

## SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF HAMAS ATROCITIES IN THE NEGEV REGION

MASLAN - EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR  
VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE

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### SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

Keren Hayesod invites you to partner in our mission to assist victims of the Hamas atrocities in Israel's southern Negev region. Your generous contribution of \$21,000 will support Keren Hayesod programs to strengthen the populations of Israel's war-torn communities and help one woman heal from trauma and rebuild her life through Maslan's programs. Together, we can make a lasting impact, bringing solace to those whose lives have been forever altered by war and enhance the national resilience of the citizens of Israel.

For over 100 years, Keren Hayesod has supported millions in Israel and globally through our global partners to strengthen communities, assist youth at-risk, integrate immigrants, and respond to crises. During difficult times in Israel, world Jewry has always stood in solidarity with its citizens who were affected by terror, including people who suffer physical and/or emotional harm.

As harrowing images and heart-wrenching stories continue to emerge in the aftermath of the October 7th terror attack and ensuing war, the level of trauma looms large for the survivors, especially in Israel's southern Negev region. The impact of war on both individuals and families experiencing sexual trauma and assault is profound. Psychological scars, compounded by the traumas of conflict, demand urgent and comprehensive intervention in order to prevent prolonged phases of post-traumatic responses.

Keren Hayesod is committed to rebuilding the emotional resilience of survivors, their families, and their communities. One organisation that is partnering with us to achieve this goal is Maslan, the Negev's Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Centre, which has been offering routine and emergency assistance to victims of sexual assault and violence and their families in the south of Israel for over 30 years. **Since the brutal Hamas attack, Maslan has been treating survivors from Kiryat Gat to Eilat. Unfortunately, 30% of their budget was cut, putting a severe strain on its ability to provide this urgent support.**

Maslan's team of paid trauma specialists and **300** volunteers currently manage over **150** cases.

**61%** of the cases are related to the October 7<sup>th</sup> massacre.

Service is provided **24/7** through an emergency hotline in **eight different** languages

**45** therapy sessions a year for each woman

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS

Maslan provides survivors and their families a personalised holistic package, encompassing both physical and mental resilience, alongside intensive mental support. It prioritises practical support alongside emotional care and offers personalised guidance and medical and legal assistance such as:

- A dedicated case manager who provides round-the-clock care and support.
- 24 hour/ 7 days a week support on our hotline
- Individual emotional assistance, therapy and advanced crisis treatments such as EMDR.
- Weekly support groups and alternative individual/group treatments (psychotherapy, group therapy, a mothers and daughter's group, yoga, art therapy, etc)
- Legal support and victim rights enforcement