



PROJECT DISASTER RELIEF CENTER / Community CENTER ISRAEL



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Ashkelon, Ashdod, Jerusalem

Bersheba

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About House of Hope



We are as an organization a tool of the World Evangelical Alliance (900 million Christians) that understands its task in giving significant tools for the unity and collaboration of communities of humanitarian aid organizations and churches, on a grassroots level, to impact all spheres of society more effective.

We strive to help those in need: those who find themselves in times of crisis or on the fringes of society.

Through our Hope Centers, we connect in every community Christians, churches, and organizations to foster an environment that will alleviate the lives of those who need it. We strive to impact the city and every facet of society positively.

Through our Disaster Relief Centers, we channel existing relief organizations and initiatives to more help more effective to those in need because of natural disasters, war, or any comparable circumstance by providing crisis management, emergency relief, trauma therapy and assistance in reconstruction. Long term the relief Centers will be transformed into Hope / community Centers.

Through Social Entrepreneurship / Business tools, we advise companies to increase their social footprint in the city and countryside or to help launch local social startups. We seek to help the marginalized in the communities to become entrepreneurs themselves. Moreover, House of Hope launches startups designed to transform the city and increase the job market.

How works a Community / Relief Center?



A disaster relief center brings together local, regional, national and international actors working in the area of crisis management. Humanitarian + medical care and emergency aid are active, as well as the corresponding ones necessary organs of government.

A core team is formed that brings all players together and carries out a good exchange, strategy planning and needs and resources analysis. Achieving goals together is very effective because it avoids duplication and misunderstandings of resources

can be used in a more targeted manner. Depending on the crisis situation, several regional disaster relief centers can be set up nationally, all of which are networked with one another. Consequently, they are connected to the national relief center, which receives information about real-time needs from all Hope Center communities in the country, thus ensuring a perfect basis for action.

Outlook + explanation

House of Hope has very good connection in almost every community in Israel, through the former ministry of our Vice President and native-born Israeli Yariv Goldman and his daughter Harel Goldman, who is working as a national leader for House of Hope in Israel. We see a deep gap between the Christian network with all their resources, and between the native-born Israelis (messianic believers) who are doing underground ministry on a grassroots level. Most of them have up to 3 jobs to survive in Israel. Our heart is to connect the messianic body on a grassroots level with all other organizations, to involve and strengthen the local bodies as best as possible. From our experience in the last 12 countries, this was the most successful.

Depending on the political situation, we would set up Community / relief Centers in places where there is a need. (Including places that are not directly affected, but which accommodate many affected people)

After the conflict has ended, the networks will provide lasting help and change. Out of oneness, this communities are able, to realize much more and more effective. Organizations and churches from abroad have a wonderful vessel for quality assurance on the grass roots level and can support where it's needed.

1. Community Center Ashkelon

Key facts and current situation in Ashkelon



Ashkelon is a coastal city in the Southern District of Israel on the Mediterranean coast, 50 kilometers (30 mi) south of Tel Aviv, and 13 kilometers (8 mi) north of the border with the Gaza Strip. Currently more than 160,000 citizens live in Ashkelon, among them a lot of Russian and

Ukrainian speaking immigrants, who just escaped the war in Ukraine.

Because of the old architecture in many places, more than 40.000 people have no shelter. Elderly people who are living in elderly homes, some of them are disabled, depending on food delivery every day, also families with low income. Local teams and initiatives are trying to provide food to the people every day, especially because there are no stores close by opened because of the war. Right now, ca. 10% of the population is depending on food donations every day.

Ashkelon has until 400 rocket attacks a year and you can hear the bombing close by. Since the war started, hundreds of missiles have been shot on Ashkelon. Many buildings have been destroyed. In terms of an alert, people have 30 seconds to run to a shelter, which are not available for everyone. The Government is still looking after some terrorist groups in the city. In the south of Israel more than 199 people have been kidnapped and more than 1200 people got killed.

Especially the children are very effected through the current situation because their life changed dramatically. But also, the whole population is in a shock mode, and many people have traumas, for what they have seen.

Status, goals, and next steps in Ashkelon?

We met the mayor of Ashkelon and the member of the Knesset Alex Kushnir, who are responsible for the region, and we presented them our concept for the Disaster Relief Center in Ashkelon. Our concept proposal was accepted with great gratitude, and they offered us any support, that we might need. It was reiterated that the need for such a center is great and explained the strategically important location of Ashkelon, which will increase in the near future.

The Israeli government offered a space that can accommodate over 100 people from different organizations, and it is bomb-proof.

Our aim is to invite national and international organizations that are active in crisis management or humanitarian aid to come and release the added value they must give through this and all subsequent centers in Israel.

