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**Summary of KKL-JNF activities during the "Iron Swords" war**

In line with the decisions made by the Board of Directors at the onset of the 'Iron Swords' war, the various KKL-JNF divisions have been carrying out a variety of relief activities for citizens in the north and south of Israel.

These activities express KKL-JNF's commitment to Israeli society, to the residents living in the north and south, and to the State of Israel. It is important to emphasize that all the activities have been and are being done in accordance with Home Front Command directives.

**Below is a breakdown of the activities, by division:**

**The Education and Community Division:**

Since the Iron Swords war began, the education division staff have evacuated more than 3,000 residents from the south to 12 temporary accommodations in other parts of the country: Givat Haviva, Kinar Galilee Hotel, Nordia Hostel, Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Shachareet, Ulpenat Tzvia, Shalom Hotel, Jerusalem Gate Hotel, Kibbutz Tzova, Grand Court Hotel, Jordan River Village and Midreshet HaGolan Hispinin – all while ensuring their continued safety and well-being.

In addition, the division has been holding educational activities at each center, allowing the families a bit of respite. The children have benefitted from the enrichment and moments of peace and joy to counter the distress of this difficult time:

✓ Approx. 130 activities led by 130 instructors, have been held for more than 4,000 residents at 52 accomodations throughout the country.

✓ KKL-JNF's field and forest centers (in Lavie, Tzipori and Yatir) received and are still receiving families from the south, and also soldiers stationed in those areas. Each center is operated with the approvals of the Home Front Command.

✓ Youth from KKL-JNF's educational programs have been visiting hospitals to cheer up the wounded, and sending flowers to wounded patients in medical centers throughout the country.

✓ The trainees participating in KKL-JNF programs at pre-military academies have been assisting in the reception of evacuated families from the south, running games and activities for evacuated children and toddlers, clearing out and cleaning neglected shelters, and collecting food and equipment for the southern communities.

✓ Youth at Risk Department: hundreds of teenagers have been volunteering with evacuees in a variety of ways: giving haircuts, conducting educational activities and riding lessons for children, collecting and distributing supplies and equipment to the residents of the south, distributing equipment to soldiers, sending flowers to the wounded in the hospitals, sorting donations, clearing shelters, assisting the elderly, and so on.

✓ We have run more than 40 activities for people with special needs living in protected accommodation.

**Land Development Administration:**

Implementation of the decisions of the board of directors to transfer funds to the southern communities, as follows:

❖ Transfer of 1 million NIS to 9 local authorities and regional councils in the Gaza Envelope (Otef Aza):

• Local Authorities: Ashkelon, Ofakim, Sderot, Netivot

• Regional Councils: Eshkol, Sdot Negev, Sha'ar HaNegev, Hof Ashkelon, Merhavim.

❖ Transfer of 200,000 NIS for the benefit of equipping emergency preparedness squads in communities near the Gaza border (45 communities in all, amounting to 9,000,000 NIS in total):

* Eshkol Regional Council: 11 communities at a distance of 0-4 km from the border, 12 communities at a distance of 4-7 km.
* Sdot Negev Regional Council: 2 communities at a distance of 0-4 km, 6 communities at a distance of 4-7 km.
* Sha’ar HaNegev Regional Council: 7 communities at a distance of 0-4 km, 2 communities at a distance of 4-7 km.
* Hof Ashkelon Regional Council: 4 communities at a distance of 0-4 km, 1 community at a distance of 4-7 km.

❖ A transfer of 200,000 NIS to equip emergency preparedness teams in other places (85 communities in the north and 3 additional communities in the south, equaling 17,600,000 NIS in total).

**The Resource Development and External Affairs Division:**

The division has worked and is still working vigorously to raise funds to assist communities in the south – the Otef in particular, in accordance with decisions made by the KKL-JNF Board of Directors.

Over the past two weeks, the RDEA division has raised about 22 million NIS from its Friends around the world (not including the USA), detailed as follows:

✓ Approx. 10 million NIS raised for the purchase of 15 military ambulances (in conjunction with the Association for Israel's Soldiers). The ambulances are designed for the Gaza Envelope and the south.

✓ The division raised about 2 million NIS for the evacuation of Otef residents undertaken by the KKL-JNF Education Division (matched funds for reimbursement).

✓ About 3.5 million NIS raised to provide assistance for the 9 councils, following the decision of the board of directors (matched funds reimbursement will be carried out by the Land Development Administration (LDA)).

✓ About 1 million NIS raised (in matched funds) to aid the emergency preparedness units in the Gaza Envelope (reimbursement of the above implemented by LDA).

✓ 1.7 million NIS raised for the Resilience Center in Sderot.

✓ 3.5 million NIS raised for general aid to the south - not yet allocated