



Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute projects related to the Israel-Hamas War

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1.	Mothers of young children during the 2023 Israel-Hamas War: Experiences, needs, and responses	Myers-JDC-Brookdale is carrying out both a rapid-response national survey and a social media analysis to assess the needs of young mothers who are left on the home front while their spouses have been mobilized. Findings will help tailor GOI and civil sector support and services for approximately 100,000 mothers and their children and one-quarter of all non-ultra-Orthodox Jewish families with young children in Israel.	Inter-team work (Quality Assurance, Children, Youth and Young Adults, Employment)
2.	Occupational Allowances and Benefits: Promoting Employment During Times of War	The Ministry of Labor has tasked MJB to conduct a comprehensive review of individual occupational allowances and benefits, to streamline administrative processes and promote employment during times of war. This mapping initiative is designed to provide	Inter-team work (Economics Service, Employment)

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		<p>decision-makers at the Ministry of Labor with essential data, allowing them to mitigate the impact of the war on the Israeli labor market.</p>	
3.	<p>In the Shadow of the Israel-Hamas War – The Impact of Loss and Bereavement on Families and Communities: A Literature Review</p>	<p>MJB has compiled a literature review that covers key principles and best practices for addressing loss and grief, especially during times of national crises and emergencies. In addition, in-depth interviews with experts in Israel and worldwide were conducted to gain deeper insights.</p> <p>This review will provide policymakers with practical strategies and interventions for managing wartime loss and bereavement. It will help them better navigate the current situation and support the well-being of those who have experienced loss.</p>	<p>Inter-team work (Children, Youth and Young Adults, Aging)</p>
4.	<p>Mapping Needs and Responses in Displaced Centers Across Israel</p>	<p>Tens of thousands of Israelis from the southern and northern borders have been displaced from their homes due to the war. MJB researchers are interviewing people at displaced persons centers across the country to identify the needs and gaps in services and help the Ministry of Education tailor effective</p>	<p>Inter-team work (Social Inclusion, Outcomes)</p>

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		educational responses to maintain a learning continuum for displaced children and youth.	
5.	Afternoon Programs for At-Risk Children	MJB was commissioned by JDC-Ashalim to conduct an extensive literature review on the operation of afternoon programs for at-risk children. In the ongoing war, this literature review aims to equip policymakers and operators of after-school programs for at-risk children with essential information to guide their current operations and preparedness for emergencies in the future.	Inter-team work (Children, Youth and Young Adults, Quality Assurance)
6.	Family Member Caregivers during the Israel-Hamas War	The research aims to facilitate the most effective response during this period and enhance our understanding of the needs and necessary responses in various emergencies in the future.	Inter-team work (Disabilities, Aging)
7.	The Challenges and Responses of the Israeli Health System During the 2023 Israel-Hamas War:	Israel is demonstrating a well-prepared, strong, and effective health system response in the face of mass casualties. MJB, on behalf of the Israel Ministry of Health and the national health plans, is presenting the challenges and responses of the Israeli health system during the war to health system experts in Europe and	Health Policy

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	Telling the Story in English and in real-time	North America interested in learning how they can adapt Israeli solutions and communication infrastructures in times of crisis. Presentations are also being made to medical professionals in Jewish federations and communities interested in following the inspiring work of their Israeli counterparts.	
8.	Needs Assessment in The Mental Health Field Following the Israel-Hamas War	In partnership with Clalit Health Services, MJB is currently conducting a survey within the adult general population in Israel. This initiative utilizes a comprehensive questionnaire, equipped with tools to assess mental well-being and identify symptoms of depression, anxiety, and trauma. The research outcomes will empower health funds and the Ministry of Health to dynamically adjust the range and nature of mental health services in the short and medium term. This endeavor not only addresses immediate needs but also plays a pivotal role in shaping the blueprint for a robust national mental health system in the long run.	Health Policy