Monthly costs of the Community Center in Ashkelon

DISASTER RELIEF CENTER ASHKELON MAINTENANCE COSTS	
Rent	3.000
Municipality tax	116,57
Salaries (1)	2.500
Software	125
Utilities	300
Electricity, Water, Gas	500
Security	300
Total monthly	Euros 6.841,57

ONE-TIME EXPENSES	BUDGET
Shelves-furniture	5.000
Computers and network equipment	3.750
Total	EURO 8.750

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY THROUGH ORGANIZATIONS AND CHURCHES IN THE CENTER
Trauma therapy, Outreach, Discipleship training, Evangelism training Kids Clubs, Contact-Café Support & Assistance for the needy (sick, elderly, addicts, refugees etc.)

Emergency stock	
Life-saving equipment	The Community Center should be equipped by different Organizations with an emergency stock.
Generators	
Emergency lamps	
Flashlights	
Batteries	
Basic wear	
Blankets	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 3 MONTH	BUDGET
One-time expenses	8.750
Current expenses for 3 months	20.524,71
Total in Euro	29.274,71

2. Community Center Ashdod

Key facts and current situation in Ashdod



Ashdod is a large city in the Southern District of Israel with almost 250,000 inhabitants. It is located south of Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean and is the 4th largest city in Israel. It is 25 km from the Gaza Strip.

In Ashdod there are several Jewish messianic congregations from different backgrounds (native born Israelis, Spanish, Ethiopians, Russians, Ukrainians), what means, that the number of people / volunteers / programs is much more than Ashkelon. In Ashkelon are also some congregations, but not that much in comparison and many are now serving the IDF.

In Ashdod is the leader of a big congregation, named Israel Pochtar, who wants immediately to start a community Center with us, to bring all existing forces together. The willingness of collaboration from all the different congregations is great.

The city has every year bomb attacks, not as much as Ashkelon, but still it is and was affected by terroristic attacks. It is and will be a very strategic place in Israel, also Ashkelon and Beersheba and the smaller communities are very reachable from Ashdod.

Monthly costs of the Community Center in Ashdod

DISASTER RELIEF CENTER ASHKELON MAINTENANCE COSTS		
Rent		4.000
Municipality tax		116,57
Salaries (1)		2.500
Software		125
Utilities		300
Electricity, Water, Gas		500
Security		300
Total monthly	Euros	7.841,57

ONE-TIME EXPENSES	BUDGET
Shelves-furniture	5.000
Computers and network equipment	3.750
Total	EURO 8.750

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 3 MONTH	BUDGET
One-time expenses	8.750
Current expenses for 3 months	20.524,71
Total in Euro	30.274,71

3. Community Center Jerusalem

Key facts and current situation in Jerusalem



Jerusalem is a city in the Judean Mountains between the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea with around 925,000 inhabitants. Many ancient and modern cultures meet in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem are so many organizations and churches that a community Center for the grass root community, would be very helpful. Even if the city is by now not that primary affected, this will change after the counter offensive at Gaza very soon, through the Hisbollah attacks. Also are many people from different city's seeking shelter in Jerusalem. The ministry among the former ultra-orthodox people, which have the highest suicide rate in Israel, are looking for place of shelter for this target group. Jerusalem is and will always be a very strategic place, whether for the local community or for the volunteers, who are coming to help. The local messianic believers, who have no building in all Jerusalem by now for this purpose, made this need very clear. I think in the midst of all of this Christian organizations and churches, who are owning the most properties in Israel, the reality shows us, that we need the connection to the grassroots and natives. From our perspective, also regarding disaster relief operations, this place would be very crucial.

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 3 MONTH	BUDGET
One-time expenses	8.750
Current expenses for 3 months	20.524,71
Total in Euro	36.274,71

Additional:

There are also possibility's in Beersheba (especially for the Beduin communities) and also Tel Aviv (a lot of resources and people who are looking for shelter)

Help for the refugees and war affected people in Gaza



We have very good contacts on the ground to 1.800 believers in Gaza strip, through Palestinian pastors in Berlin, Germany. From our information, there are hiding now in the churches and seeking shelter. Also, there are lacking a lot of necessary stuff, as at the moment nothing is coming through the borders. But this will change very soon, especially at the Egypt border Rafah.

Our Executive Director for the middle East, Moody Beshai, originally from Egypt, is going tomorrow to Egypt, to check the situation at the borders. We are very closely connected to the evangelical Alliance in Egypt and are already mobilizing a team of volunteers, to provide humanitarian aid and assistance to those in need in Gaza. Our director is also going into Gaza territory and connected to the body of Christ there already. Together with the Egyptian team, they want to provide strategic and effective help for the needy. The idea is to open a community center in that region, we are not sure yet, where this will take place, but it will be good, to channelize the goods and to have some quality assurance on the ground.

Including travel expenses we can count approximately 40 thousand dollars for the next 3 month, to set up the whole infrastructure for 3 months.

