

Leket Israel

Leket Israel is the largest food rescue organization in Israel. Its vision calls for rescuing all edible surplus food and redistributing it to people in Israel who are experiencing food insecurity.

The organization operates an expansive logistics center, employs more than 100 people, and engages tens of thousands of volunteers in its charitable activities. In 2019, Leket Israel rescued approximately 2.2 million prepared meals from IDF army bases, hotels, catering companies and other sources, as well as 15,500 tons of surplus fruit and vegetables donated directly by agricultural producers. Each

week, the surplus food is distributed to approximately 175,000 people in need, through Leket's network of 200 partner NPOs operating throughout all regions of Israel. The needy populations receiving the rescued food lack not only regular access to healthy food but also knowledge and awareness of good nutrition and its impact on health. For this reason, in 2019, Leket Israel nutritionists conducted 80 workshops on healthy nutrition on a limited budget to benefit the needy. Leket Israel monitors the quality of all rescued food, both in terms of ensuring optimal conditions for food safety and maintaining nutritional value.



Ministry of Environmental Protection

The Ministry of Environmental Protection (MoEP) works to protect the environment and public health by promoting laws, regulations, and standards, while also supervising their implementation and enforcement. MoEP also operates under binding international conventions. Its areas of responsibility include air quality, waste management, supervision of hazardous materials, protection of natural resources and the marine environment, and more. Public participation in protecting the environment takes the form of informational campaigns, education, publication of detailed professional information, and support for measures taken by municipalities, institutions and civil society organizations involved in promoting environmental protection.

The MoEP operates on three levels: At the national level, the ministry is responsible for formulating

integrated and comprehensive national policy and for developing strategies, standards, and priorities for environmental protection. At the district level, it operates through geographical districts that are responsible for the implementation of national environmental policies, as adapted to the unique environmental characteristics and needs of localities in the district. At the local level, the ministry supports more than 50 environmental units in towns, cities and municipal associations. The work done by these environmental units serves to connect the objectives of national environmental policy to day-to-day activities in the field at the local level.

The Ministry of Environmental Protection promotes waste prevention at the source and encourages the transition to a circular economy.



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