

SITUATION REPORT WEEK N°2: 10/22/23

*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.

This past week, as we entered the second week of the war, the Israeli civil society operated in full force to distribute aid around the South of the country, as well as to families who have been displaced and temporarily evacuated. As Latet anticipated, the scope of the need has expanded due to growing unrest along the northern border, where 28 communities were instructed to evacuate earlier in the week, with reports of an additional I4 communities receiving the same instructions.

The lives of thousands of Israeli families have changed beyond recognition, both due to the evacuation of their homes and the loss of their loved ones. This week it was understood that the number of civilians and soldiers kidnapped by Hamas stands at 222 - a horrible number with far-reaching consequences. Israel is in "war mode" - as a number of companies have announced that they are putting at least half of their employees on an unpaid leave, most places of entertainment are closed and almost all schools in Israel are operating in a Zoom format.

As it is important for us to keep you updated, join us for a special **EMERGENCY WEBINAR** - during which we will talk about life in Israel in the shadow of war and Latet's emergency operation.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 21:00 IST/ 2:00 PM EST/ 11:00 AM PST

THIS PAST WEEK IN NUMBERS:

1,100

Volunteers packing boxes & distributing directly

10,354

Food packages distributed

1,728

Packages delivered to Holocaust survivors



Distribution took place in over 100 locations in the areas marked above

\$2,000,000

worth of assistance to war victims since the start of our operation

700

Hygiene packages distributed

1,590

Distributed units of baby formula





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Youth Jumping into Action

Since the beginning of the war, our Latet Youth groups have been in action to contribute to the emergency efforts around the country, regardless of religion or location. The Latet Youth branches in Peki'in, Kisra, Kfar Samia and Beit Jan – in cooperation with other local youth groups and councils– conducted a drive to collect food, care packages and equipment for soldiers, packing them and sending them to the South. The Beit Jan and Ma'ar branches also packed equipment for the solders in the North and delivered it personally. Furthermore, our group from Migdal Ha'emek ran a fun day for 100 children, displaced from the South, with sports, art and music activities.



10/19- Latet Youth distributing supplies to soldiers on base in the North



Campaign page on the 'Wolt' food delivery application

We invite you to donate food packages to

families from the frontline with Latet 🙏

Fostering Social Solidarity

Our intense operation is possible thanks to the social solidarity we are experiencing, both in Israel and through supporters abroad. Aside from our partners and volunteers, who are driving the core of our emergency operation, we have partnered up with Wolt, the largest food delivery service in Israel, allowing an easy way for people to donate money through the digital platform. More than 50,000 people have already donated through Wolt. To raise awareness of our crisis operations, we have also launched an advertising campaign on bus stops throughout the country – allowing citizens to be aware that they can contact us for any assistance needs, but also that they can get involved as part of our collective efforts. Now is the time to stand together in Solidarity.

Aiding Holocaust Survivors

So far, we have distributed 1,728 packages to Holocaust survivors - 538 of which are located in the most affected areas in the South. We have received 446 direct requests for assistance from Holocaust Survivors, separate to the calls made by our staff and the requests received within our Aid for Life program which is designated to support Holocaust Survivors. Volunteers are vital to this support and many have joined in to help, even including Leah - a volunteer from Beer Sheva who, despite not having access to a car for distribution, insisted on helping by bus, with aid boxes loaded on her shopping trolley. In the words of Shlomi & Aliza, a couple of survivors: "Thank you to everyone at Latet for helping us - with thanks to the boxes we receive, we are alive."



10/22- Our voungest volunteer packing boxes for Holocaust survivor

Latet, continuing to provide vital assistance in this time of crisis.

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