Israeli International Aid

Israel consistently provides humanitarian relief to people throughout the world, bettering -- and saving -- the lives of millions.

Israel has established numerous humanitarian relief groups that alleviate the suffering of people worldwide.
- In 1958, Israel established the Foreign Ministry's Center for International Cooperation, known today as Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV).[1]
    - MASHAV aids developing countries by providing expertise in fields such as water management, childhood education, public health, and emergency relief.[2]
    - **MASHAV has trained over 100,000 members** all around the globe.[3]
    - Some of MASHAV's recent projects include:
        - Developing health clinics in West Africa to combat the Ebola outbreak.[4]
        - Providing necessary relief supplies to the almost 600,000 people affected by flooding in Myanmar.[5]
        - Bringing much needed food to the drought-stricken Horn of Africa, specifically providing milk and meals for children.[6]
- The Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid (IsraAID) is a non-governmental organization that, over the past 15 years, has provided humanitarian relief in 39 countries.[7]
    - **IsraAID has assisted over 1 million people,** and distributed **more than 1,000 tons of relief supply**.[8]
- Based in Israel, Save a Child's Heart has provided **life-saving heart operations to 2,300 children**, half of whom are Palestinian Arab, Jordanian, or Iraqi.[9]
- The Fast Israeli Rescue and Search Team (FIRST) played a vital role in saving missing persons after natural disasters in countries like Peru, Mexico, and Greece.[10]
- The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) Medical Corps and Home Front Command unit has responded to earthquakes all over the world, including, but not limited to: Haiti, India, and Turkey. **Thousands of lives were saved, thank to the IDF**.[11]
- In 2016, the United Nations World Health Organization ranked **IDF's emergency response team first in the world**.[12]

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