

Israel



Humanitarian Aid

Emergency Assistance

With 60 years of expertise in emergency response, Israel is always among the first on the scene at international disaster sites.

- Israel Defense Forces (IDF) rescue teams have responded to earthquakes in all corners of the globe, including: Mexico (1985); Armenia (1988); Turkey (1991); El Salvador, India, and Peru (2001); and Indonesia (2006).
- In 1994, during the Rwandan refugee crisis, Israel initiated Operation Interns for Hope, establishing a field hospital in neighboring Zaire to bring medical aid to refugees.
- Israel sent aid supplies to Sri Lanka in response to the devastating flood of 2003.
- Israel was among the first three countries to provide aid to victims of the 2004 tsunami that ravaged parts of Southeast Asia.

Below: IDF rescue teams in Kenya and Turkey assisting and visiting earthquake victims.





Drip Irrigation systems developed in Israel



Above: Crops irrigated by recycled wastewater.

Agriculture Assistance

Experienced in making agriculture flourish in a once barren land, Israel now helps developing countries expand their food production.

- Israel's Volcani Center for agricultural research has partnered with 32 countries, providing superior cattle bloodlines to improve milk output and assisting the dairy industries of developing countries.
- From Poland to Turkmenistan, farmers work alongside Israeli irrigation specialists from the agribusiness company Netafim to improve crop yields while helping to preserve the environment.
- Israel and its neighbors work together in agricultural training, including conducting a beekeeping demonstration-and-research project in Irbid, Jordan.
- Using a mutant gene, Israeli scientists have developed strains of corn to resist witchweed, a parasite that harms crops in much of sub-Saharan Africa, leading to improved crop yields.

Sharing Medical Discoveries

Technologies and medical programs developed in Israel save and improve lives around the world.

- In 10 years, the Israeli organization Save A Child's Heart (SACH) has treated over 1,500 children suffering from congenital and rheumatic heart disease in 26 countries where quality medical care is unavailable.
- A natural bacterium discovered in Israel helps control mosquitoes and black flies, preventing river blindness and malaria in 11 African nations and reducing infection along China's Yangtze River by 90 percent.
- Israeli ophthalmologists travel to countries throughout the developing world to treat preventable blindness and ocular disease. Teams of Israeli doctors set up "eye camps," bringing high-tech treatments otherwise unavailable.
- Israel's official emergency service, Magen David Adom, trains first aid instructors from developing countries to teach life-saving techniques in their home countries.

Below: Israeli doctors treating patients and sharing skills with local doctors in Jordan, Rwanda and central Israel.





Above: Refugees from Yemen, Bosnia, Vietnam, Ethiopia and Europe.

Refugee Resettlement

Israel has always remained devoted to serving as a refuge for people in need.

- In 1949, Israel rescued 40,000 Jews from Yemen during Operation Magic Carpet, completing 380 airlift rescues to Israel.
- In 1977, Israel rescued 400 Vietnamese boat people fleeing oppression and granted them asylum. They are now proud citizens of Israel.
- In 1984, Israel rescued 8,000 Sudanese Jews during Operation Moses.
- In 1991, Israel rescued 14,000 Ethiopian Jews during Operation Solomon.
- In 1993, Israel was one of a handful of nations to accept Bosnian Muslim refugees fleeing war-torn Yugoslavia.
- Between 2002 and 2007, Israel gave refuge to Liberian and Sudanese refugees fleeing from their war-torn countries.

Development Assistance

Having successfully realized the Zionist pioneers' dream of "making the desert bloom," Israel now utilizes its expertise and innovative technology so that other nations may blossom.

- Founded in 1958, the Israel Center for International Cooperation (MASHAV) assists developing nations with environmental, educational, development and emergency preparedness programs.
- MASHAV conducts 300 courses for emerging nations annually and has trained almost 200,000 participants in over 140 countries, from Albania to Zimbabwe.
- Israel worked closely with India to help it develop irrigation and desalination projects to reduce waste and increase access to water for all of India's citizens.
- In 2006, using a development plan crafted at Israel's Ben-Gurion University, the Brazilian state of Ceara increased economic growth while reducing inequality, a model now being adopted elsewhere in South America.

Below: MASHAV teams providing vision care for Darfur refugees.





Educational Assistance

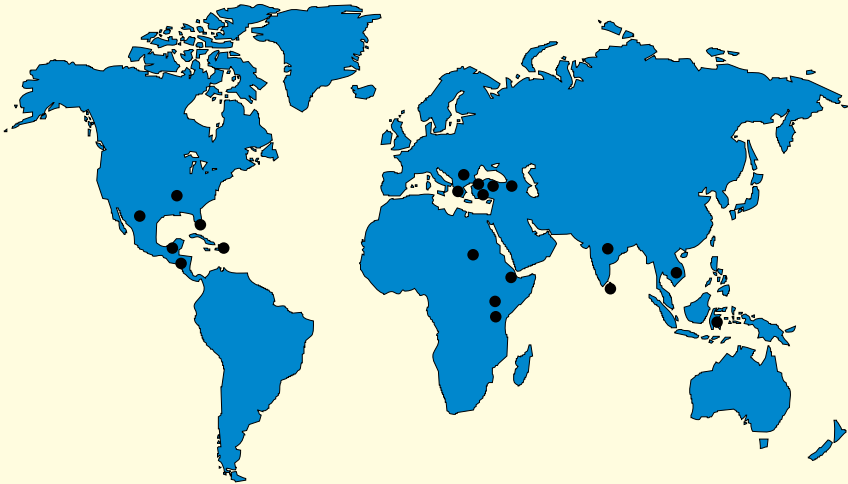
Transformed from a struggling new nation into a successful, vibrant state, Israel passes the lessons it has learned onto other countries around the world.

- Named after Israel's fourth prime minister, the Golda Meir Mount Carmel Training Center was founded in 1961 to improve the lives and positions of women through education.
- Israel's Weitz Center, established in 1963, provides programs for socioeconomic development and invites students from the developing world to visit Israel to learn about tourism, industry, and development in rural areas.
- The Rwanda Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village, a home for Rwandan children orphaned by that country's genocide, is modeled after a youth village for Israeli orphans. It is expected to be completed in 2009.

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1979—Israel aids refugees from **Cambodia**
1985—Israel aids earthquake victims in **Mexico**
1988—Israel aids earthquake victims in **Armenia**
1992—Israel aids victims of civil war in **Bosnia**
1994—Israel provides medical aid for refugees from **Rwanda**
1997—Israel helps extinguish a major fire in **Turkey**
1998—Israel sends search and rescue team to U.S.
Embassy bombing site in **Kenya**
1998—Israel aids flood victims in **Central America**
1999—Israel aids refugees from **Kosovo**
1999—Israel aids earthquake victims in **Turkey**
2000—Israel provides emergency aid to **Ethiopia**
2001—Israel aids earthquake victims in **El Salvador**
2001—Israel aids earthquake victims in **India**
2001—Israel aids earthquake victims in **Peru**
2003—Israel aids flood victims in **Sri Lanka**
2004—Israel aids tsunami victims in **Sri Lanka**
2005—Israel aids Hurricane Katrina victims in the **U.S.**
2006—Israel aids earthquake victims in **Indonesia**
2006—Israel aids flood victims in **Romania**
2007—Israel aids firefighting in **Macedonia**
2007—Israel aids tropical storm victims in **Mexico** and
the **Dominican Republic**