

Israel



Humanitarian Aid

Emergency Assistance

With 60 years of expertise in emergency response, Israel is always among the first on the scene at international disaster sites.

- Israel Defense Forces (IDF) rescue teams have responded to earthquakes in all corners of the globe, including: Mexico (1985); Armenia (1988); Turkey (1991); El Salvador, India, and Peru (2001); Indonesia (2006); and Haiti (2010).
- Israel's heroic efforts in Haiti following the devastating earthquake in January 2010 earned international praise – its field hospital was the only one able to do complex surgery in the devastated country.
- In 1994, during the Rwandan refugee crisis, Israel initiated Operation Interns for Hope, establishing a field hospital in neighboring Zaire to bring medical aid to refugees.
- Israel sent aid supplies to Sri Lanka in response to the devastating flood of 2003.
- Israel was among the first three countries to provide aid to victims of the 2004 tsunami that ravaged parts of Southeast Asia.

Below: IDF rescue teams in Kenya and Turkey assisting and visiting earthquake victims.





Above: Refugees from Yemen, Bosnia, Vietnam, Ethiopia and European countries.

Refugee Resettlement

Israel has always remained dedicated to serving as a refuge for people in need.

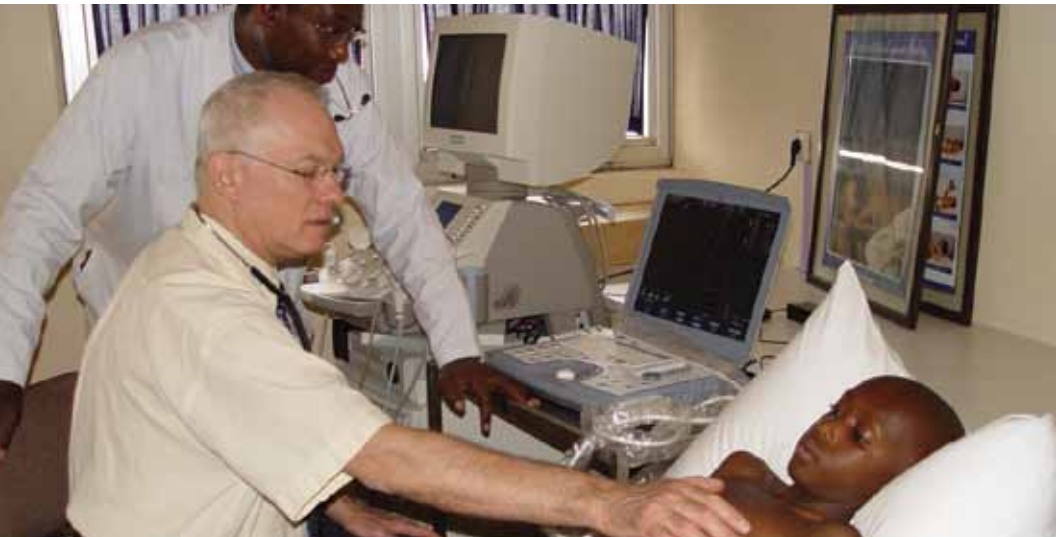
- In 1949, Israel rescued 40,000 Jews from Yemen during Operation Magic Carpet, completing 380 airlift rescues to Israel.
- In 1977, Israel rescued 400 Vietnamese boat people fleeing oppression and granted them asylum. They are now proud citizens of Israel.
- In 1984, Israel rescued 8,000 Ethiopian Jews from Sudan during Operation Moses.
- In 1991, Israel rescued 14,000 Ethiopian Jews during Operation Solomon.
- In 1993, Israel was one of a handful of nations to accept Bosnian Muslim refugees fleeing war-torn Yugoslavia.
- Between 2002 and 2007, Israel gave refuge to Liberian and Sudanese refugees fleeing from their war-torn countries.
- Since 2007, Israel has granted asylum to hundreds of refugees from Sudan's Darfur region.

Sharing Medical Knowledge

Technologies and medical programs developed in Israel save and improve lives around the world.

- The Israeli organization Save a Child's Heart (SACH) has treated children from around the world suffering from heart disease, regardless of nationality or financial considerations. Over 2400 children from 37 countries, including over 1000 children from the Palestinian Authority, Iraq and Jordan, have been treated by SACH.
- Israeli ophthalmologists travel to countries throughout the developing world to treat preventable blindness and ocular disease. Teams of Israeli doctors set up "eye camps," bringing high-tech treatments otherwise unavailable.
- Israel's official emergency service, Magen David Adom, trains first aid instructors from developing countries to teach life-saving techniques in their home countries.
- Experts from MASHAV, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, constructed a fully equipped emergency room (ER) in Kisumu, the first ever in Kenya's third largest city. Beyond donating and actually building this state-of-the-art facility, MASHAV sent Israeli specialists to train local medical professionals in emergency medicine.

Below: Israeli doctors treating patients and sharing skills with local doctors in Jordan, Rwanda and central Israel.





Drip Irrigation systems developed in Israel



Agriculture Assistance

Experienced in making agriculture flourish in a once barren land, Israel now helps developing countries expand their food production.

- Israel's Volcani Center for agricultural research has partnered with 32 countries, providing superior cattle bloodlines to improve milk output and assisting the dairy industries of developing countries.
- From Poland to Turkmenistan, local farmers work alongside Israeli irrigation specialists from the agribusiness company Netafim to improve crop yields while helping to preserve the environment.
- Israel and its neighbors work together in agricultural training, including conducting a beekeeping demonstration-and-research project in Irbid, Jordan.
- Using a mutant gene, Israeli scientists have developed strains of corn to resist witchweed, a parasite that harms crops in much of sub-Saharan Africa, leading to improved crop yields.
- MASHAV promotes the African Market Garden strategy, enhancing food security and economic wellbeing for the poorest segments of the world's population.

Development Assistance

Having successfully realized the Zionist pioneers' dream of "making the desert bloom," Israel now utilizes its expertise and innovative technology so that other nations may blossom.

- Founded in 1958, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV) assists developing nations with environmental, educational, development and emergency preparedness programs.
- MASHAV conducts over 200 training programs annually for professionals from developing countries. Since its inception, over 260,000 people from over 130 countries, have taken part in MASHAV training activities.
- Israel worked closely with India to help it develop irrigation and desalination projects to reduce waste and increase access to water for all of India's citizens.
- In 2006, using a development plan crafted at Israel's Ben-Gurion University, the Brazilian state of Ceara increased economic growth while reducing inequality, a model now being adopted elsewhere in South America.
- In 2010 the Malaita Province of the Solomon Islands sought development assistance from Israel, aimed at developing a sustainable economic development plan for the province for the next 5 years.

Below: MASHAV teams providing vision care for Darfur refugees.





Educational Assistance

Transformed from a struggling new nation into a successful, vibrant state, Israel passes the lessons it has learned onto other countries around the world.

- Named after Israel's fourth prime minister, the Golda Meir Mount Carmel Training Center was founded in 1961 to improve the lives and positions of women through education.
- Israel's Weitz Center, established in 1963, provides programs for socioeconomic development and invites students from the developing world to visit Israel to learn about tourism, industry, and development in rural areas.
- Since 1989, the Aharon Ofri International Training Center has focused its activity on educational fields that contribute to regional and human resource development, such as science and technology education, community education (including AIDS prevention) and educational management.
- The Rwanda Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village, a home for Rwandan children orphaned by that country's genocide, is modeled after a youth village for Israeli orphans.
- In 2010, MASHAV carried out a special training course using the "train the trainers" approach for teachers in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Peru.



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Examples of Israel's Emergency Aid

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