

UJA EMERGENCY ALLOCATIONS TO ISRAEL*

In the wake of the October 7th attacks, UJA launched an Emergency Appeal for the People of Israel. Every dollar raised is being directed to NGOs in Israel, working in partnership with our team on the ground to identify changing needs and ways we can make the greatest impact. Our longstanding partners, including those in the city of Sderot, have made it clear that they need Toronto's support for a long-term recovery. With this in mind, grants are being made in a phased approach, with the first wave of funding dedicated to urgent needs and subsequent phases focusing on recovery and rebuilding in southern Israel as conditions permit.

\$75.037 MILLION

**AS OF JUNE 23, 2025,*



UJA FEDERATION | UNITED
of Greater Toronto | JEWISH APPEAL

OVERVIEW

UJA'S EMERGENCY ALLOCATIONS TO ISRAEL

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\$20,000,000	A fund supporting the long-term recovery and rehabilitation of Sderot.
\$4,100,000	Building the next generation of leaders who will revitalize southern Israel.
\$4,000,000	Direct aid to victims of terrorism and traumatized communities.
\$2,900,000	Humanitarian aid for Israelis sheltering across the country.
\$2,750,000	Trauma and emotional first aid.
\$2,380,000	Establishing a regional data centre for the Western Negev municipalities.
\$2,000,000	Helping victims of war get back to work.
\$1,500,000	Critical services for evacuees from Sderot and other Israeli communities near Gaza.
\$1,300,000	Revolutionizing Israel's mental health system for the long term.
\$1,170,000	Establishing a training centre and laboratory for educational innovation and regional educational entrepreneurship.
\$1,030,000	Higher-quality services through the Tkuma ("Revival") Administration, to rebuild and strengthen the Gaza border communities.
\$1,000,000	Emergency preparedness for the communities of northern Israel.
\$1,000,000	Partnership with Sderot for long-term recovery.
\$900,000	Establishing nine new student villages in the Western Negev.
\$872,350	Strengthening mental health infrastructure for the children of Sderot.
\$750,000	Building a better future for the youth of Sderot through City at the Centre Sderot 2.0.
\$250,000	Emergency purchases of food, baby products, and medical equipment for evacuated Israelis.
\$200,000	Building capacity to maximize the impact of the Emergency Appeal for the People of Israel.
\$175,000	Protective equipment and emergency kits for first responders.
\$660,000	Evacuation of Israelis living with disabilities from communities near Gaza.
\$630,000	Airlift of donated medical supplies and other essential goods.
\$500,000	Essential supplies for Israelis from the Gaza border area sheltering in host communities.
\$500,000	Equipment to aid in the recovery, identification, and burial of victims.
\$500,000	Life-saving emergency supplies for emergency medics.
\$500,000	Assistance for elderly Israelis living in isolation under rocket fire
\$500,000	Medical equipment for advanced, emergency treatment.
\$500,000	Summer camp for the youth of Sderot.
\$500,000	Trauma and psychological training for frontline workers.

\$445,000	Assistance to vulnerable Holocaust survivors and other seniors in areas threatened by rocket fire
\$400,000	Supporting the needs of displaced residents.
\$400,000	Education for displaced teens.
\$400,000	Rehabilitation for the injured.
\$400,000	Post-trauma support for victims of terror
\$350,000	Psychiatric services for Sderot teens.
\$324,000	Necessities for at-risk families.
\$275,000	Recovery planning for devastated Gaza border communities.
\$250,000	Financial aid for families of hostages.
\$216,000	Transitional education for evacuated children.
\$200,000	Food relief for vulnerable Israelis.
\$200,000	Veteran-to-veteran support and recovery assistance.
\$200,000	Technology to assist resilience centres to cope with the massive growth in clients.
\$150,000	Addictions and mental health support.
\$150,000	Advocacy for the return of hostages.
\$150,000	Emergency aid for young leaders who were based in the Gaza border communities of Kibbutz Sufa and Kibbutz Nir Oz
\$100,000	Supporting the development of educational initiatives in northern Israel.
\$2,500,000	Mobilizing Torontonians to volunteer in Israel to help rebuild
\$2,760,000 USD	Support for survivors of the Nova Festival
\$100,000	Reform/Recognition and Compensation of Civilian Victims of Terror*
\$5,000,000	Canada-wide project rebuilding community infrastructure along the Northern borders*
\$5,000,000	Resilience and rebuilding in our partner communities*
\$2,000,000	North American recovery project*

