SID Israel in Numbers

**The Society for International Development - SID Israel** is an umbrella organization of over 127 Israeli nonprofits, private companies, government agencies, and academic programs that actively work in the fields of humanitarian aid and international development. Our mission is to advance Israeli engagement in the economic, social, and humanitarian spheres in the developing world and to contribute to the sustainable growth of developing countries.

SID Israel is the local branch of SID International, a worldwide forum for professionals and institutions working in sustainable development since 1957. Due to its global reach and unique perspective, SID serves as a special consultant to many UN and international governing bodies.

SID Israel has 129 members, including:

32 civil society organizations

55 commercial companies

24 educational programs and institutions

5 government ministries

35 in the health sector

16 in the agriculture sector

44 in education and community development

3 in the renewable energy sector

5 in the water and sanitation sector

25 in diverse sectors of economics, real estate, logistics, and more

12,000 followers on social media

8,000 recipients of our newsletter

2,500 participants in our activities over the course of the year

**SID Israel aspires to:**

**Create Policy Change and Public Outreach** to increase the commitment and support of the Israeli government and society and Jewish communities worldwide in the fields of international aid and development.

**Raise awareness** regarding the importance of Israeli engagement in developing countries and the value of humanitarian aid and development through public activities and educational programs among all sectors of society.

**Build professional capacities** within Israeli civil society, the private sector, and government through academic programs and training courses as well as global networking.

**Provide a platform for knowledge exchange and experience sharing** for Israeli organizations and firms, and facilitate cross-sectoral collaborations in the developing world.

**Build bridges** and connections between Jewish communities around the world, focusing on Jewish values of *tikkun olam*.

1. Policy and Public Outreach

Our policy and outreach efforts are aimed at increasing the commitment and involvement of Israeli government bodies in international development and humanitarian aid activities.

A significant number of Israeli innovations are in the fields of agriculture, water, energy, and medicine; these fields are all of the utmost importance for the developing world. Better assimilation of Israeli technologies and solutions in these markets can contribute to the improvement of the socioeconomic level of local communities and strengthen the ties between Israel and developing countries, while corresponding with sustainable development goals (SDGs).

With that in mind, in October 2017 SID Israel launched "Israeli Global Impact 2030," a cross-sector strategic thinking process that aims to develop recommendations for the Israeli government on amplifying Israel’s involvement and impact in the developing world. The process is driven by the assumption that only multi-sector collaboration — between government, the private sector, and civil society organizations — can create meaningful impact for sustainable development.

In line with our efforts and following countless meetings with members of Knesset and government officials, on July 23, 2018 the Israeli government passed an historic resolution that aims to strengthen Israeli engagement in international development as a long-term government strategy. An inter-ministerial committee has been established to accomplish this aim, headed by the Director-General of the Prime Minister’s Office, who will be given the responsibility of promoting and coordinating Israeli activity in international development.

0.010% of Israel’s GNP has been earmarked for foreign aid, one-ninth of the amount that is customary in the OECD

500 people answered a public opinion survey on the subject

Four key guiding questions

**Partnership with the Office of the President.**

The President of the State of Israel, Mr. Reuben (Ruvi) Rivlin has been a champion of our agenda, described above, and has supported a variety of initiatives to make international development a priority for Israel and Jewish communities around the world. This support was highlighted at the “Impact for Good” conference organized by SID Israel during the president’s historic visit to Ethiopia in May 2018.

The delegation to Ethiopia focused on cross-sector partnerships to create positive impact in Ethiopia and Africa as a whole. Expanding Israeli economic and social activities in developing nations requires a new approach, one that highlights cooperation and collaboration while acknowledging the immense potential of cross-sector collaboration between Israeli and Jewish civil society NGOs, private companies, and the government.

As part of the above-mentioned partnership, SID Israel hosted a public forum at the President’s Residence during which we presented further findings of the “Israeli Global Impact 2030” thinking process. The forum provided a platform for representatives of various sectors to summarize the conclusions of the process, which will soon be submitted in a report to the prime minister and the president.

