



SITUATION REPORT WEEK N°3: 10/29/23

*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.

As the third week of the war raged on, Israelis of all demographics as well as the Jewish community worldwide have continued to fight a battle on all fronts. Physically, through the military. Mentally, with rocket sirens sounding every day. Emotionally, with thousands of families displaced for the foreseeable future. Socially, with the spread of ignorant rhetoric online and on social media. This week, despite the news of two more hostages being released, the overall number of kidnapped civilians and soldiers has risen to over 242. The number of people murdered still hovers around 1,400, with more bodies being shockingly discovered even 3 weeks after the horrific attack. Yesterday, (Wednesday 1st November) we received even more devastating news - 14 young soldiers were killed in action within a period of 24 hours while fighting against Hamas in Gaza.

This attack and its aftermath have not only been an attack on the people of Israel, but on the Jewish community worldwide. With antisemitism on the rise - a 500% increase in the US alone* and over 850 antisemitic incidents reported in France in the past month** - this is not concerning only to Israelis, but to Jews around the globe. With hundreds of thousands being directly affected by the crisis, and 4% of the population being called to reserve duty, the Jewish world stands together in pain and in solidarity.

LATET'S PROGRESS IN NUMBERS:

-Since the Beginning of the War-

Our target populations:

Vulnerable populations:
families in need,
elderly people,
Holocaust survivors

Displaced
families &
individuals

Soldiers &
reservists

36,269

food packages
distributed

10,015

hygiene packages
distributed

6,220

packages delivered to
Holocaust survivors

\$2,000,000

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

1,102

pallets of rescued
food distributed

2,616

volunteers packing boxes
& distributing directly



Keeping our Network Informed, All Over the World

As a leading organization at the forefront of emergency operations, Latet views it as our obligation to keep our partners and supporters, as well as the general public, as updated as possible on current events in Israel. We are already prepared for at least 6 months of emergency mode, and current advice from the government suggests that it could even be as long as a year before displaced families can return to their original homes. We have been conducting webinars to help our supporters be informed, including one this week attended by partners in the US, France, Germany, Belgium, Spain and Israel, including updates from our President and Founder, Gilles Darmon, and our CEO, Eran Weintrob.



Gilles Darmon in an updates webinar



11/29: Our Shinshinim in Nordia, getting ready for the first day of activities

Young Leadership in Action

The Latet Youth Shinshinim (service year participants) - who were living in two apartments in Ashkelon and Beer Sheva when the war began - are resuming activity while staying temporarily on Moshav Nordia. Many children from the South have been rehoused with their families in this community, and our Shinshinim are running activities for these children on a daily basis. The participants will eventually return to scheduled programming, yet for now, these 18 year olds are doing their best to alleviate the loneliness and fear of children who were evacuated from the South and have experienced the absolute worst.

Distributing to Holocaust Survivors

This week, we carried out a direct distribution day in Ashkelon for Holocaust survivors in the city. Taking with a large number of boxes, we set up a temporary distribution site for the day, with volunteers arriving to collect and deliver the boxes directly to those who need them around the city. So far, we have delivered 2,600 packages to Holocaust survivors, of which 1,560 are based in the South.



10/25: Volunteers loading boxes for delivery in Ashkelon

11/2: Teen volunteers pack school supplies for the kids of Sderot



'Bag to School' for Children of Sderot

A huge portion of the population of Sderot are now temporarily based in city of Eilat, with thousands of children outside of any form of normal routine. As a temporary solution for schooling is being established, these children fled from their homes with nothing. After identifying the immediate need for school equipment - which no other organization had yet been providing - we are distributing 15,000 kits of comprehensive school supplies to these children to help ease the burden of this unthinkable time.

We still need you, and there are many ways that you can help.

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