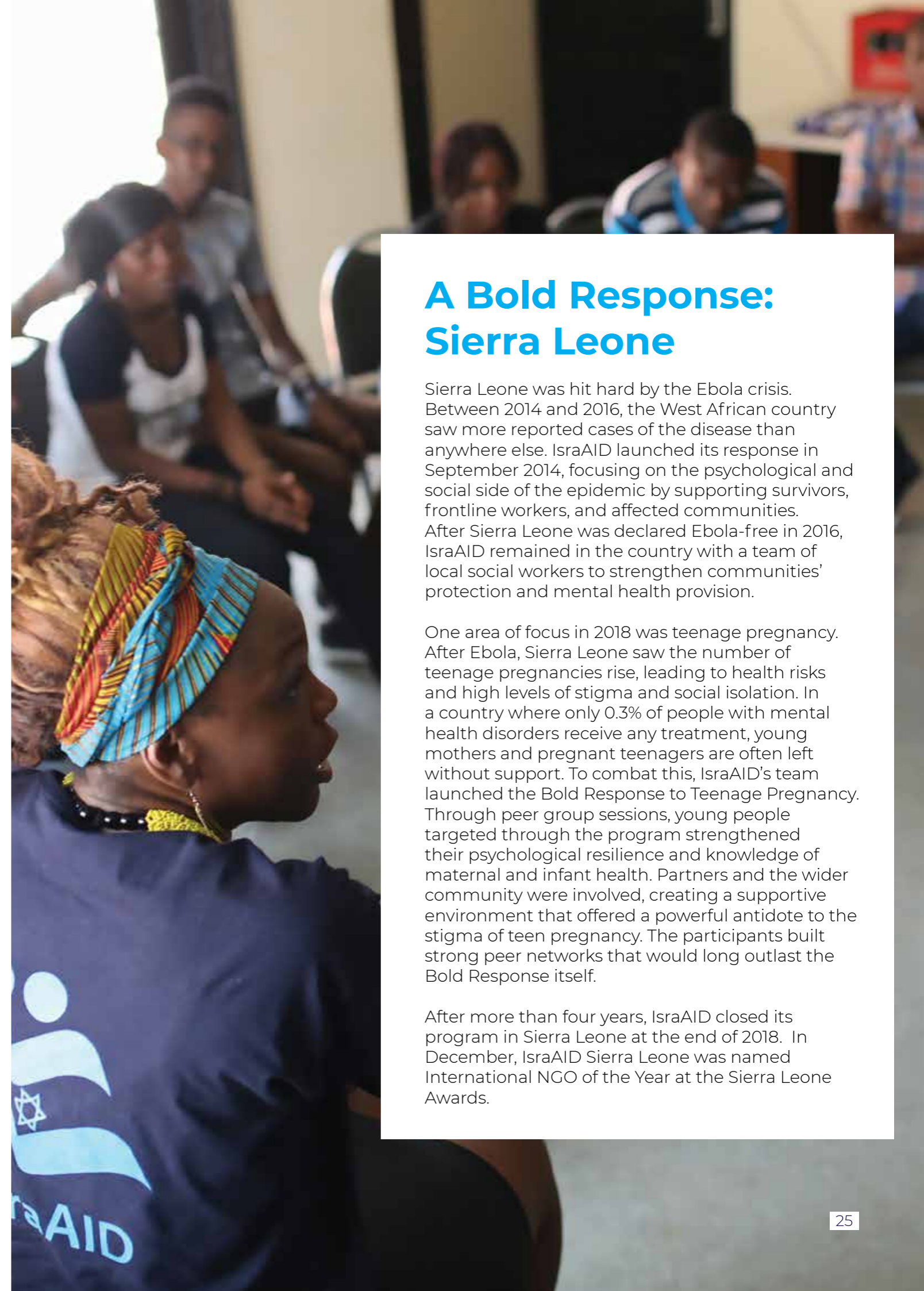
In April 2015, Nepal was hit by a devastating earthquake. Nearly 9,000 people were killed and many lost their homes and livelihoods. IsraAID's emergency response was one of the largest operations in the organization's history. Medical teams, search and rescue units, and mental health specialists reached tens of thousands of Nepali people in need.

