

## The Foundation during the Swords of Iron War: An Emergency Routine with Winds of Hope

2024 was characterized as a year of shock, insecurity and uncertainty, throughout the country but particularly in the north, where residents were evacuated. At the time of writing the report, a prospect of return of all hostages was opened, the mass mobilization of reserve forces is expected to be reduced, casualties are being rehabilitated and tens of thousands of evacuees in the south and in the northern envelope of Israel who have not returned to their homes yet look forward to doing so. While the Tkuma Administration has started the rehabilitation effort in the south, rehabilitation plans in the north are still in their infancy.

We are witnessing impressive civil leadership and solidarity, exceptional endurance and resilience of organizations in the north, the business sector and civil society, action and leadership by local authorities and clusters. Alongside this, polarization and extremism in Israeli society is intensifying and the undermining of Israel's Jewish-Democratic character is continuing. We believe that the divide may result in a better reality forming. We face challenging years of work together, rehabilitating and developing Galilee, strengthening democratic culture, education and socioeconomic resilience in Israel.

Beyachad - The Carasso Family Foundation has been working since 2015 for equal opportunities and mobility for diverse populations, by investing in developing and strengthening regional infrastructures and growth engines, at the meeting point between education, technology and employment. This is all in the service of inclusive growth that leads to increased productivity and socioeconomic resilience in Israel, with an emphasis on Galilee. The Foundation also invests in strengthening Israel as a Jewish and democratic state in the spirit of the Declaration of Independence.

## Overarching Objective

### Our Support Channels

- ✓ Social organizations that are making a difference in their fields
- ✓ Regional and local cross-sector partnerships
- ✓ Businesses leading responsibility for human capital development
- ✓ Changing public policy, development of applied knowledge and harnessing resources

**In the year of war, we adapted ourselves to a changing reality, and to preparations for rebuilding Galilee during the war and on the day after.**

- ✓ Shifting of activity and resources from routine to emergency missions
- ✓ Initiation of activity and cooperation relevant to the task, while enrolling resources for key programs
- ✓ Providing emergency grants and raising resources from additional parties
- ✓ Active involvement in regional moves for developing resources and changing policy

## 2024 in Numbers

### The activities we support

- 12** partnerships for promoting education and employment
- 1** Galilee AgriFood Tech Valley Association
- 2** ECOSTEM21 from kindergarten to employment
- 1** STEM-COP national learning community
- 1** regional leadership program

- 17,900** participants in vocational training and programs
- 30** grants for impact generating social organizations
- 2** grants for advancing liberal democracy
- 5** family personal grants
- 5** Extended family grants

### Programs' Partners

- 10** government ministries
- 62** local authorities and regional clusters
- 208** businesses
- 166** civil society organizations
- 63** colleges, universities and research institutes
- 43** philanthropic foundations
- 1** Carasso Family Office and joint donation with the extended Carasso Family



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# Engines for Inclusive Growth in Galilee: in peacetime and times of emergencies

## Advancement of Tel Hai University as an anchor for regional growth



- A planning grant for establishing a regional development and governability institute in Tel Hai University.

## Promoting scientific-technological education



- Kiryat Shmona-ECOSTEM partnership- advancing scientific technological education for approximately 4500 of Kiryat Shmona's evacuated children.

## Promoting industry and quality employment



- FoodTechies – the Galilee training program led by the Agrifood-Tech Center in Galilee, Tel-Hai and Elevation Company: training of a food tech process technologist and food tech regulation training.
- Kibbutz industry partnership in the Zionism 2000 Flywheel project: strengthening of resilience for ensuring business continuity of kibbutz industry factories in the north and south at 41 kibbutz factories employing approximately 5,000 workers.

## Strengthening of leadership and developing education and employment-oriented regional resources:



- Partnering in forming Northern Foundations Forum, while increasing the philanthropic attention to the challenges of the north.
- The GalilEast leadership program for training of local leaders of change in eastern Galilee - a second cohort is beginning.
- Initiating the "Community Resilience" partnership for approximately 20,000 residents of Kiryat Shmona evacuated to approximately 500 places around the country.
- Partnering in a returning home project led by Spirit of the Galilee, to strengthen individual and community resilience and to support the return of residents of the northern frontier moshav members to their homes, as young people involved in and leading change in their communities.
- The Matzpinim Initiative, which the Foundation was one of the first to support, is advancing and growing as a civil organization of Galilee residents who are aiming to influence the municipal and national strategy and action plans in Galilee.
- Partnering in the activity of the forum of municipal foundations for establishing municipal and regional foundations in the north.

## Advancing Local Democracy and Civil Education



- Partnering in the civil education and democratic culture foundations – forming "the adult figure"
- Civil education in high schools – embarking on implementation in 4 education networks
- The Zumu Slon.Na project served as a cultural, artistic and social meeting point for many communities nationwide. It visited 24 localities around the country, with approximately 30,000 people visiting it, evacuees and

## Our Connection to the SDG

Decent work and economic growth



High quality education



Zero hunger



Responsible consumption and production



Reduced inequalities



Industry, innovation and infrastructure

