



IMPACT REPORT

Hope and Habitat

The Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation's Emergency Responses to the Swords of Iron War

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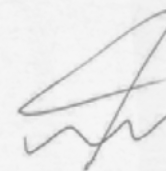


PREFACE

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has been ceaselessly battling terrorism. From then on, we've been living the reality of an ongoing, dire and complex state of emergency. This year has seen enormous damage and great uncertainty in many facets of life in Israel. As of this publication, 101 hostages have been in captivity now for more than 300 days, and tens of thousands of Israelis from the north and the Gaza border region have been uprooted from their homes and the lives they knew.

The Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation has joined the efforts to respond to growing needs during this time of emergency, from replacing safety equipment needed by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority rangers, to fundraising for activities designed to provide some respite for the displaced population.

By promoting intersectoral collaborations and opening the door for the involvement of civil society and businesses, the Foundation is working to promote the goals of protecting nature, landscape and heritage sites, listening carefully to the needs of the hour and partnering in the national mission to protect and strengthen public resilience. All the while, the Foundation continues to fundraise to ensure the continuity of the ongoing projects under its aegis.



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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation is a registered not-for-profit organization, established to assist the Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA) in protecting Israel's nature and heritage treasures. It is the natural successor to the veteran Hai Bar Association founded by Maj. Gen. Avraham Yoffe in 1984.

From the day it was founded, the Foundation has worked in full cooperation with the INPA in the core realms of the INPA's work: protecting Israel's biodiversity and ecosystems; conserving and restoring heritage sites and educating to raise awareness of nature and heritage in Israel.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation is an integral part of the national emergency and crisis response efforts. It partners in fundraising through a variety of channels, beginning with philanthropies in Israel and abroad through friends' organizations and the general public via digital media.

The general public via digital media

Friends' organizations

Fundraising in Israel and worldwide and corporate responsibility

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CHANNELS FOR ACTION



The Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation raises funds for residents of front-line conflict communities and their families

We call upon you to take part in this important initiative and help us provide them with some measure of respite.

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**FROM FLAMES
TO GREEN, HELP
US INTERVENE**

Help us today purchase firefighting equipment to the bombarded north of Israel, and join us in protecting the country's beautiful nature from devastating wildfires.



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CHANNELS FOR ACTION

The Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation works to raise funds in Israel and abroad and initiates cultural events and public activities to raise awareness of nature and heritage in Israel. Working in the framework of the Foundation, the members of the Public Forum assist the Foundation's activities by creating partnerships and expanding channels of support and resources.

The Foundation has established friends' organizations in Germany and the United States that assist in reaching its goals.

Partnerships and Corporate Responsibility

Businesses committed to social responsibility partner with the Foundation both by contributions and employee volunteerism. Such cooperation enables them to act in keeping with the principles of corporate responsibility and thus increase the social involvement of their employees in the community and the environment.

Philanthropy

The Foundation raises funds through collaboration with individual donors and the general public in Israel, based on areas of interest close to their hearts. In times of emergency and crisis specific fundraising campaigns are launched through relationships the Foundation has forged and addressing the general public as well.

These campaigns help fund respite activities for senior citizens and children in families uprooted from the conflict zone, as well as firefighting equipment needed to manage fire emergencies in the conflict zone.

Foundations and Grants

The Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation seeks funding from foundations in Israel and abroad, including government, family, corporate and international entities that address the Foundation's core issues.

THE FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE SWORDS OF IRON WAR

OBTAINING PROTECTIVE GEAR AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR INPA RANGER TEAMS

Missile attacks on Israel's north and south create a constant threat of fires in the Golan Heights, the Galilee and the Gaza border region. More than 300,000 dunams (30,000 hectares) of natural woodlands and planted forests have burned since the outbreak of the war.

INPA rangers are the first to reach fires in threatened areas that the Fire Department cannot always reach due to difficult terrain and priorities. Hence the importance of appropriate, dedicated firefighting equipment that enables a rapid response to fires, fully utilizing the mobility and skills of the INPA rangers at every point, whether by vehicle or on foot.