After the trauma of the earthquake, creating community awareness of mental health issues was a key concern in a country without a strong mental health infrastructure. IsraAID's team worked for nearly three years to increase knowledge and build community capacity to manage cases. Through an innovative interactive theater program run in six districts, the team reached rural areas and engaged the community in mental health issues. Individuals would watch the theater performances and raise their own experiences with the team, which would then be referred to local NGOs and IsraAID-trained female community health volunteers. As many as 2,400 mental health cases were flagged, and more than 600,000 people reached.

To capitalize on the work done to create sustainable change, IsraAID Nepal used the data collected through the theater program to advocate for better mental health support from local governments. Ultimately, five out of the six districts reached, added budget lines for mental health support when none had existed before, and IsraAID spearheaded efforts to bring the governmental Mental Health taskforce to the provinces. In July 2018, after this success, the program ended.

IsraAID left these five earthquake-affected districts with the tools to recognize and support people needing psychosocial support. Notably, we, and our partners, were able to secure unprecedented long-term funding, creating a more robust national Mental Health system.

IsraAID's program in Nepal will be closed in summer 2019.



A Bold Response: Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone was hit hard by the Ebola crisis. Between 2014 and 2016, the West African country saw more reported cases of the disease than anywhere else. IsraAID launched its response in September 2014, focusing on the psychological and social side of the epidemic by supporting survivors, frontline workers, and affected communities. After Sierra Leone was declared Ebola-free in 2016, IsraAID remained in the country with a team of local social workers to strengthen communities' protection and mental health provision.

One area of focus in 2018 was teenage pregnancy. After Ebola, Sierra Leone saw the number of teenage pregnancies rise, leading to health risks and high levels of stigma and social isolation. In a country where only 0.3% of people with mental health disorders receive any treatment, young mothers and pregnant teenagers are often left without support. To combat this, IsraAID's team launched the Bold Response to Teenage Pregnancy. Through peer group sessions, young people targeted through the program strengthened their psychological resilience and knowledge of maternal and infant health. Partners and the wider community were involved, creating a supportive environment that offered a powerful antidote to the stigma of teen pregnancy. The participants built strong peer networks that would long outlast the Bold Response itself.

After more than four years, IsraAID closed its program in Sierra Leone at the end of 2018. In December, IsraAID Sierra Leone was named International NGO of the Year at the Sierra Leone Awards.

IsraAID's team in South Sudan
affected the lives of

**151,000
people**

IsraAID Germany reached

**8,200
refugees**

Refugees & Displacement

- | Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya
- | Constant Emergency: South Sudan
- | Refugee Life: Betty's Story
- | IsraAID Germany: Refugees & Integration
- | Refugee Crisis: Greece

The global displacement crisis is among the world's most pressing ongoing humanitarian emergencies. 70.8 million people are currently living through forced displacement. 25.9 million of them are refugees—people who have crossed a border seeking safety—and 3.5 million are asylum seekers.

Around the world, IsraAID creates spaces for refugees and Internally Displaced People (IDPs) of all ages and backgrounds to gain the skills and resilience to build a stable life. In 2018, IsraAID focused on refugee and displaced communities in Bangladesh, Germany, Greece, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda.

More than Limbo: Kenya

Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement Area are home to 190,000 refugees in the northwestern Kenyan desert. Most fled ongoing conflict and economic crisis in neighboring South Sudan. One of the oldest and largest continually operational refugee camps in the world, nearly 60% of Kakuma's residents are under the age of 18. With no right to work and no freedom to move elsewhere, life in Kakuma is seen by many as 'living in limbo'. But it can be so much more than that.

IsraAID works to ensure Kakuma is a place of opportunity. Through day centers in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei, IsraAID's team provides support, activities and safe drinking water for 450 children every day. The facilitators are refugees themselves, trained and supported by IsraAID.

Specialist medical and dental care is a rarity in Kakuma. This year, IsraAID's team brought U.S.-based practitioners to the camp for short-term mobile clinics, where they treated patients and provided training to strengthen the capacity of the camp's local medical and dental staff. The impact is keenly felt. Malachi, a refugee from South Sudan who was treated by IsraAID's dental clinic said: "Where I come from, you can't remove [teeth] problems because there is war. There are no more hospitals. When I came here they told me there was a provider who could remove my bad teeth and I was so grateful. I couldn't wait."

In 2018, IsraAID reached more than 4,200 people in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.

