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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

We are proud to share with you ISRAID's Annual Report for 2019.

Before delving into the vital work our teams did around the world last year, we must first touch on 2020. So far, this has been a year like no other, with the COVID-19 pandemic unfolding on a global scale and affecting every one of IsraAID’s field missions. Included in this report is a special supplement, providing a snapshot of our work in response to this ongoing global crisis.

Each year we are impressed anew by the dedication and commitment of our teams worldwide. We are sure that as you read this report, you will share in our appreciation of their achievements. They remind us daily why IsraAID exists: to support communities in crisis, strengthen their long-term resilience, and build a better, more sustainable world for all of us.

2019 was a year dedicated to strengthening and deepening our work around the globe. We continued to develop our professional infrastructure and technical expertise, ensuring we can provide even more support to the communities we work with. We launched a new strategic review process to maximize our impact in the decade ahead. And we began work on a new brand for IsraAID, the fruits of which you can see before you now.

We responded to major disasters including Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, the ongoing emergency situation in South Sudan, and the Venezuelan displacement crisis in Colombia. Thanks to the initial work of our Emergency Response teams, we have been able to commit to continue our impact with each of these communities – which have their own unique challenges – for the long-term.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to all of our supporters, who make our work possible. This year, as we continue to help some of the world’s most vulnerable communities through crisis, displacement, and a global pandemic, your continued support is as vital – and as urgent – as ever.

Yours,

YOTAM POLIZER
CEO

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CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BACKGROUND

Founded in 2001, IsraAID is an international non-governmental humanitarian aid agency based in Israel. Since its inception, IsraAID has worked in emergency and long-term development settings in 53 countries around the world.

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

RECOVERY, RESILIENCE & PREPAREDNESS

REFUGEES, DISPLACEMENT & FORCED MIGRATION

OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE

PROTECTION
• Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and response
• Child protection
• Protection through income generation and livelihoods
• 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 in education systems
• Post-emergency access to formal and informal education
• Disaster risk reduction in education

HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE
• Emergency medical response
• Sexual and reproductive health
• Medical support and capacity-building
The COVID-19 pandemic has upended our world. While the virus has been described by some as a "great leveler" that affects all of us, no matter where we are, the pandemic places already-vulnerable communities around the world – the communities that IsraAID works with – at even greater risk. From refugees in camps with inadequate sanitation and no possibility of social distancing, to populations rebuilding from disaster and at high risk of climate-related emergencies, these communities need our support. IsraAID has been at the forefront of responding to this major international crisis in 16 countries, adapting existing programs and providing access to the resources, information, and services needed to get through this.

As significant as the health implications of the virus are its secondary humanitarian consequences, from lockdowns leading to increased rates of gender-based violence to mental health risks, and the loss of livelihoods and resulting food insecurity. IsraAID’s teams have focused on addressing these issues.

With international travel grinding to a halt, IsraAID’s community-based model has been crucial. Our teams draw largely on local professionals rather than international aid workers, so we have been able to respond to the pandemic in the community and continue our operations in every country we work in.

Additionally, our teams have been well-placed to respond to the “double emergencies” experienced during COVID-19. When Cyclone Harold made landfall in Vanuatu, the risk of an outbreak meant that international emergency responders were unable to enter, and the restricted travel delayed and limited shipments of aid. IsraAID was one of the few international NGOs with the existing local capacity to respond. Around the world, we are ensuring that our national teams are prepared to respond to local and regional crises.

With the nature and threat of the COVID-19 outbreak in each country shifting daily, our teams continue to respond and prepare the people we work with for this “new normal”. The coronavirus is not going away ... and neither are we.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE SO FAR:

For vulnerable communities, access is key to getting through this immediate crisis and preparing for what comes next. IsraAID’s teams are working day and night to reach these communities with:

ACCESS TO INFORMATION
- Pamphlets and prevention guidance in Dominica, Guatemala, and Uganda
- Call centers in Colombia, Greece, Guatemala, Kenya, Mozambique, Uganda, and South Sudan
- Awareness-raising social and broadcast media campaigns in the Bahamas, Dominica, Greece, and Mozambique

ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE
- Water filter, system, and/or tap installations in Mozambique, South Sudan, and Vanuatu
- Hygiene item distributions in Colombia, Dominica, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, South Sudan, and Vanuatu

ACCESS TO EDUCATION
- Distribution of tablets with data packages to families without internet access in the Bahamas
- Homework and recreation packs for children in Colombia, Dominica, Greece, and Mozambique
- Online classes, self-learning, and virtual recreation rooms in the Bahamas, Colombia, Dominica, and Greece
- Training for teachers in the Bahamas, Mexico, and Mozambique

ACCESS TO FOOD
- Food distributions in Colombia, Guatemala, and Italy
- Packaging and distribution by IsraAID volunteers at community food banks in the U.S.

ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION RESOURCES
- Protection guidance through radio and television features in Guatemala and Dominica
- Global “How to Get Through COVID-19” video
- Psychosocial support workshops and kits for asylum seekers in Israel
- Online art therapy sessions in Germany and Greece
- Sexual & gender-based violence prevention in Colombia and South Sudan
- Self-care and stress management workshops in China, Colombia, Greece, Italy, and the United States

ACCESS TO MASKS & PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
- Shipment of personal protective equipment and medical supplies to Zhuhai Hospital, China
- Refugee volunteers producing cloth face masks for vulnerable communities in Greece and Germany

9 MILLION+ PEOPLE REACHED WORLDWIDE
Operated 23 child-friendly spaces, supporting more than 46,000 people worldwide

11,000 people reached in week one of our Hurricane Dorian response in the Bahamas

Awarded the SID Israel Global Impact Award by President Rivlin

Featured on stage at the Clinton Global Initiative Action Network, in front of leading corporations, NGOs, and governments working on disaster relief and recovery
New partnerships with **UNICEF** in the **Bahamas** & **GIZ** (the German Corporation for International Cooperation) in Mozambique

State-wide school safety program in Morelos, Mexico, reaching **320 schools**

Cyclone Idai emergency response in Mozambique, reaching more than **63,000 people**

Complex PTSD training for **15 Iraqi Yazidi social workers** in Israel, in partnership with Bar Ilan University

New large-scale safe water systems for communities on **three islands** in Vanuatu

Completed four years of work in Nepal, reaching **600,000 people** with mental health programming
NEW OPERATIONS IN 2019

BAHAMAS, COLOMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE

EXISTING OPERATIONS IN 2019

CALIFORNIA, DOMINICA, GERMANY, GREECE, GUATEMALA, INDONESIA, ITALY, KENYA, MEXICO, NEPAL, NORTH CAROLINA, PHILIPPINES, PUERTO RICO, SOUTH SUDAN, TEXAS, UGANDA, VANUATU

NEW COVID OPERATIONS

CHINA, ISRAEL

VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES ARE EVERYWHERE. SO ARE WE.
Emergencies are usually the first time people see us. But rarely the last.

Disaster relief has always been a crucial part of what IsraAID does. During emergencies, our teams build strong relationships with new communities and partners on the ground, all for the purpose of supporting populations through crisis, and toward a more resilient future.

The IsraAID Emergency Response Fund is key to this. Established in 2017 with the support of the Koret Foundation, followed by the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, the Weil-Bloch Foundation, and then multiple other supporters, the fund ensures our rapid response to disasters, and enables us to focus on neglected emergencies that are quickly out of the media spotlight.

In 2019, we also strengthened IsraAID’s Emergency sub-department to ensure we can better plan, implement, monitor and evaluate emergency responses.
Case Study

RETURN TO HAPPINESS AFTER HURRICANE DORIAN

Bahamas

In September 2019, Hurricane Dorian tore through Abaco and Grand Bahama islands in the Bahamas. With winds reaching 185 mph, it was one of the country’s worst storms on record, causing widespread damage and forcing 70,000 people from their homes.

IsraAID’s team arrived the week after Dorian, working across the islands of Abaco, Grand Bahama, and New Providence, where thousands of Abaco and Grand Bahama residents had been evacuated. IsraAID provided large-scale relief distributions, safe spaces for children, safe water, psychosocial support training for teachers and educators and more.

IsraAID’s partners in the Bahamas included the Government of the Bahamas, UNICEF, ADRA, the Grand Bahamas Disaster Relief Foundation, the Caribbean Israel Leadership Coalition of Churches, MASHAV, and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In total, IsraAID reached more than 50,000 people during the immediate emergency period.

Jaclyn Wilson, a guidance counselor who participated in IsraAID’s “Return to Happiness” training for school staff, said, “this training was so, so timely. We talked about how to best allow our students to express themselves – especially following the trauma – in telling their stories, and how to pass this training on and train other teachers and staff from our schools. It’s our job to ensure that the school community is supporting children as they transition back to a sense of normalcy.”