**To be confirmed. Project details and grant terms being finalized*

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A FUND SUPPORTING THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION OF SDEROT

\$20,000,000 | via the Sderot Foundation | with an extraordinary \$1.8 billion in additional matching funds secured through partners for crucial initiatives over the next six to seven years in the areas of education, mental health, community resilience, and leadership development. Our partners are advancing a comprehensive plan to help residents return to the city and surrounding communities to build a stronger regional future. Given the magnitude of this investment, UJA's Israel & Overseas Committee will retain control over the fund and strategically select initiatives to support, enabling us to steward donor dollars and ensure we make an outsized impact in the years ahead.

BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS WHO WILL REVITALIZE SOUTHERN ISRAEL.

\$4,100,000 | via MAOZ South | and \$4.95 million of additional matching funds through partners) to train 500 leaders who will spearhead 45 of the most important initiatives to strengthen the south and its economy over the next three years. The quality of civil society leaders at the forefront of southern Israel's recovery will be vital to making the entire country stronger than it was before October 7th.

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR ISRAELIS SHELTERING ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

\$2,900,000 | in partnership with the HESEG Alumni Association | to distribute necessities for the tens of thousands of Israelis who have been evacuated from Gaza border areas and are being housed in private homes or community facilities elsewhere. With many traumatized and having fled their homes with very little, having access to mattresses, bedding, housewares, and essential supplies will enable them to shelter with some comfort and normalcy.

TRAUMA AND EMOTIONAL FIRST AID.

\$2,750,000 | via Sderot Resilience Center | to fund mental health professionals to provide emergency support to devastated residents.

ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL DATA CENTRE FOR THE WESTERN NEGEV MUNICIPALITIES.

\$2,380,000 | via the Western Negev Cluster | with \$3.99 million in additional matching funds through partners) for a five-year plan to build a data centre, which will provide the 11 municipalities of the Western Negev Cluster with shared data collection and database management. This research—and the insights it provides—is critical for helping regional leaders best understand the evolving needs of residents after October 7th, strengthening local services for 300,000 residents, and putting in place policies and initiatives that will help the Western Negev recover and flourish.

HELPING VICTIMS OF WAR GET BACK TO WORK.

\$2,000,000 | via the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) | with \$11.7 million in additional matching funds through partners for services to assist 1,000 evacuees, 450 newly disabled Israelis, and 250 others in eight communities. Most of those unable to work lack post-secondary education and were among the first to lose their jobs when the war began. JDC's emergency employment initiative, Getting Victims of War Back to Work, connects vulnerable evacuees and other war-affected job seekers with jobs in Israel's north and south through counselling, trauma relief, training, and guided placement. It also supports local economies in rebuilding, aiding Israel's south in recovery.

CRITICAL SERVICES FOR EVACUEES FROM SDEROT AND OTHER ISRAELI COMMUNITIES NEAR GAZA.

\$1,500,000 | via The Jewish Agency | to provide a range of urgent services for those who have taken shelter in Israel's southernmost regions far from Gaza. This includes mental health supports, schooling for children, medical services, and community and social programs for evacuees. With 60,000+ sheltering in host communities in the far south, the daily needs are far beyond the local capacity.

REVOLUTIONIZING ISRAEL'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM FOR THE LONG TERM.

\$1,300,000 | *in partnership with the Jewish Federations of Chicago and Houston, Jewish Federations of North America, and Israel's Ministry of Health* | to establish 16 intensive mental health care intervention centres across the country for patients in need. The centres will be staffed by professional therapy teams specializing in a wide range of treatments for those suffering from trauma, including evacuees and terror victims.

ESTABLISHING A TRAINING CENTRE AND LABORATORY FOR EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION AND REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

\$1,170,000 | *via the Western Negev Cluster* | with \$566,000 in additional matching funds through other partners over the next three years to establish a training centre to help transform education in the 11 municipalities of the Western Negev Cluster. The centre will enable training, support, and build a strong network of 6,000 teachers from 185 schools in the region, ensuring schools are better positioned to serve the vulnerable students of the region.