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EDUCATION AND RESPITE ACTIVITIES FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES

As early as the first days of fighting the INPA received calls to assist displaced communities in the Gaza border area and the north. Past experience has shown that national parks and nature reserves are places where the people can take a break and relax, especially communities in crisis.

The Foundation joined the INPA's efforts to support stricken communities, with the goal of enabling their residents to take a break at national parks and nature reserves in the regions to which they were evacuated.

EILAT AND THE SOUTHERN ARAVA

At the height of battles in the Gaza border area and on the northern border, and in keeping with civil society's robust response to calls to assist and volunteer, the INPA Education Center in Eilat stepped up to host hundreds of families at Hai Bar Yotvata and the Coral Beach Nature Reserve in Eilat. The families enjoyed games, guided tours and workshops, all at no cost to displaced families, including free entry.

These activities took place thanks to contributions from the various sectors that covered the expenses of guided tours, purchases of materials for tour education, activities for children and transportation.



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EDUCATIONAL AND RESPITE ACTIVITIES

INPA NORTHERN DISTRICT

INPA Education Center teams came in person to rural communities and hotels where displaced residents were housed.

Among these communities: In the Lower Galilee and the Jezreel Valleys: Alonim, Bet Alpha, Alumot and En Harod and communities in HaMa'ayanot Valley.



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"TOGETHER IN OUR NATURE – SIXTY IS A PLUS"

The INPA, together with the Foundation for Nature and Heritage in Israel, designed a program especially for displaced persons aged 60 plus, people who regularly enjoy group activities in their community's seniors' clubs. This program provided participants with a social framework and a basis for connecting with affinity groups from their communities.

To preserve this framework for residents who are not able to maintain their regular routines at home at this phase of the war, and for evacuees to various

locales (hotels, hosting communities, etc.), the Foundation worked to create affinity groups in age groups of 60 plus among the evacuees from the north and south. The program included guided tours and lectures in nature reserves and national parks where visits are possible. The activities took place throughout the Lower Galilee and Mount Carmel and included transportation. Among the sites visited were the national parks of Zippori, Bet She'an, Tel Dor, Nahal HaMe'arot, Gamla Nature Reserve, and more.



THE IMPACT OF CONTRIBUTIONS: A QUANTITATIVE OVERVIEW



General recreation activities

NIS 1.1 million Contributed to allow displaced communities, and children and their families to take a break at national parks, nature reserves and various recreational sites.

Total number of participants: approximately 28,000



Respite activities for seniors

NIS 180,000 Contributed for dedicated recreation activities for seniors in national parks and nature reserves accessible to this group.

Total number of participants: approximately 300 senior citizens



Firefighting equipment

NIS 300,000 contributed to dedicated firefighting equipment for Israel Nature and Parks Authority rangers working in open spaces