HIGHLIGHTS

CYCLONE IDAI: THE WORST DISASTER YOU’VE NEVER HEARD OF

In March 2019, Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall in central Mozambique, affecting 1.85 million people and causing more than 1,300 fatalities across the region. During the emergency response, IsraAID’s team provided:

- Water filters and hygiene kits
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene trainings
- Medical care in partnership with Sheba Medical Center
- Psychosocial support and psychological first aid

During the emergency response period, IsraAID’s team reached more than 63,000 people.

ONGOING EMERGENCY IN SOUTH SUDAN

With the country experiencing a near-constant state of emergency since its civil conflict began in 2013, UNDP estimates that 65% of South Sudanese women are or will become survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). IsraAID is focused on emergency SGBV prevention and response, in partnership with UNHCR, UNICEF, UMCOR, and dozens of national NGOs, and has:

- Implemented emergency SGBV programs in six areas
- Become the official SGBV emergency response partner in Juba
- Established and operated 14 women- and girl-friendly spaces
- Provided emergency support to tens of thousands of people
For millions of people, staying home is not an option.

Every year, millions are forced to leave their homes by conflict and crisis. There are currently nearly 80 million displaced people worldwide. Twenty-six million are refugees - people who have crossed a border in search of safety.

In 2019, IsraAID worked with refugees and displaced people around the world, from Greece and Germany to Kenya, Uganda, and South Sudan. We also launched a new program in Colombia to respond to the Venezuelan migration crisis, the world’s fastest-growing humanitarian crisis.

Our work with refugees began with emergency relief, before shifting towards promoting longer-term integration and resilience. We focus on empowering displaced communities, and always include refugees as integral members of our teams in each of these places.
REFUGEE INTEGRATION

Uganda

Uganda hosts one of the world’s largest refugee populations, with the majority from neighboring South Sudan. The Ugandan approach to refugee integration is unique, with an “open door” policy and mixed communities of refugees and locals.

In 2019, IsraAID collaborated with COHRP to build a new child-friendly space (CFS) in Iboa village, Palorinya refugee settlement. Palorinya is home to more than 120,000 refugees from South Sudan, who live among the 13,000-strong host community in shared villages. The refugees and host community share resources like schools, markets, and clinics, and the land for the settlement was lent by the host community. IsraAID has worked there since 2018, in partnership with the Office of the Prime Minister and the Moyo District Government.

IsraAID’s new CFS, built adjacent to the local school, serves both refugees and members of the Ugandan host community. Facilitators from the refugee and host communities are trained by IsraAID’s specialists to identify child protection issues, provide support, and run a safe, welcoming space for this vulnerable population.

Nataline was born in Uganda to a South Sudanese father and a Ugandan mother. Before the center opened, she had little interaction with the refugee community, and could not understand Kuku, the language of her South Sudanese relatives. “Before the CFS opened, I used to play in the Ugandan neighborhood with only Ugandans, but now at the CFS I play with both Ugandans and South Sudanese. Even my Kuku is improving because we use Kuku while playing.”

HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING URGENT NEEDS IN KENYA

Kakuma in Kenya is one of the world’s oldest and largest refugee camps and is home to 200,000 people. IsraAID has worked there since 2014, and in 2019:

• Constructed a new child-friendly space serving hundreds of children daily
• Trained more than 3,600 refugees in public health, menstrual hygiene and psychosocial support
• Provided dental treatment to 155 people, and hygiene workshops to more than 2,700

BUILDING COMMUNITY IN GREECE

IsraAID’s team has been in Greece since 2015, when the numbers fleeing ISIS and the Syrian Civil War, in Syria and Iraq, skyrocketed. In 2019, IsraAID’s teams in Lesbos and Thessaloniki:

• Ran a community center for more than 660 refugees, in partnership with Be A Robin
• Distributed sleeping bags and winterization items to more than 1,400 new arrivals in Moria Camp on Lesbos

MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP IN GERMANY

IsraAID Germany has provided psychosocial and integration support to refugees since 2016. IsraAID Germany works in partnership with ZWST – the Central Welfare Board of Jews in Germany, the Federal Integration and Family Services Ministries, Aktion Deutschland Hift, local governments, and more.

