**Reviving the Land, Restoring Hope: Agricultural Renewal in Southern Israel**

**KKL-JNF is developing new agricultural fields in the vicinity of the Gaza Strip, helping Israeli communities hit by the October 7th attacks back on their feet and returning optimism to the region.**

In the aftermath of the Iron Swords War that commenced with the horrible October 7th terror attacks, the fertile lands of the Eshkol Regional Council, situated near the Gaza Strip border, faced unprecedented devastation. Greenhouses that once thrived with life were reduced to piles of rubbish, and vast stretches of agricultural fields lay in ruin.

The scars of conflict have deeply impacted the resilient Israeli communities who call this land home.

**A Vision for Renewal and Hope**

But where there is devastation, there is also the potential for renewal and hope. Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael - Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF), in partnership with the Eshkol Regional Council, is spearheading an ambitious project to breathe life back into these lands.

Recognizing the urgent need to restore agricultural productivity, KKL-JNF's board has approved a comprehensive plan to develop agricultural fields spanning 1,200 dunams across two phases.

**Phase I** will see the transformation of 740 dunams, followed by an additional 460 dunams in **Phase II**. This initiative is not just about cultivating crops—it’s about cultivating hope.

**From Conflict to Cultivation**

The land, once an IDF training ground, has been meticulously cleared of munitions, and its designation as a fire zone has been lifted. This opens the door for a new era of sustainable agriculture, where the community can reconnect with their roots and rebuild their lives.

Notably, the ecological benefits of this project are significant. By restoring these agricultural fields, we are not only providing the residents with a vital source of income and redeveloping the region but also fostering biodiversity and strengthening the local ecosystem.

The renewal of these lands will contribute to soil health, promote sustainable farming practices, and enhance the region’s overall environmental resilience.

**Your support makes a difference**

By investing in the agricultural renewal of the Eshkol Regional Council, you are helping to restore the land, empower the local communities, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of this vital region.

**KKL-JNF invites you to join us in turning the scars of war into fields of growth and prosperity.**