HIGHER-QUALITY SERVICES THROUGH THE TKUMA ("REVIVAL") ADMINISTRATION, TO REBUILD AND STRENGTHEN THE GAZA BORDER COMMUNITIES.

\$1,030,000 | *via the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)* | with \$2.84 million in additional matching funds through partners to improve services for 100,000 residents. As massive investments are poured into the Gaza border communities to rebuild and renew these areas, local authorities need more support to meet the increased workload. This investment will provide a blueprint for the recovery and development work and help local authorities manage the process for revitalizing these communities. This includes but is not limited to supporting the recruitment process for key staff who will enable new public construction, while also meeting the need for more local teachers and mental health professionals.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF NORTHERN ISRAEL.

\$1,000,000 | *via the JDC* | with \$13 million in additional matching funds through other partners for preparedness measures to support Israel's northern communities amid mass displacement and the ongoing threat from Hezbollah. In partnership with UJA, JDC's plan includes a two-stage approach that will be rolled out in 16 northern municipalities. It offers immediate community outreach to establish personal connections and distribute emergency kits, followed by direct assistance in case of an escalation, with flexible funding for local authorities to swiftly address specific needs. This proactive plan will elevate the preparedness of the region's most vulnerable—including older adults, people with disabilities, and at-risk families—at this difficult and unpredictable time.

PARTNERSHIP WITH SDEROT FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY.

\$1,000,000 | *via the Jewish Agency, over three years* | to create and fund initiatives to support the rehabilitation of Sderot. Through this effort, Toronto will play a key role in a global partnership between Diaspora communities and specific Israeli towns and villages devastated by the October 7th attacks.

ESTABLISHING NINE NEW STUDENT VILLAGES IN THE WESTERN NEGEV.

\$900,000 | *via Kedma* | with \$7.98 million in additional matching funds through partners) for a three-year allocation to attract and retain young adults and families who will help revitalize the region. Kedma offers hundreds of young Israelis a unique opportunity to live on and contribute to the development of Israel and its border communities. These new student villages will serve thousands of residents in these hard-hit areas, helping them to heal and recover.

STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CHILDREN OF SDEROT.

\$872,350 | *in partnership with Israel's Ministry of Education, the Sderot Municipality, and the government's Tkuma Administration* | to provide new mental health and trauma supports for students in Sderot's schools. We will create 20 therapeutic spaces where students can access therapists and healing activities to build resilience and overcome trauma.

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE YOUTH OF SDEROT THROUGH CITY AT THE CENTRE SDEROT 2.0.

\$750,000 | *in partnership with the Rashi Foundation* | with \$4.5 million in additional matching funds through other partners to build on the past success of City at the Center, a collaboration between UJA, the Rashi Foundation, and Sderot Municipality. This initiative supports local services in early childhood development, English as a spoken language, vocational training, economic development, and meaningful education for teens. In version 2.0, we will help develop needed adaptations and new practices across these areas, so Sderot's children and youth can recover, overcome trauma, and emerge stronger than ever.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF FOOD, BABY PRODUCTS, AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR EVACUATED ISRAELIS.

\$250,000 | *via Brothers and Sisters for Israel* | and **\$500,000** *via Leket, Israel's National Food Bank* | to provide urgently needed food and essentials for evacuees from Gaza border communities now located in the Eilat/Eilat area.

BUILDING CAPACITY TO MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF THE EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.

\$200,000 | *via UJA Israel & Overseas* | to support measurement and evaluation of the impact of Israel emergency fund allocations—and enabling more effective and impactful Israel emergency allocations in the future—as well as enhanced operational and logistical support for UJA's presence in the region.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY KITS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.

\$175,000 | *in partnership with the City of Sderot* | and **\$500,000** *via Magen David Adom* | for trauma medical kits, as well as helmets and armour-plated vests to protect from rockets and other attacks, to be used by paramedics, social workers, and resilience staff.

EVACUATION OF ISRAELIS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES FROM COMMUNITIES NEAR GAZA

\$660,000 | *via Shalva* | to help with the relocation of 1,500 evacuees with special needs, providing essential supplies, medication, clothing, and physical and emotional care.