Constant State of Emergency: South Sudan

South Sudan, the youngest country in the world, has been in a near constant state of civil conflict since 2013. An estimated 383,000 people have been killed, as violence and economic strife have displaced around four million - about half leaving the country as refugees. Since the launch of its program with the country's 2011 independence, IsraAID has worked on protection and combating Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), which is intensified by the ongoing conflict. The UNDP estimates that 475,000 women and girls are at risk of SGBV in the country. Rape is used as an act of war, and domestic violence rates are high.

IsraAID works with community partners and service providers, strengthening their protection knowhow and ensuring that communities affected by conflict have the strength to provide vital support. IsraAID has taken up key roles in SGBV prevention and programming in South Sudan, including as SGBV Implementing Partner for UNICEF, UNHCR & UMCOR and co-chair of the SGBV Working Group for Jubek State.

This year IsraAID's team worked with local partners to construct and operate 10 Women & Girls Friendly Spaces and seven Child Friendly Spaces. Within displaced communities, these provide hundreds of women and children every week with the opportunity to access vital services and information.

In 2018, IsraAID's team in South Sudan directly served more than 30,030 people, indirectly reaching a total of 151,500.



Refugee Life: Betty's Story

Betty left South Sudan three years ago, seeking shelter at Kalobeyei Settlement in Turkana County, Kenya. Soon after she arrived, she was elected as the only female leader representing any of Kalobeyei's three villages and more than 38,500 people. Frequently the only woman in a room full of men, she pushed for schools and markets to be built in the settlement and served as an advocate for her community. She recently stepped down from her role.

What is your dream?: "I want to be a leader in South Sudan. I want to sit down with the President and talk about how the development and lives of people can be better."

What has helped you overcome all that you've experienced?: "Only God. I take my courage from God. If it wasn't for God's grace, you would have found me in a grave. It is because of the prayers of my friends and husband."



Towards Integration: Germany

Germany is seen by many as the ultimate destination for refugees entering Europe. Arriving in the country, however, is as much a beginning of a journey as it is an end. IsraAID's team has focused its efforts on responding to trauma, building resilience and empowerment, training young refugee leaders, and supporting the integration of refugees into German society.

This year, IsraAID Germany was awarded the country's highest recognition for work with refugees, the Chancellor's National Integration Prize, at a ceremony with Chancellor Angela Merkel. In 2018, IsraAID Germany reached 8,200 refugees directly and trained more than 600 service providers who work with refugees.

"A groundbreaking initiative."
Angela Merkel



Yassas Europa: Greece Between the Islands and the Mainland

Greece has been at the center of the ongoing Mediterranean refugee crisis since the numbers fleeing Syria and Iraq exploded in 2015. Since then, IsraAID has worked with refugees on the island of Lesbos and in the Thessaloniki area in northern Greece.

Lesbos is the first place many refugees step foot on European shore. Images of boats laden with people arriving on the island's beaches are seared into the public consciousness. Numbers have reduced since their 2015 peak, but this reality continues today. Throughout the year, IsraAID's medical team was permanently stationed on the island's northern shore to provide immediate, life-saving treatment to new arrivals.

Thousands wait months or even years in Lesbos as their asylum applications are processed, most of them living in the infamous Moria Refugee Camp. Education is a key challenge. In 2018, IsraAID partnered with the Israeli Hashomer Hatzair youth movement to manage the School of Peace, a unique institution providing more than 150 children daily with classes in their mother tongues, taught by refugee teachers from their own communities.

In mainland Greece most arriving refugees now expect to stay, making integration and protection key concerns. In 2018, IsraAID's team partnered with the international volunteering organization Be A Robin to establish and run the Sindos Community Center, serving 500 refugees living in shelters near Thessaloniki. The center provides a lifeline and a meeting point for refugees from around the world. Mohammed, an Iranian refugee and volunteer at the center, explains: "We've got Muslims and Christians, Farsi-speakers, Arabic-speakers, French-speakers. Here it doesn't matter."

Partnership

From community organizations to the United Nations, partnership is at the core of everything IsraAID does. All of our programming is built together with the communities we work with.



With Governments

In Northern Uganda, IsraAID partnered with the Office of the Prime Minister, the Moyo District Government and others, to construct a Child Friendly Space serving 1,000 refugee and host community children.

The school system in Morelos, Mexico, was severely hit by the 2017 earthquake. In 2018, IsraAID partnered with the Ministry of Education to pilot a Safe School program in 20 pilot schools, reaching 6,800 students and staff. The program has since been taken nation-wide.