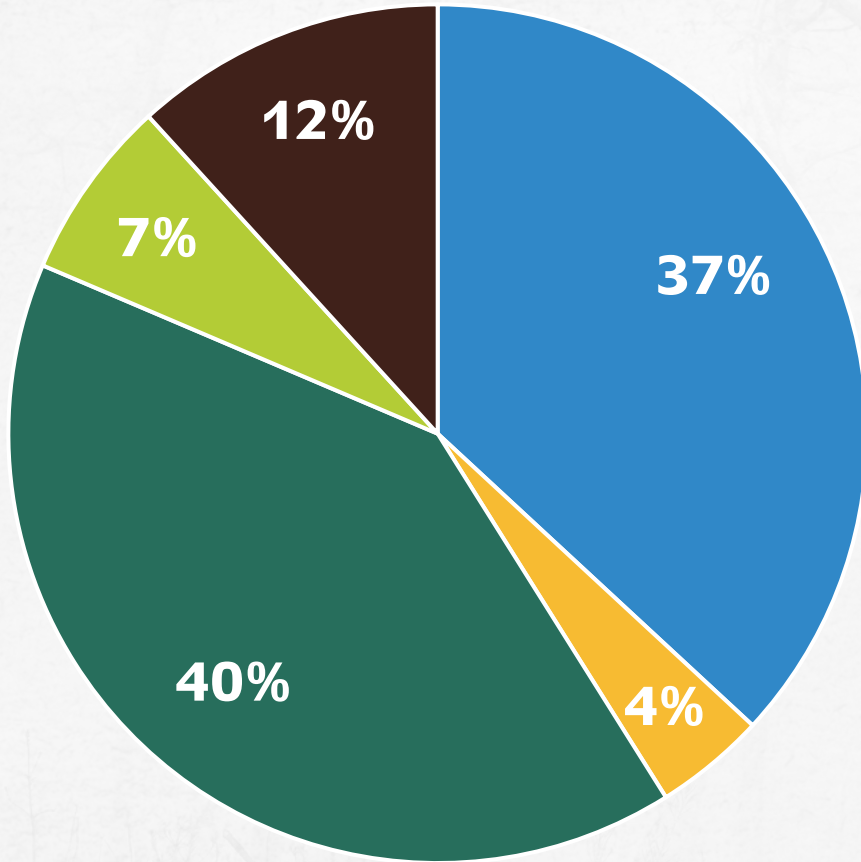


Protective gear

NIS 150,000 Contributed to fund the purchase of protective gear for Israel National Parks and Nature Reserves rangers.

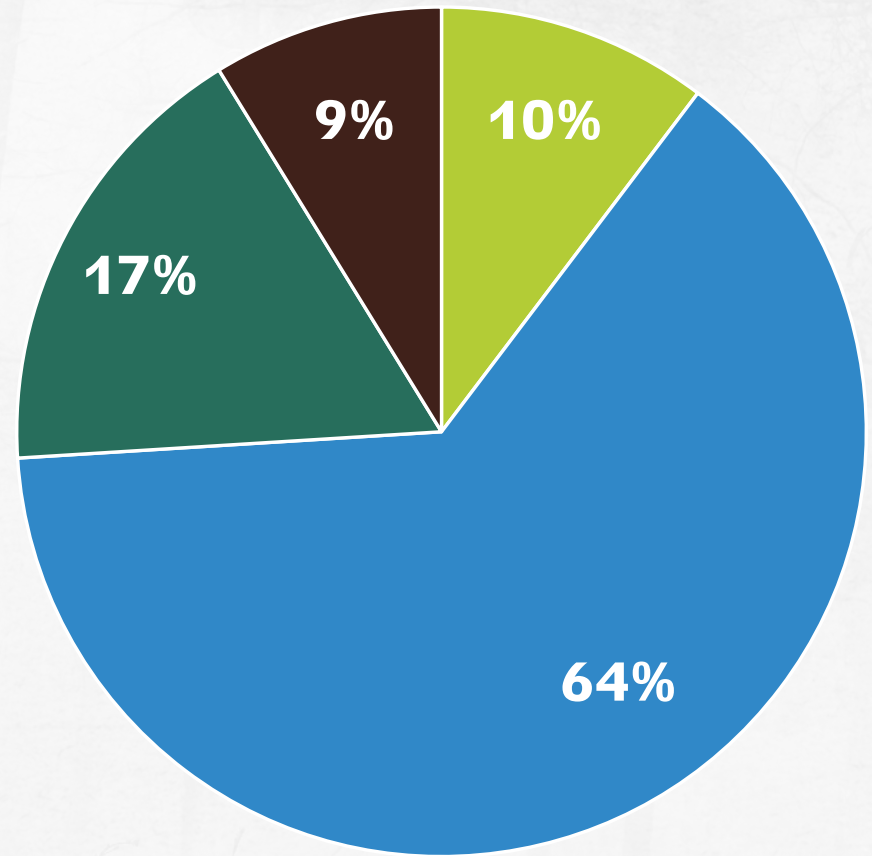
Total funds raised by the Foundation in the past year: approximately NIS 1.7 million to meet the various needs created by the war

FUNDING SOURCES



- 40% International entities
- 37% Corporate entities
- 12% Various other entities
- 7% Private contributions
- 4% Foundations

ALLOCATING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



- 64% Respite activities for the displaced population in general
- 17% Firefighting equipment
- 10% activities for seniors
- 9% Protective gear for rangers

THANK YOU

Our gratitude goes to all donors and partners in the Foundation's work and to all those who protect and cherish nature in Israel, including businesses, philanthropic foundations and private citizens.

ABOUT THE REPORT

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