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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