IsraAID Germany partners with federal and state-level government to provide services to thousands of refugees. The BRÜCKENBAU (Bridgebuilding) program offers support and empowerment for women, LGBT+, children, and other vulnerable groups in refugee shelters in Frankfurt, in partnership with the Integration Ministry and ZWST - the Central Welfare Board of Jews in Germany. BRÜCKENBAU reached more than 2,600 refugees in 2018 and won the Chancellor's Integration Prize.

With National Organizations



ASPIRA provides students from underserved backgrounds with educational opportunities and support in Puerto Rico. Through our protection support and resilience curriculum, IsraAID has reached 3,700 students and teachers in ASPIRA schools as they recover from Hurricane Maria.

Legacoop is a national federation of cooperative associations from across Italy. After the 2016 Amatrice earthquake, IsraAID partnered with the local Legacoop branch to support community recovery. In 2018, IsraAID and Legacoop established CoopAID, a collective focusing on mental health and psychosocial support and disaster readiness, which is being established across the country.

SOS Children's Villages Nepal support children at risk. Their 10 villages care for more than 1,200 children without parental support across the country. In 2018, IsraAID Nepal partnered with SOS Children's Villages Nepal to provide technical support to staff dealing with mental health and psychological support across all 10 locations.

With International Organizations



After Hurricane Maria, IsraAID and UNICEF partnered in Dominica to train the entire country's school system on how to manage the risks posed by disasters. Together, we reached more than 16,000 children, teachers and school staff.

IsraAID South Sudan is an implementing partner for UNICEF and UNHCR, a Humanitarian Response Plan partner for Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and Child Protection, and co-lead of the SGBV Working Group for Jubek State. In 2018, we directly served more than 30,000 people in the country.

IsraAID has also helped shape the global dialogue on humanitarian aid through participating in conferences and forums including, the Clinton Global Initiative, the Inter Agency Standing Committee, the Child Protection Alliance Working Group, the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction in Education Systems, and more.



IsraAID U.S. - Outreach & Engagement

IsraAID U.S. builds vital bridges, engaging communities, young people and professionals across the country with IsraAID's humanitarian mission.

After the first U.S. office was opened in the Bay Area in 2017, this year saw incredible growth for IsraAID U.S., as the team doubled in size and new foundations were laid from coast-to-coast, including offices in Los Angeles and New York.

IsraAID Humanitarian Professionals Network (IHPN)

In 2018, the IHPN was launched in Los Angeles. Since then, the network has been expanded to the Bay Area, with further locations planned for 2019.

IHPN members receive exclusive briefings and trainings on humanitarian aid, international development, and disaster relief from IsraAID's expert practitioners. Members of this active network include medical, dental, and mental health professionals, engineers, photographers, interior designers, educators and more. This year, IHPN professionals were deployed to IsraAID's field programs in Kenya, Mexico & Greece.

IsraAID Humanitarian Fellowship

In 2018, IsraAID launched its second ever Humanitarian Fellowship program, with 14 college students chosen for summer placements in IsraAID's field programs around the world. By gaining first-hand experience of humanitarian aid work, fellows expanded their horizons, learnt about IsraAID's global programs, and took a first step towards a future career in international development and disaster relief. Upon return to their campuses across the United States, the fellows became IsraAID Student Ambassadors, raising awareness of IsraAID's work and global humanitarian issues at their universities.

Education Programs


IsraAID engages students with issues of social justice and humanitarian aid through innovative, participatory educational programs. First launched in middle and high schools in the Bay Area, they include 'Emergency Response: Addressing Global Conflicts', where young people simulate their own disaster relief program and learn about global humanitarian issues, and a board game, 'Refugees: Fleeing Global Conflict', which deepens understanding of the global refugee crisis and fosters empathy for the refugee experience. IsraAID also facilitates teen social justice projects, supporting young people as they raise funds for our humanitarian work around the world.

Outreach & Awareness


IsraAID U.S. works to strengthen IsraAID's visibility and exposure across the country, speaking to a wide range of audiences, attending high-profile conferences, and reaching into the heart of communities through photo exhibitions that provide a unique look at IsraAID's work. Across the country, communities are coming together to 'Adopt-a-Program', supporting a specific IsraAID mission, and host speakers from the IsraAID Speakers Bureau.

