

Kedma – Youth Village

School Building Renovation

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The School

- Kedma, near Kiryat Gat is a unique youth village, a home for girls and boys from all over the country. They have dropped out of the school system at various stages and are deprived of a real home or family.
- Most have learning-disabilities, behavioral problems and emotional difficulties combined with a weak family home front and are defined by the authorities as at high-risk youth.
- Not few of them have experienced juvenile delinquency, alcohol and narcotics addiction, sexual violence (also domestic) and domestic violence. Most of the pupils in Kedma arrive there following court rulings.
- Kedma is their refuge, their new home, and their last opportunity before they are sent to closed juvenile welfare facilities.
- The village is currently home to about 100 children, aged 13 to 18 years old.
- The peaceful life and atmosphere in the village, the personal care and attention, the detachment from the street and the family environment, the educational and study frameworks allow Kedma children a developmental process of changing behavior patterns, building motivation, achievement in learning, growth and personal empowerment.
- Some extracurricular activities include agriculture, horseback riding, carpentry, baking, etc.
- One of the most successful and life-changing projects that Kedma hosts is **the Kedma-Israeli Air Force (IAF)-Intel robotics program**. Pupils at Kedma that participate in this program enroll into the Israeli air force as technicians for their mandatory military service after finishing school, and after their full military service they are granted a job at Intel.



The Renovation Project

An extensive new buildings and renovation project of the whole educational campus facilities (new classrooms, laboratories, social activity spaces, and other facilities - separate from the school itself) is in planning (already funded and approved). Two major philanthropic foundations (The Gerald & Gail Ronson Family Foundation and Rashi Foundation) and Israeli private donors will fund this expansion.



As part of this larger scale project, Keren Hajessod Schweiz will fund in 2022 the full renovation of the existing school building at Kedma. In addition, Keren Hajessod will fund the renovation of a dormitory, that will enable Kedma to host twelve additional children.

- The total budget required for the renovation of the school is approx. 1,400,000 CHF. *
- The dormitory renovation budget is approx. 280,000 CHF.*

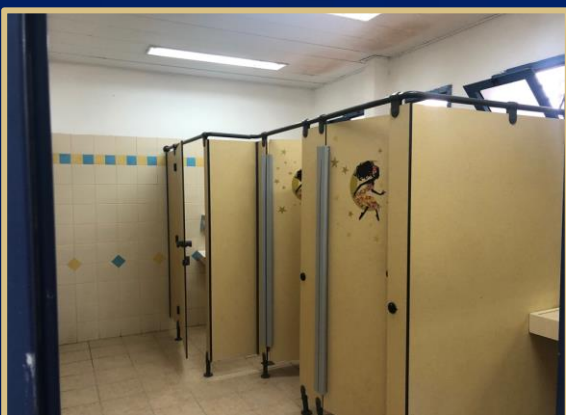
*detailed budget will be provided upon request

We are appealing to our major supporters to partner with us in funding this important social impact project. We are hopeful that this partnership will enable us to bring the project to completion, while keeping the same level of support to other projects that are regularly funded by Keren Hajessod Schweiz.

Thank you for your support!

Appendix – School renovation plans

Current situation



Planned result



Your Impact - 2022

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Thanks to your partnership in 2021:

