



We Lead the Jewish Response to Crisis



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OUR WORK

We Lead The Jewish Response to Global Crises

...because emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time.

We are always ready to mobilize. And we're motivated by the Jewish value of tikkun olam to leave the world better than we found it.

We are the Jewish hands who help communities of all backgrounds and faiths rebuild. When a typhoon, earthquake, or man-made disaster strikes, we leverage a century of experience and join arms with other rescue and relief organizations to bring immediate humanitarian relief for Jews and non-Jews alike in their toughest moments.

And we know the importance of promoting resilience and rebuilding the community—not just the roads. That's why we stay in communities to help people chart a new future, rebuild a sustainable local economy, and prepare to weather the next storm or crisis.

For JDC, crisis response goes beyond emergencies. It's slow-moving crises like endemic poverty, food insecurity, and the plight of refugees that bring out our best. We deploy the best of Israeli innovation and expertise in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and support Jewish communities from Greece to the Philippines on social action initiatives that are lifting lives every day.

Responding to crisis calls for compassionate action.
That's what we do best.

It's why the future needs us now.

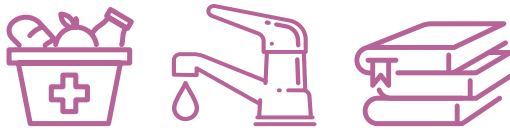
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*All statistics as of June 2019

All proof points are illustrative and do not represent all of JDC's programs

68 COUNTRIES WHERE JDC HAS RESPONDED to a disaster or other crisis.

The December 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami was one of the world's deadliest natural disasters, affecting 11 countries, killing over 227,000 people, and displacing as many as five million. World Jewry rallied in response, enabling JDC to raise over \$19 million for its aid program.



Both immediate relief and longer-term recovery projects were implemented in cooperation with local and international partners in four of the hardest-hit countries—India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand—and are estimated to have reached half a million people. We also trained a network of disaster-relief and risk-mitigation professionals.



JDC responded quickly to the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, raising some \$8.7 million dollars for programs that impacted the lives of over 300,000 Haitians.

We partnered with NGOs based in Haiti, Israel, and North America to address medical needs and provide clean water, food, shelter kits, physical and psychological rehabilitation services, vocational training, leadership development, and quality educational opportunities through new model schools.



The two earthquakes that struck Nepal in April and May 2015 affected over a quarter of the population. JDC worked with global and locally based partners to provide medical equipment and other emergency supplies, and deliver food aid and shelter materials to the displaced in both urban and rural areas before the onset of the monsoon rains. Longer-term efforts included post-trauma counseling and capacity building for teachers and local community leaders, as well as livelihood recovery initiatives that have strengthened at-risk women and vulnerable families.

A Future for Subsistence Farmers



Crises aren't always hurricanes or typhoons. Sometimes the worst ones are slow-moving and silent, virtually invisible to an outsider.

That's a truth second-generation Ethiopian farmer Mudin Mekuria knows all too well. He has spent much of his life tirelessly working his farm to support his wife and seven children. Unfortunately, his land is dry, sand-like, mineral-poor, and lacking a modern water supply system.

Just one of the 85 percent of Ethiopians who are smallholder farmers, Mudin has long struggled to make his crops grow. For these agriculturalists, the intergenerational cycle of poverty is exacerbated by a lack of access to basic farming fundamentals: the capital to buy

what they need, the modern technology that can help improve yield and generate income, and the connection to a fair marketplace to ultimately sell their goods.

That's where JDC's Tikkun Olam Ventures program (TOV) comes in.

Launched in October 2018, TOV aims to lift Ethiopia's most vulnerable farmers out of poverty through a philanthropic loan fund that provides fairly priced loans, Israeli agritech and training, and access to new markets for crops.

To enhance productivity, farmers are given access to irrigation and fertilization systems, and hybrid seeds designed to help grow tomatoes, onions, cabbages, and hot peppers.

Mudin was the first farmer to sign up for TOV.

“All of the tomato plots in my area were heavily infected with viruses, but in my plot, I’ve produced salable tomatoes thanks to this new method. That’s proof to me,” he said. “I believe this technology will change the entire community.”

To help tackle the problem of capital for these farmers, the self-sustaining loan program enables the farmers to purchase the AgTech seeds, equipment, and technical support they need to increase their yields. Local farmers’ unions and agribusinesses also help the farmers get fair prices for their produce in previously untapped markets, like hotels, universities, and prisons. Repaid loans then go back into the loan fund, to be used by farmers in additional locations.

Starting with a two-year pilot program in Ethiopia, TOV launched with seven demonstration sites and more than 30 farmers. It is set to expand to provide loans to agricultural enterprises supporting 300–400 farmers, with the goal of reaching 4,000–5,000 Ethiopian farmers over a five-year period, benefiting more than 25,000 people overall.

Today, TOV is already changing lives.

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“Since JDC brought this technology to us, we’ve conserved manpower and increased our yield. It’s helped fulfill our needs,” said Endale Tadesse Wakjira, TOV farmer and manager of Tatak Lesira, a youth farming cooperative. “Moving

forward, we believe the technology will only help us more in the future.”

By literally starting with the root of the problem, JDC is tackling this region’s quiet crisis of poverty by providing a path to independence and financial stability for farmers and their families.



JDC doesn’t wait for problems to turn into disasters — it intervenes and invests in Africa’s future with long-term, tactical solutions, leading people like Mudin toward a better future.

“Our family is happy,” said Mesai Aweke, the wife and daughter-in-law of TOV farmers. “We’re living a better life.”