165 attendees were invited to the “Impact for Good” conference, including:

100 Israelis and representatives from the Jewish world

20 corporations

80 representatives from civil society organizations

130 participants attended the event at the President’s Residence, including:

30 government representatives

20 representatives of banks and investment funds

40 civil society organizations

40 representatives of commercial companies

1. Capacity Building

SID Israel aims to improve the professional capabilities of Israeli organizations and individuals active in humanitarian aid and development and offers a variety of cutting-edge training programs taught by leading experts in the field.

**The Israeli Center for International Humanitarian Aid Studies** — In cooperation with SID Israel, the Rabin Medical Center (Beilinson and Hasharon), and the International Program in Emergency & Disaster Management at the Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University. The center will train Israeli professionals at an international level and will enable them to smoothly integrate into humanitarian work in the developing world.

**“Breaking Boundaries”: Medical Teams in International Humanitarian Aid —**

Medical teams are vital players during humanitarian disasters, both in the initial response phase and in later stages. For the second time in Israel, experts from the United Nations will lead a comprehensive course that delivers the knowledge and practical tools that medical staff must have in order to become involved in humanitarian work around the world. Among other main themes, the course will focus on international standards for emergency medical treatment, the professional language spoken in the field by experts and employees, and collaboration between the international organizations, led by WHO, and local authorities. The course aims to provide all the information medical staff need before they depart on relief delegations.

200 participants

20 expert instructors in humanitarian aid and disaster relief studies

40 hours of training by UN experts

A database of 150 experts who meet international standards

**Graduate Program: Global Impact Studies**

In the summer of 2018, a first-of-its-kind diploma program in international development, entrepreneurship, and humanitarian aid was launched as a joint project with the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya. The program combines an interdisciplinary academic curriculum with practical hands-on learning.

22 students have graduated the program

10 scholarships awarded by the Pears Foundation

18 instructors from different content worlds

Number of hours (?)

1. Raising Awareness and Networking

We believe that real change in the Israeli approach to international development and implementation of SDGs will only come with greater public and political awareness.

Driven by this premise, we have developed an ongoing dialogue with members of the Knesset from different parties, which led to the formation of a political lobby aimed at promoting Israeli involvement in the developing world. The lobby demonstrates that international development can be an agenda supported by all parties.

A central part of our efforts to raise awareness among the Israeli public about sustainable development was the Global Impact Awards, a public initiative in partnership with one of the biggest media companies in Israel, Walla! News.

Close to 100 nominations were submitted of entrepreneurs, individuals, companies, business ventures, start-ups, impact investors, researchers, civil society organizations, and volunteers from Israel and the Jewish diaspora working in medicine, nutrition, capacity building, community development, economic entrepreneurship, and other fields.

The awards were presented at a gala ceremony attended by President of Israel Mr. Reuven (Ruvi) Rivlin, and broadcast live on Walla! News on January 16, 2019.

8 recipients of the Global Impact Awards

100 nominations

500 attendees and thousands more watching at home

Seeking to promote dialogue between public and private initiatives in Israel, and to reveal potential opportunities for Israeli firms and civil society organizations, we host targeted forums that focus on specific regions or sectors.

The **Africa: Continent of Tomorrow Series**, hostedin collaboration with Herzog, Fox & Neeman, the Israel-Africa Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers’ Association of Israel, and Pears Challenge, is a meeting point for professionals doing business in Africa and an informal platform to share lessons, foster collaboration, develop new initiatives, and explore the potential opportunities and challenges of commercializing innovative Israeli technologies across Africa in fields like agriculture, healthcare, and energy.

As part of the Africa: Continent of Tomorrow series, on January 16, 2019 we held the "Destination: Ethiopia – Exploring Business Partnerships — Ethio-Israel Business-to-Business Conference."

450 guests took part in the series

Dozens of collaborations were created as a result of the forum

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**Southeast Asia Forum**

As part of a joint initiative with Ernst & Young, the largest accounting firm in Israel, on October 30 we hosted the Southeast Asia forum, a first-of-its-kind event to discuss the possible effects of Israel’s impact in Southeast Asia. The purpose of the forum is to familiarize its members with the region and the characteristics of Southeast Asian economies from cultural, geopolitical, economic, business, developmental, and social perspectives, in order to discuss opportunities for commercial companies and civil society organizations to integrate into these countries through activities and partnerships that address global challenges.

90 guests took part in the forum

4 ambassadors and economic attaches attended

20 “speed-dating” sessions were held