Meet Our Team


Board



Chairperson
Meira Aboulafia




Mully Dor




Ed Rettig

Executive Management




Co-CEO
Yotam Polizer




Co-CEO
Navonel Glick


Field Team




Greece
Anastasia Benekou




South Sudan
Eliana Summer-Galai




Germany
Gal Rachman




Dominica
Hannah Gaventa




Mexico
Jaime Rhemrev




Colombia
Juliana Pena




US
Lauren Proctor




Kenya & Uganda
Or Mor



Guatemala
Tali Groshaus




Puerto Rico
Taylor Tondelli




Global Emergencies
Shira Goldstein


HQ Team




Sr Director of Programs
Naama Gorodischer




Regional Director
Hagit Krakov-Cherni




Regional Director
Laura di Castro




Regional Director
Maria Nazarenko




Regional Director
Michal Strahilevitz




WASH Coordinator
Ben Gido




Medical Coordinator
Dori Ardisson




Emergency Coordinator
Michal Bar




Protection Coordinator (DRR)
Anva Ratzon




Protection Coordinator (Refugees)
Avital Furlager




Protection Coordinator (Child Protection)
Yahel Shemesh




Sr Director of Development & Communications
Tamar Kosky Lazarus




Media & Communications Manager
Ethan Schwartz




Development & Communications Manager
Molly Bernstein




Sr Director of Finance & Administration
Irina Kegeles




Office Manager
Adi Levi




Security & Compliance Director
Dima Motel



Finance Officer
Liora Singer Gefen



Sr Director of Human Resources
Shlomit Tron



Director of Human Resources
Tali Sammstein

IsraAID U.S. Team

U.S. Team



Executive Director
Seth Davis



Sr Director of Operations
Sarith Honigstein



Administrative Assistant
Alissa Rozansky



IsraAID Humanitarian Professionals Network Director
Farah Shamolian



Director of Outreach