AIRLIFT OF DONATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL GOODS

\$630,000 | *via UJA Federation* | to airlift approximately 42 tons of basic medical supplies and essentials donated by our community through UJA Genesis' emergency drive.

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES FOR ISRAELIS FROM THE GAZA BORDER AREA SHELTERING IN HOST COMMUNITIES.

\$500,000 | *in partnership with the Eilat Regional Council* | to fund water, food, clothing, medicine, baby products, generators, and other needed supplies for those evacuated from the war zone.

EQUIPMENT TO AID IN THE RECOVERY, IDENTIFICATION, AND BURIAL OF VICTIMS.

\$500,000 | *via ZAKA* | for protective gear, body bags, and rescue and recovery equipment for the process of ensuring those murdered in terror attacks can receive a proper burial. Since the Hamas attacks, ZAKA volunteers have recovered hundreds of bodies under horrific conditions.

LIFE-SAVING EMERGENCY SUPPLIES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICS.

\$500,000 | *via United Hatzalah* | for vital items, such as trauma first-aid kits, tourniquets, defibrillators, and protective gear. United Hatzalah is a volunteer emergency medical service, with many of their 6,500 medics across Israel serving as first responders and saving lives throughout the recent attacks.

ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERLY ISRAELIS LIVING IN ISOLATION UNDER ROCKET FIRE

\$500,000 | *via the JDC* | to provide community workers who locate and care for vulnerable seniors living within 20 km of Gaza. This ensures those who are isolated and lacking other sources of aid receive continual check-ins, emotional support, and access to essential services.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR ADVANCED, EMERGENCY TREATMENT.

\$500,000 | *via Sourasky Medical Center—Ichilov* | to support treatment for wounded Israelis. As one of Israel's most advanced hospitals, Ichilov receives patients who require complex surgeries—combined with trauma psychological care—and have been transferred from smaller hospitals in southern Israel.

SUMMER CAMP FOR THE YOUTH OF SDEROT.

\$500,000 | *via Summer Camps Israel* | to enable 1,000 children and teens from this traumatized city to participate in a ten-day, overnight summer camp program. Summer Camps Israel has a unique connection to our community, having been established by the Morris and Rosalind Goodman Family Foundation—a Canadian organization.

TRAUMA AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS.

\$500,000 | via JDC | (via the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) to equip social workers, teachers, caregivers, and medical staff to provide trauma relief and psychological support to those who are acutely at-risk.

ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND OTHER SENIORS IN AREAS THREATENED BY ROCKET FIRE

\$445,000 | via Amgiour | (via Amigour) for aid workers to provide direct support to this uniquely at-risk population, including through food packages, check-ins from professional staff, respite programs, and psychological counselling.

SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF DISPLACED RESIDENTS.

\$400,000 | via United Israel Appeal—Canada in partnership with The Jewish Agency | for essential supplies and services for residents of Sderot and the Gaza border region now sheltering in Eilat/Eilot and Bat Yam. As the war continues, evacuees' needs continue to grow. These funds will help them access a full range of supports, including educational and social programs, mental health care, and employment services. It will also support the purchase of school supplies and laptops for school or work.

EDUCATION FOR DISPLACED TEENS.

\$400,000 | via Unistream | for the development of the Safe Haven Complex, which offers interactive stations with AI and science programming to engage youth from the Gaza border region currently sheltering elsewhere in the country.

REHABILITATION FOR THE INJURED.

\$400,000 | via Beit HaLochem | to provide services such as hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, therapeutic devices, specialized sports equipment, and programming for those wounded in acts of terrorism or recovering from wounds post-military discharge.

POST-TRAUMA SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF TERROR

\$400,000 | via One Family Fund | to operate support groups for victims of terror, providing personalized therapy and daily psychological assistance for those who have experienced unimaginable trauma.

PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES FOR SDEROT TEENS.

\$350,000 | via the Sderot Resilience Center | to provide free psychiatric support to 300 local teens struggling with anxiety, depression, and PTSD.

NECESSITIES FOR AT-RISK FAMILIES.

\$324,000 | via Latet | to provide kits of food and other winter supplies for 4,000 vulnerable families affected by the war.

