ABOUT THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Background

The IsraAID Emergency Response Fund enables us to reach communities impacted by disaster as quickly as possible, working together to begin co-creating solutions, without waiting for seed funding. Established in 2017, the fund ensures we can continue to focus on so-called 'neglected emergencies' that may be out of the international spotlight, and strengthen the emergency response capacity of both our HQ Emergency Department and field teams.

So far, in 2021, IsraAID has responded to four emergencies, in addition to its ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide.
As international travel ground to a halt, IsraAID’s community-based model proved critical: our teams draw largely on local professionals, facilitating our pandemic response in every country where we work. Our teams have been well-placed to respond to the “double emergencies” experienced during COVID-19, from cyclones to hurricanes to fires to armed conflict.

Emergencies in 2020-21: COVID-19

COVID-19 has been described as a “great leveler” that affects all of us, no matter where we are. However, the pandemic places already-vulnerable communities around the world – the communities that IsraAID works with – at even greater risk. IsraAID was at the forefront of responding to this major international crisis in 18 countries, with a global emergency response reaching each of our 13 existing missions, in addition to new targeted programs in China, Italy, India, Eswatini and, for the first time, Israel.

IsraAID HQ’s emergency department supports all of our global emergency responses, strengthening best practices and ensuring our field staff are adequately trained and prepared to respond to emergencies.

This has ensured we are able to respond when disasters strike in countries or regions where we already have a long-term field mission. We have seen this recently in Guatemala, Colombia, Mozambique, and St Vincent & the Grenadines.
"Walking through the internally displaced people camps in Adwa town, Tigray, is a bleak and heart-wrenching experience. All around are people who have fled their homes seeking shelter and safety. Seeking the most basic amenities imaginable. Seeking hope."

Liat Rennert, Head of Mission

After civil conflict left thousands displaced in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, IsraAID, NALA & CultivAID formed a coalition to launch a joint response.

Areas of Response:
- WASH
- Protection

30,000 People Reached
MOZAMBIQUE - CYCLONE ELOISE

"In IsraAID’s visits to temporary shelters, our team, made up largely of Mozambican social workers and humanitarian professionals, are advocating for the most vulnerable people – pregnant women, new mothers, the elderly, and people with disabilities – to ensure they are prioritized."

Carolina Andrade, Program Manager

Cyclone Eloise made landfall in January 2021, causing severe flooding and large-scale displacement in communities still recovering from 2019's Cyclone Idai. IsraAID's national team responded in the affected area.

Areas of Response:
- Health
- PPE
- Protection
- WASH

1,600 Reusable COVID-19 face masks distributed
"The whole country is involved in the response but they’re overwhelmed. There just aren’t enough people, vehicles, or hours in the day to reach everyone. We’re providing self-care workshops for community mobilizers, who will then reach thousands of displaced children with protection support."

Zoë Edelman, Emergency Response Team

In March–April 2021, the Caribbean island of St Vincent was hit by a series of eruptions from La Soufrière volcano. Over 20,000 people were displaced.

Areas of Response:

- WASH
- Protection

250 Teachers will be trained in mental health support
“The current scenario in Palghar is devastating. The capacity to handle this great number of people who are turning up COVID-positive and critical was just not planned for. We stand ready shoulder-to-shoulder with the local government to serve the communities with whatever we can do.”

Kenneth Dsouza, Gabriel Project Mumbai - India Director

At the height of India's devastating second COVID-19 wave, IsraAID partnered with Gabriel Project Mumbai to support 20 government hospitals serving a population of over 4 million in Palghar district, Maharashtra.

**Areas of Response:**

- Health
- PPE

**70,000**

People targeted by community outreach efforts
RECENT EMERGENCY RESPONSES, 2020-2021

COVID-19 PANDEMIC: The Bahamas, China, Colombia, Dominica, Eswatini, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, South Sudan, Uganda, USA, Vanuatu

LA SOUFIÈRE VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

CYCLONE ELOISE: Mozambique

TIGRAY CRISIS: Ethiopia

HURRICANE IOTA: Colombia

TROPICAL STORM ETA & HURRICANE IOTA: Guatemala

MORIA REFUGEE CAMP FIRE: Greece

TROPICAL CYCLONE HAROLD: Vanuatu

JANUARY 2020 EARTHQUAKES: Puerto Rico
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