

Emergency Support for Israel - 10.11.23

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPORT:

American Friends of Magen David Adom

In the United States, disaster relief, ambulance, and blood services are handled by an array of organizations. In Israel, there's one organization that does it all — Magen David Adom. Although MDA's role is mandated by the Israeli government, it's not a government agency. As Israel's official representative to the International Red Cross, Magen David Adom's role precludes it from accepting governmental support for its general operations and they rely on private donations. Support for MDA is being matched 1:1 by Michael Bloomberg and Bloomberg Philanthropies.

<https://afmda.org/>

Haverim Le'Refuah

Friends in Health: preparing emergency medical equipment kits of for doctors and medics in the IDF reserve units. The equipment will be supplied as kits and also tailored to individual requests. We are preparing thousands of kits. In addition, the organization began to operate a logistics center to respond to soldiers and civilians who were evacuated from their homes due to the situation and are in need of medication. We plan to recruit additional staff members and volunteers and advertise. We are preparing for any additional scenario that may arise. Millions of shekels may be required.

<https://eng.haverim.org.il/fund?fundid=57>

United Hatzalah

Using specially equipped motorcycle ambulances, United Hatzalah's network of more than 6,500 volunteer medics saves lives by providing medical treatment in an average response time of 3 minutes or less. Hatzalah volunteers have been at the front lines of emergency response across the country—and will continue to do so in the days ahead.

<https://israelrescue.org/>

SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS/SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT NETWORKS:

Israeli Trauma Coalition

They partner with 60 organizations, including NGOs, government ministries, and military units to ensure a comprehensive delivery of trauma care services to victims on the ground. Over the last 48 hours, they have been working closely with Israeli Home Front Command in the South to provide clinical and psychological services across the region.

<https://israeltraumacoalition.org/en/>

Jewish Agency Victims of Terror Fund

Provides immediate financial support and long-term support—counseling services, job retraining, and more—to those reeling from war and terrorism.

<https://www.jewishagency.org/fund-for-victims-of-terror/>

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

The JDC has been activating its emergency response team in Israel, Equipping Frontline Response Teams --social workers, teachers, caregivers, and medical professionals that provide trauma relief and psychological support to the following vulnerable communities in Israel's south: Children and young adults at risk

People with disabilities, elderly, marginalized communities

<https://www.jdc.org/press-releases/crisis-in-israel-jdc-responds/>

Brothers and Sisters in Arms

Brothers and Sisters in Arms is an organization of IDF veterans dedicated to a Jewish and Democratic Israel. Following 48 hours of efforts to accumulate and distribute aid from within Israel, Brothers and Sisters in Arms is now also raising funds from abroad in order to continue to provide much needed assistance. All donations will go towards procuring and distributing supplies to civilians and security personnel in the conflict zones. Our volunteers have created Israel's largest depot of donated goods, and are making countless trips, distributing supplies and in many cases extracting civilians.

<https://www.brothersandsistersforisrael.org/>

Leket Israel

Leket has commenced two emergency response programs. The first involves the purchase and delivery of cooked meals to southern residents in need, as well as, the purchase and delivery of baby supplies. The second focuses on supporting local suffering businesses in the south. Leket will purchase supplies from local grocery stores, caterers and restaurants with the hope of keeping them from shuttering their doors. Leket will also be providing individuals in need in the South with rechargeable cards where they will be able purchase additional supplies from stores free of charge. It has set an initial goal of \$2,000,000 for this project.

<https://www.leket.org/en/>

NATAL – the Israel Trauma and Resiliency Center

NATAL – the Israel Trauma and **Resiliency Center** is an apolitical organization providing multidisciplinary treatment and support to direct and indirect victims of trauma due to terror and war in Israel. They are operating a 24-hour psychological helpline.

<https://www.natal.org.il/en/about-us/>

HOSPITALS:

American Friends of Soroka Medical Center

Soroka Medical Center in Beersheva is "front and center in providing a medical response to the war." Soroka closely coordinates with Israel's military and civilian leadership to meet the developing needs in this crisis. Francis and Nathan Kirsh Emergency Department and Trauma Center is the command center for the hospital's emergency response, and has already treated over 700 patients, approximately 130 of whom are in critical condition. For now, the hospital has suspended elective procedures and treatments.

<https://www.soroka.org/>

Barzilai

Barzilai Medical Center is a hospital located in Ashkelon, southern Israel. It is the frontline hospital in times of conflict, treating civilian victims and soldiers injured in combat. The hospital has created several underground areas where neonatal infants, newborns and critical patients are relocated for protection and treatment.

<https://www.bmc.gov.il/eng>