RECOVERY PLANNING FOR DEVASTATED GAZA BORDER COMMUNITIES.

\$275,000 | via the Western Negev Cluster | (via the Western Negev Cluster) to support mid- and long-term rehabilitation efforts, which are essential to enabling residents to return to these communities with confidence in their future.

FINANCIAL AID FOR FAMILIES OF HOSTAGES.

\$250,000 | via the Hostages and Missing Families Forum | (via the Hostages and Missing Families Forum) to provide 46 families of hostages with one month of financial aid, as many are currently unable to work and are fully focused on global advocacy efforts to secure the release of their loved ones.

TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION FOR EVACUATED CHILDREN.

\$216,000 | via IsraAID | to operate a transitional learning centre for evacuated students from the Gaza border region, ensuring educational and psychological care for this highly vulnerable population.

FOOD RELIEF FOR VULNERABLE ISRAELIS.

\$200,000 | via Jerusalem Food Rescue | to scale up its capacity to rescue surplus food from local vendors and distribute it to families struggling with food insecurity. This investment will enable Jerusalem Food Rescue to distribute, on a weekly basis, at least nine tons of produce that would otherwise be thrown out.

VETERAN-TO-VETERAN SUPPORT AND RECOVERY ASSISTANCE.

\$200,000 | via *Brothers for Life* | to provide critical medical support to wounded Israelis who have been discharged from military service, including medical devices, PTSD counselling, and mentorsh

TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST RESILIENCE CENTRES TO COPE WITH THE MASSIVE GROWTH IN CLIENTS.

\$200,000 | via *Hilma* | to develop technology to allow clients to be automatically matched to services based on their unique needs. With the Eshkol Regional Council Resilience Center alone seeing an increase from 1,200 patients to 17,000 requests for help, this technology will be instrumental locally and nationally in ensuring those who need mental health first aid are able to access it quickly.

ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT.

\$150,000 | via *the Israel Centre of Addiction* | to provide mental health services for vulnerable Israelis—with a focus on PTSD, anxiety, addictions, and trauma—including a hotline and emergency psychological aid.

ADVOCACY FOR THE RETURN OF HOSTAGES.

\$150,000 | via *the Raoul Wallenberg Centre in partnership with the Hostage and Missing Families Forum* | to support the efforts of affected families to raise awareness about the hostages around the world.

EMERGENCY AID FOR YOUNG LEADERS WHO WERE BASED IN THE GAZA BORDER COMMUNITIES OF KIBBUTZ SUFA AND KIBBUTZ NIR OZ

\$150,000 | via *Kedma* | for trauma counselling, grants for urgent needs, and other essential supports for a cohort of young adults who were serving these communities, as part of the Kedma program, and have evacuated with virtually nothing. Like many Israeli villages along the Gaza border, Sufa and Nir Oz were targeted by Hamas terrorists for widespread massacre and destruction.

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES IN NORTHERN ISRAEL.

\$100,000 | via *the JDC* | (via the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, part of a \$2.8 million investment through other partners) to address immediate local needs, while also laying the groundwork for a long-term strategy to rebuild the north. part of a \$2.8 million investment through other partners

MOBILIZING TORONTONIANS TO VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL TO HELP REBUILD

\$2,500,000 | via *Birthright Israel Foundation* | (via Birthright Israel Foundation) to enable Torontonians to volunteer to help rebuild Israel following October 7

SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF THE NOVA FESTIVAL

\$2,760,000 | via *the Nova Tribe* | \$2,000,000 USD (via the Nova Tribe) to offer mental health supports and other assistance to survivors of the Nova Festival

REFORM/RECOGNITION AND COMPENSATION OF CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF TERROR

\$100,000 | *TBC* | Project details and grant terms being finalized.

CANADA-WIDE PROJECT REBUILDING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDERS

\$5,000,000 | *TBC* | Project details and grant terms being finalized.

RESILIENCE AND REBUILDING IN OUR PARTNER COMMUNITIES

\$5,000,000 | *TBC* | Project details and grant terms being finalized.

NORTH AMERICAN RECOVERY PROJECT

\$2,000,000 | *TBC* | Project details and grant terms being finalized.