

SITUATION REPORT WEEK N°1: 10/15/23

*Situation Report - a document aiming to provide concise updates on the current crisis in Israel as well as status on the progress of Latet's operations.

Over the past week, the extent of the crisis was slowly revealed in its full severity. 1,300 people were murdered - entire families, children, and elderly. Over 3,000 were injured. Communities were completely wiped out as towns were burnt to the ground. The suddenness and intensity of the attack on Israel severely affected a considerable part of its population, especially those living in the south. 2 million people are living under fire on a daily basis, bombarded by Hamas. As a result, a massive increase in the demand for basic needs emerged from the field. As a leading voice of Israeli civil society, Latet from day one has dedicated all its resources to assist the people of Israel in these dire times.

Latet's distribution of emergency aid began in full force on Wednesday (11th October), sending out hundreds of boxes with urgent equipment including food and hygiene packages. Need assessment has been made in regards to all our aid recipients and partners, and we stay in close daily contact with our 215 partnering NGOs.

All this is possible THANKS TO the support of more than 50 partners, amongst them US and French Jewish Federations, Family Foundations, Corporates and Private donors, who have joined our efforts so far.

30,000

Food & hygiene boxes:
families, elderly &
Holocaust survivors
in need, ongoing operation

20,000

Care boxes containing
ready-to-eat food:
families in temporary distress,
soldiers & reservists, ongoing operation

30%

Increase in need for assistance

1,500

Volunteers joined us in less than 24 hours



1,200

Boxes distributed to Holocaust survivors within a week

700,000

Items distributed





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Holocaust survivors in the South

Since Sunday we called thousands of Holocaust survivors we support in order to map their needs. On Wednesday (11th October) the first distribution took place to these survivors who have alerted us that they are severely lacking food and are suffering from loneliness and/or anxiety. Latet's dedicated volunteers took the food box to them personally and stayed with them for a while to keep them company.



10/11/23 - Emilia, Holocaust Survivor receiving a box from our volunteer



10/11/23 - Shlomi, a Latet volunteer, receiving a food box in reserves

360,000 army reservists called up = 4% of Israel's population

Latet delegated a representative sitting in the headquarters of the Home Front Command to provide comprehensive and direct information on where our help is most needed. With so many soldiers called for this situation, they are lacking the vital resources needed for service. We began distributing aid packages directly to soldiers at certain gathering points to meet this need. This past week we distributed to soldiers in the North food boxes, water and blankets.

Volunteers and Supporters in the Thousands

As the arrowhead of the Israeli civil society Latet recruited more than 1,000 volunteers to assist in our efforts. We have set up a WhatsApp group in order to share urgent opportunities and instantly recruit volunteers to help in our efforts. More than 1,500 people joined the group in less than 24 hours! As Latet is one of the most well known organizations in Israel, thousands of Israelis have already donated to support of our efforts.



10/11/23 - A group of volunteers packing food & hygiene boxes at our warehouse

This is going to be a long war.

Israel's civil society has joined forces to help those affected by the war in any way possible. But the real test will arrive in a few weeks from now, when the war will unfortunately become a part of our routine. Latet has therefore begun to operate in 'emergency mode' for the next 3-6 months, building the infrastructure needed for efficient meeting of the needs on the ground. We are laying the groundwork for the difficult months to come.