Rachel Wallace



Corporate Engagement & Partnerships
Toumai Kafri

IsraAID U.S. Board



Chairperson
Sherry Weinman



Treasurer
Sheldon Weisel



Brad Somer



Debbie Rudy



Eta Somekh



Harvey Brown



Jonathan Barsade



Leonard Fink *



Michael Kadisha



Orit Atzmon



Rick Matros



Susan Levey Bender

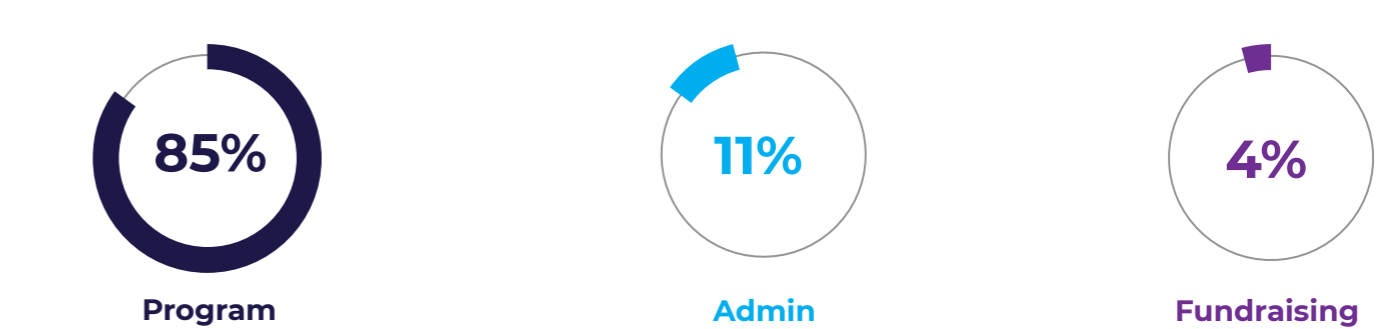
*emeritus

Where Your Giving Goes

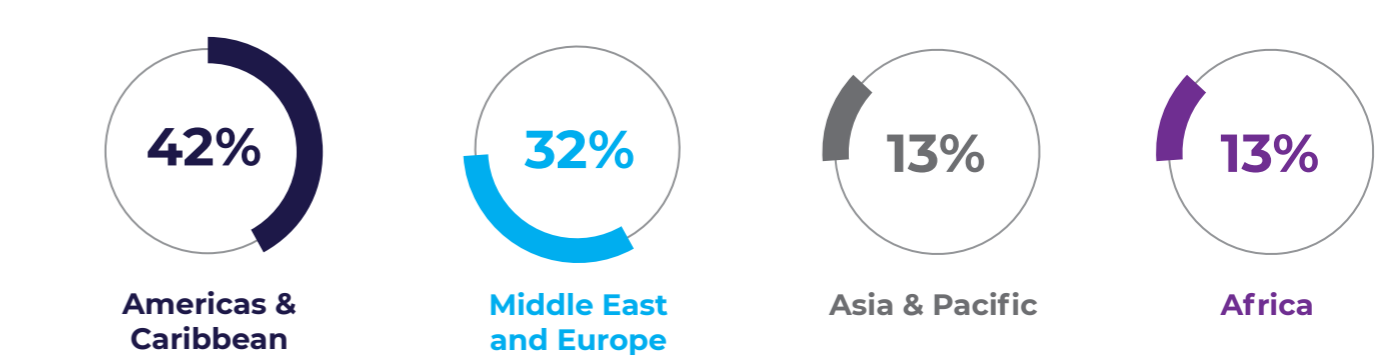
Graph 1: Funding Sources



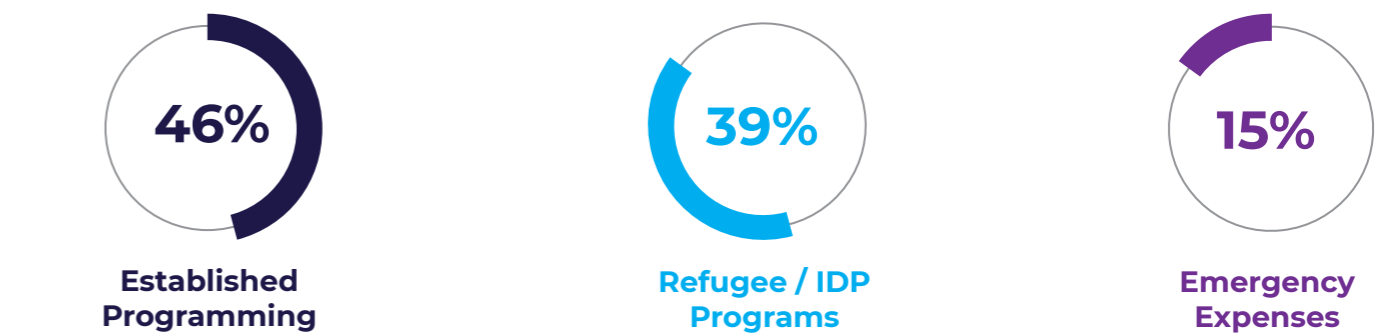
Graph 2: Expenses



Graph 3: Regions



Graph 4: Programs



These graphs are based on unaudited, consolidated IsraAID Global financials.



Supporter List

Thank you to our generous supporters (in alphabetical order):

Adean and Ben Golub Philanthropic Fund
Airbnb
Airlink
Alan J. & Barbara P. Gindi Fund
American Jewish Committee (AJC)
Americares
Amy and Morton Friedkin
Andrew Quartner
Ann Bardacke
Ann Rogers
Azrieli Foundation
B'nai B'rith International
Barry and Debbie Lipsett
Beller/Moses Family Foundation
Blueprint Healthcare
Braham Family
Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation
Christian Broadcasting Network
Congregation Beth Am
Congregation Emanu-El (NY)
Congregation Emanu-El (SF)
Congregation Rodef Sholom
Consulate General of Israel in San Francisco
David and Fanny Marcus
David and Fela Shapell Family Foundation
David and Judy Shore Foundation
Debbie Levovitz
Deborah and Rick Rudy
Delivering Good
Demoret Stiftung
Digicel Group Dominica
Doron Ben-Avi
Elizabeth Naftali
Emquies Family Support Foundation
Frank Family Philanthropic Fund
Frederick J. Isaac Fund
GlobalGiving
Goodman Family Foundation