In 2019, IsraAID Germany:

• Worked in 26 shelters, reaching nearly 7,000 refugees
• Served more than 1,100 young adult refugees with leadership and empowerment programs
• Ran the country’s only protection program for survivors of the Yazidi genocide

In 2019, IsraAID worked with refugee and displaced communities in 6 countries.
Essential for a recovery that lasts.

After a crisis, it is not enough to deal only with the urgent physical needs of affected populations. For a community to recover – and strengthen their capacity to withstand future disasters – it is vital to prioritize their mental, emotional, and social needs, both during an emergency, and in the months and years that follow.

IsraAID’s protection specialists focus on supporting community recovery and long-term resilience, utilizing interactive methods such as visual arts, theater, and music, and creating safe spaces for vulnerable people around the world.
SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN

Colombia

Venezuela has experienced years of economic and political instability, leading to a major humanitarian crisis. More than 5 million Venezuelans have fled, with nearly 2 million to neighboring Colombia. In addition, many Colombians who escaped the country’s long civil conflict to Venezuela have returned.

In May 2019, IsraAID launched an initial emergency response in the border city of Cúcuta, where as many as 5,000 Venezuelans cross into Colombia every day. In June, IsraAID’s mission moved to the city of Barranquilla on the Caribbean coast.

During 2019, IsraAID constructed and operated child-friendly spaces in the neighboring municipalities of Barranquilla and Soledad in partnership with UNICEF, Techo, and Cedesocial. Each center provides child protection support, daily education, and activities to 50 children, and their families or caregivers, from both the Venezuelan and local Colombian communities.

Elsie, originally from Venezuela, now works with IsraAID. “In Venezuela, families have reached the point where they have to fight for a packet of flour or a packet of pasta. When I arrived here, I could finally feed myself, but I had to learn how to eat without feeling guilty and thinking about how back home they are not enjoying what I have here.

“In Venezuela, I studied professionally to be a family psychotherapist. Here, IsraAID invited me to be part of the team, and now I finally do what I love and love what I do, working with Venezuelan and Colombian children. I feel more empowered and more secure.”

HIGHLIGHTS

PROTECTION POST-DISASTER IN GUATEMALA

In Guatemala, IsraAID works with families affected by the 2018 Volcán de Fuego eruption, and the long-term effects of civil war, climate vulnerability, and deprivation. In 2019:

• IsraAID’s space for children displaced by the eruption served more than 200 children every day

CHILD PROTECTION IN KENYA & UGANDA

IsraAID’s child protection programs in Kenya and Uganda offer refugee and host community children daily support, activities, and the chance to “just be kids.” In 2019, the teams operated:

• Three child-friendly spaces in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, serving hundreds of children
• Two child-friendly spaces in Palorinya Refugee Settlement, reaching more than 1,000 South Sudanese refugee and Ugandan host community children

PROTECTING CHILDREN IN DOMINICA

Children in the Caribbean nation of Dominica - where IsraAID has worked since 2017’s Hurricane Maria – suffer from high levels of violence and abuse. In 2019, IsraAID’s team:

• Taught about children’s rights to 250 primary school children
• Trained more than 200 parents and 95 teachers on referral pathways and warning signs to identify abuse
• Identified and trained child protection ambassadors in six communities in Eastern Dominica
Safe water. So basic.

Access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and hygiene materials is crucial to the health, dignity, economic and social opportunity of both individuals and communities at large. IsraAID’s water engineers and other specialists provide sustainable WASH solutions around the world, led by local needs and conducted in partnership with communities on the ground.

These programs range from hygiene promotion and education, to distributing household water filters, repairing wells and constructing large-scale community water systems. Oftentimes in disasters, water systems and access to safe water can be adversely affected, and contaminated water sources can lead to secondary health emergencies.
THE DAY THE WATER ARRIVED

Vanuatu

For nearly 40 years, the rural community of Latano on Pentecost island, Vanuatu, has been without fresh running water. Most would bathe in seawater and collect rainwater for drinking.

In 2019, IsraAID was tendered by the Vanuatu Department of Water to build a gravity-fed water system serving 900 people in Latano and eight neighboring villages, in a project funded by the Government of New Zealand. IsraAID partnered with community members to build 12 kilometers of pipeline from two water sources, with 55 tap stands spread across the area and 40,000 liters of storage. Using gravity to send water through the system cuts out the need for pumps or electricity, simplifying maintenance and ensuring sustainability.

