COVID-19: A GLOBAL RESPONSE TO A GLOBAL CRISIS

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended societies and economies worldwide and led to the tragic loss of millions of lives. In the face of these challenges, JDC remained a force for stability and continued it work uninterrupted. With the invaluable support of our partners and funders, JDC adjusted and expanded it operations for the new reality and launched new programs to respond to this unprecedented crisis. Here is a snapshot of our response so far.

THE CARE CONTINUES — SAFELY

For the more than 80,000 isolated and at-risk elderly Jews JDC serves in the former Soviet Union (FSU), the pandemic has made a difficult situation worse. To continue providing aid safely, JDC instituted new protocols to protect both clients and homecare workers.

PPE DISTRIBUTED TO HOMECARE WORKERS:



10.340.000

Total personal protective equipment (PPE)



66.340.000

Gloves, caps, robes, and other protective gear



190.000 Sanitizers, soap wipes, etc

123,000+ CALLS

JDC opened volunteer and professionally staffed hotlines to ensure quarantined elderly had human contact



Over 200 homecare workers were able to reach clients by private transportation when public transportation was not available

SOCIAL WELFARE SUPPORT

When the pandemic struck, we leveraged existing infrastructure to provide support to these front-line responders.



504 staffers at Hesed, **Jewish Family** Service, and volunteer centers across the FSU participated in 13 online trainings designed to maintain essential



Jewish communities across Europe

received guidance and the support of a robust professional network from online sessions offered by the European Council of Jewish social services and build resilience Communities in partnership with JDC



professionals from community leaders from seven countries across Latin America participated in a JDC-organized

network to share best practices and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable

AIDING FAMILIES

The pandemic pushed thousands of Jewish families into economic distress and left those already struggling with even greater challenges.



1.600

Thousands of families across 14 countries in Europe, Argentina, Morocco and Tunisia, received monthly aid from the Relief Fund; since May 2020, the Fund has disbursed \$1,080,000



700

Jewish families in Argentina had their needs met by JDC in partnership with the country's main Jewish community care organizations



9.000

children and families in 27 countries received monthly financial aid for food. medicine and other basics

IN ISRAEL, A **COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE**

When coronavirus hit Israel in March. it set off two parallel crises: one medical, and one humanitarian. With the Government of Israel and other major partners, JDC worked around the clock to address the needs of thousands of Israelis, ensuring populations on the margins and the organizations that serve them were not left behind



80% of JDC's Israel programs were moved to remote platforms within a few days of



older adults were provided with basic needs and services



the crisis

5,400

Holocaust survivors were paired with volunteers who maintained daily contact and provided additional services where needed





throughout Israel



reports and 9 in-depth consultations about thepandemic's affect were provided to the Government of Israel by the Myers-JDC-Brookdale Research Institute



53.3 million

first-of-its-kind NGO grant fund was founded by JDC



million in stipends and rent subsidies was distributed to some 2,500 young adult students in Israel who have no family support

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Strong community has proven vital during the pandemic, both as a safeguard against isolation and a powerful tool for sharing knowledge and building identity and leadership. That's why JDC has continued to leverage its expertise to support Jewish communities worldwide.



600

European top community professionals and lay leaders from 39 countries took part in an e-Summit that strengthened collaboration and resilience in times

of COVID-19



973

volunteers took active part in online activities for elderly and children at-risk



791

children in need received free schools supplies in September, thanks to a Volunteer Center campaign that spanned five countries. They raised double the amount from the previous year.



Over 32,000

people reached by 6,000 volunteers

TIKKUN OLAM IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

Guided by our Jewish values, JDC's COVID-19 response also meets emerging humanitarian needs in the developing world.



15.200

people in Ethiopia and Indonesia accessed handwashing stations for improved hygiene



people in India

in Ethiopia and and Indonesia Indonesia were received food and hygiene kits

reached by a JDC-supported social media campaign focused on hand washing

Data reporting periods may vary by region or program. All figures as of January 2021. For the latest on our COVID-19 response, visit JDC.org/coronavirusupdates