Gottstein Family
Grand Challenges Canada
Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Green Family Foundation
Harvey and Lillian Silbert Foundation
Harvey and Barbara Brown
Henry Schein Cares Foundation
J/P HRO
Jean-Louise Velaise
Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief
Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund of San Francisco
Jewish Community Federation of SF (JCF) - Jewish Teen Foundation (JTF)
Jewish Community Foundation - East Bay
Jewish Community Foundation Los Angeles
Jewish Family and Children's Services
Jewish Federation of Sacramento
Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)
Jewish Funders Network
Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago
Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)
Jteen Philanthropy - The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington
Judy and Robert Aptekar
Kathy Levinson and Naomi Fine of the Lesbian Equity Fund
Kehillat Israel Tzedakah Teens (KITT)
Kirsh Foundation
Koret Foundation
Kurt and Susan Schwartz
Laura and Gary Lauder
Leichtag Foundation
Lewis B. Greenblatt
Libitzky Family Foundation Fund
Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund
Lisa and John Pritzker Family Fund
Mayer Malka and Becky Kleiner
Michael & Diane Ziering Family Fund
Millie and Larry Magid
Nancy and Stephen Grand Philanthropic Fund
Network For Good

Oren and Hagit Zeev
Orit Atzmon
Orli and Zack Rinat
Paul S. Nadler Family Charitable Trust
Peter and Devon Briger
Peter Lee M. Fund
Phil and Lynne Himmelstein
Richard and Carol Kornfeld
Rick and Adrienne Matros
Rivkin Family
Robyn and Lorne Shalinsky
Ronald Fingerhut Family Foundation
Russell W. and Tina A. Sherlock Charitable Fund
Sarosi-Kanter Charitable Foundation
Schwartz Family
Scott & Susan L. Bender
Shayna and Brad Somer Philanthropic Fund
Sherry Weinman and Michael Umansky
Sheryl Sandberg and Dave Goldberg Family Fund
Shoresh Foundation
Society of Exploration Geophysicists
Eta and Sass Somekh
Stanley and Marion Bergman
Swig Family
Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills
The Agus Family Foundation
The Beverly Foundation
The Children of Haiti and Refugee Projects (COHRP)
The Church of Jesus Christ for Latter Day Saints (LDS)
The Countess Moira Charitable Foundation
The Diane P. & Guilford Glazer Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles
The Fine and Greenwald Foundation
The Gottesman Fund
The Miami Foundation
The Pears Foundation
The Shapiro Foundation
The Ted Arison Family Foundation
The Teddy Fund

The Weil-Bloch Foundation
Three Peas
Tomchin Family Charitable Trust
Troper Wojcicki Foundation
UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief
UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency
UNICEF - The United Nations Children's Fund
Valarie Sopher
Vanuatu Ministry of Resource, Water, and Mines (DoWR)
Vicky Nizri
Wences and Belle Casares
Wilhelm & Büchel Rechtsanwälte
Worley Parsons
Zentralwohlfahrtsstelle der Juden in Deutschland (ZWST)

And to many more supporters that are not named here.

Thank You!

Get Involved with IsraAID

Our vision is of a world where vulnerable, disaster-affected communities have the strength, support, and opportunities they need to recover from humanitarian crisis and build a more resilient future. We work to get aid where it's needed most in times of emergency, and we build lasting partnerships to support communities as they recover from crisis and seek to build a better future.

To keep doing that, we need your help. IsraAID relies on donations to support all of our programming. If you share our vision and want your money to make a real impact, please give to IsraAID today.

Donate

Go to www.israaid.org/donate to find out how.

Other ways you can get involved:

Spread the Word

Help make sure we can reach the widest possible audience. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, join our mailing list, and share our stories with your friends and family.

Volunteer

We need professionals with crucial skills, from social workers and water engineers to photographers and financial professionals, to make a personal commitment to IsraAID's humanitarian programs and join our volunteer rosters.

Visit www.israaid.org/join-us to find out more.

Events & Education

Bring IsraAID's humanitarian mission to your community, school or campus. Host a speaker, join the student fellowship, or attend a professional lecture. Go to www.israaid.org/get-involved to find out more.

Join our team

Go to www.israaid.org/about/vacancies to see a list of current vacancies in our Israel HQ and global programs.

Visit www.israaid.org to find out more.



IsraAID Headquarters:

Shaul HaMelech 8
6473307 Tel Aviv
ISRAEL

IsraAID (US) Global Humanitarian Assistance:

PO Box 61227
Palo Alto CA 94306
USA

israaid.org
info@israaid.org
[Facebook.com/israaid](https://www.facebook.com/israaid)
Instagram: @israaid
Twitter: @israaid