Mori Neumann, from Haifa, IsraAID’s WASH engineer in Latano, said “when I arrived, there was no water in the whole village and you could feel it. Now you can really see the transformation. There’s now a tap for every two or three houses, so everyone can take a shower in fresh water and use it for washing clothes or dishes! The day the water arrived, the kids were jumping up and down. It’s exciting.”

Community members also felt the importance of safe water for the community’s wider health, happiness, and security. Rachel is a teacher at Latano’s school. “When the water finally reached this place, the children stopped getting sick with diseases such as diarrhea, scabies, and flu. Now they come to school every day.”

HIGHLIGHTS

NO SAFE WATER AFTER CYCLONE IDAI, MOZAMBIQUE

Following Cyclone Idai, IsraAID’s emergency response team provided access to safe water and hygiene supplies, including:

- 200 Sawyer water filters in hard-to-reach areas
- NUF water filtration systems providing water for 4,000 people
- Training on WASH promotion and water filtration, which reached 20,500 people
- Access to safe drinking water for 6,200 people

WATER CONTAMINATION AFTER HURRICANE DORIAN, THE BAHAMAS

Hurricane Dorian flooded existing water supplies in Grand Bahama with saltwater, rendering them undrinkable. IsraAID’s team:

- Partnered with the Israeli and Bahamian governments to distribute 30,000 gallons of potable water
- Brought Israel’s chief hydrologist to survey water sources on Grand Bahama – this water monitoring and training program continues

A NEW COMMUNITY WATER FILTER IN PUERTO RICO

In September 2017, Hurricane Maria left the rural community of El Real, Puerto Rico, without safe water. IsraAID partnered with the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico San-German and the El Real community to build a disaster-resilient water filtration system. In 2019, they:

- Completed construction of a gravitational filtration system serving 1,500 people
- Provided information on safe water and hygiene to every household in El Real
When disasters disrupt education, entire communities suffer.

When disasters hit, education systems are always affected. Schools often serve as temporary shelters for evacuees and classes are typically disrupted. Bringing children back to daily education is essential for their needs and for communities to rebuild; however, dealing with an emergency’s impact on students and staff and returning them to school are both short and long-term challenges.

IsraAID’s global education work focuses on disaster risk reduction and psychosocial support within education systems. IsraAID also specializes in access to education following disasters, daily lessons, and informal education activities.
Guatemala is one of the world’s most disaster-vulnerable countries. For communities in southern Guatemala, this reality hit home in June 2018 when Volcán de Fuego erupted, causing widespread damage and bringing the education system to a halt. No area was worse affected than Escuintla, south of Guatemala City.

After crisis and disruption, returning to school and rebuilding the education system is a top priority. At the same time, for a disaster-vulnerable community like Escuintla, the eruption clarified the importance of strengthening resilience to mitigate the risks of future disasters.

In 2019, in partnership with the Escuintla Ministry of Education, IsraAID Guatemala developed a program to strengthen school communities’ ability to prevent, respond, and adapt to emergencies. Through training, emergency kits, and practical guidance, students, teachers, parents, and officials developed emergency plans and promoted a culture of resilience and risk reduction – reaching more than 36,750 people.

18-year-old Eva Reyes was one of thousands of students who participated. Her teen group’s project focused on how to reduce the risks of disaster in a rural community.

“There is no better thing that somebody can give us than knowledge, because we keep that all the time and it will benefit us in our house, in the high school, with our friends – forever.”
Short-term, we help patients. Long-term, we help communities.

Emergencies bring with them immediate medical and health needs. IsraAID deploys medical teams to disaster zones, working to treat patients in the short-term and to assess long-term needs.

After the immediate crisis, IsraAID’s health sector works around the clock to strengthen medical infrastructure and complement local capacities. This includes providing international experts to help meet gaps, along with donating equipment when needed. Our teams often focus on public health, strengthening community systems and raising awareness of health issues.
Case Study

MEETING NEEDS AND FILLING GAPS: HEALTH, HYGIENE, AND DENTAL CARE.
Kenya

For the 200,000 refugees living in Kakuma Refugee Camp and neighboring Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement in northwest Kenya, getting essential medical and dental care is not straightforward. Only two hospitals serve both the refugees and the surrounding Turkana host community, with few doctors and no permanent specialists. There is only one oral health officer and no dentists.

IsraAID, having worked in Kakuma since 2013, provides short-term specialist medical missions; professional support for health partners including the International Rescue Committee and Africa Inland Church Health Ministries; food supplements and medical donations; and community health workshops and education.

In July 2019, IsraAID brought Dr Robert Grunstein, a specialist in mobile dental care, to Kakuma for a short-term clinic, where more than 150 people received free dental care.

For women and girls in Kakuma, access to information about menstruation and hygiene products to ensure dignity is challenging. In 2019, IsraAID launched a new series of menstrual hygiene management workshops. They addressed health issues related to menstruation, increasing access to sanitary products, and reducing stigma surrounding menstruation.

Francoise, a community volunteer, was among nearly 300 women and girls attending.

“I realized that I didn’t know the biological processes surrounding the monthly cycles. Now I feel that I will be able to explain to young girls in my community what it involves.”

HIGHLIGHTS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE IN MOZAMBIQUE

IsraAID partnered with Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer to deploy an emergency medical team following Cyclone Idai.

The IsraAID-Sheba Medical Center team reached more than 3,000 people. The team:

- Conducted assessments of medical centers across the affected area in Sofala province
- Worked with the National Cholera Task Force
- Treated patients at a cholera field hospital and in isolated communities inaccessible by road due to flooding
- Collaborated with an Italian emergency medical team field hospital in central Beira

In total, they reached more than 3,000 people.
In the U.S., immense growth to meet enormous need.

IsraAID U.S. works to engage communities across the United States, building crucial bridges between people, and introducing Americans of all ages and backgrounds to IsraAID’s global humanitarian mission.

Since its founding in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2017, IsraAID U.S. has grown immensely, with additional offices in L.A. and now Miami, and an ever-expanding reach. From education to network organizing and community outreach, IsraAID U.S.’s impact could be felt nationwide, reaching tens of thousands of people.
In 2019, IsraAID U.S. grew the organization’s connections to the humanitarian professional sector, joining:

- PQMD – Partnership for Quality Medical Donations
- National VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- Clinton Global Initiative partnership
- Global WASH 2020
- World Bank and USAID Faith-Based Organizations

IsraAID U.S. reached over 2,000 young people with interactive programs on disaster relief and the global refugee crisis.

Our professionals and volunteers networks expanded from L.A. to the Bay Area, with further expansion planned. The network roster grew to 1,200 people, with 400 people attending 20 lectures in 2019. 25 IHPN members joined short-term deployments to IsraAID’s field missions.

When disasters strike across the United States, IsraAID mobilizes emergency response teams, deploying specialists and volunteers to support communities in need.

The IsraAID Humanitarian Fellowship saw 14 students from leading colleges deploy for a two-month field internship with IsraAID. In 2019, fellowship alumni increased the number of events on campus by 50% compared to 2018, engaging more students with IsraAID’s work.

IsraAID U.S. launched the IsraAID Speakers Bureau, with a diverse collection of speakers sharing their personal IsraAID experiences at speaking engagements across the country. IsraAID U.S. reached around 35,000 people through events and outreach in 2019. IsraAID U.S. also provided its photo exhibit showcasing IsraAID’s global work to synagogues, schools, Hillels, Jewish community centers across the U.S.

When the pandemic hit, IsraAID’s teams around the world sprang into action. With communities across the United States hit hard, IsraAID U.S. has responded with urgent aid and crucial mental health support.

### RELIEF DISTRIBUTIONS:

IsraAID volunteers in California and New Jersey joined forces with community foodbanks to sort, pack, and distribute food at a time of major need. In partnership with Team Rubicon and the Merage Institute, IsraAID U.S. deployed volunteers for over 5,300 hours, and, together with our partners, helped distribute food packages to more than one million people.

### SELF-CARE PROGRAMS:

Recognizing the hidden toll the pandemic has taken on households across the country, IsraAID U.S. launched virtual programs in partnership with Merage Talks and Foundation House to share self-care resources at this time of crisis. Leveraging IsraAID’s experience in emergency psychosocial support, these programs provided practical tools to cope with stress and anxiety during COVID-19 lockdowns.

IsraAID’s volunteer professionals delivered webinars on stress relief for 2,500 participants across the country, together with more than 50 partners including the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Team Rubicon, and various Jewish family service agencies and congregations across the country.

IsraAID also partnered with leading education technology company Allencomm to build an interactive guide to stress relief, available at www.israaid.org/stressrelief.

IsraAID US volunteers helped local food banks serve 1.2 million people.
MEET THE TEAM THAT ALWAYS FINDS A WAY
ISRAAID HQ TEAM

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