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9.	The Relationship Between Jewish and Arab Employees in the Healthcare System During Times of War	The Israeli healthcare system, a vital space for collaboration between Jews and Arabs, faces challenges during times of heightened conflict. With 40% of the workforce being Arab, tensions can strain relationships, affecting the system's functionality. MJB's Health Policy Team will assess the extent of this impact, aiding the Ministry of Health, JDC Tevet, and the MAOZ-Inbar healthcare management organization in preserving a proper framework, and enhancing resilience during routine and emergencies.	Health Policy
10.	A Guide for Planning and Measurement in Emergency Situations: Children and Youth at Risk	MJB has repurposed a previously authored review, originally centered on COVID-19, to shed light on the precarious situation of children and youth at risk during times of crisis. This adaptation provides concentrated, easily accessible data, while also raising awareness among decision-makers about the detrimental effects of war, concerning child abuse and neglect.	Outcomes
11.	Mapping Characteristics, Needs, and Strengths of Children and Adolescents	The Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs is assessing the unique needs of at-risk youth during the ongoing war. MJB's Outcomes Team is actively disseminating a	Outcomes

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	at Risk in Emergency Situations	concise self-report questionnaire accessible via a link sent to the phones of at-risk youth. The research aims to guide the Ministry in adapting emotional and mental health services for personalized support during this challenging period.	
12.	The Impact of Emergency and War on Children and Adolescents at Risk in Vulnerable Situations	MJB has repurposed a previously authored review, originally centered on COVID-19, to shed light on the precarious situation of children and youth at risk during times of crisis. This adaptation provides concentrated, easily accessible data, while also raising awareness among decision-makers about the detrimental effects of war, in relation to child abuse and neglect.	Outcomes
13.	Data Collection System from Welfare Professionals During Wartime	The Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs requested MJB to develop a system for collecting vital information from social workers currently serving in evacuee hotels, out-of-home settings, and communities. This prompt acquisition of data concerning the organizational and individual requirements of the ministry's social workers during wartime will empower the ministry to enhance its operations, overcome challenges, and implement immediate improvements.	Outcomes

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14.	Evaluating and Measuring the Performance of the Bio-Psycho-Social Working Model	MJB's Outcomes Team is conducting an evaluation and performance measurement of the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs' bio-psycho-social working model. This model is structured to facilitate the coordinated efforts of all relevant entities, ensuring comprehensive care for families. This evaluation will provide valuable insights to the ministry about the model's efficiency and effectiveness, ultimately leading to enhanced family care.	Outcomes
15.	Self-Report Questionnaire for Examining the Needs of Adolescents in Out-of-Home Placements	The Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs is assessing the unique needs of at-risk youth during the ongoing war. MJB's Outcomes Team is actively disseminating a concise self-report questionnaire accessible via a link sent to the phones of at-risk youth. The research aims to guide the Ministry in adapting emotional and mental health services for personalized support during this challenging period.	Outcomes
16.	Domestic Violence During the Israel-Hamas War	The National Program for the Prevention and Treatment of Domestic Violence in the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs has enlisted the expertise of MJB's Outcomes Team for a swift survey to assess the extent	Outcomes

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		<p>of domestic violence amidst the ongoing war. The research findings will provide the national program with a current perspective on the prevalence of domestic violence during this period. Subsequently, this information will guide the program in pinpointing and offering customized solutions for populations facing heightened risks.</p>	
17.	<p>Lessons Learned in Providing Social Services During Crises and Wars</p>	<p>MJB maintains a broad international network of social service professionals and policymakers across Europe and North America. MJB researchers are communicating the social tasks and challenges faced by Israel and facilitating personal connections with professional counterparts abroad to promote exchange and help GOI professionals benefit from their lessons learned in providing social services during crisis and war. For example, how professionals after the Russian invasion of Ukraine organized and adapted social services for the local population and refugees.</p>	<p>Quality Assurance</p>

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18.	Early Childhood Centers During Emergencies	The information will help center operators to keep the centers open, adjust their activities, and assist the population during wartime.	Quality Assurance
19.	Managing Social Services in Times of War	MJB is preparing a rapid-response compilation of information on the management of social services in times of war and crisis in Israel and other OECD countries. This short handbook will help the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs access the most current knowledge and experience to quickly equip and support their professionals coping with difficult challenges in the field.	Quality Assurance
20.	The Regulation of Social Services During Emergency Times	One of the central roles of the Israel Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs is the regulation of social services provided by various professional organizations. Regulation is particularly challenging during times of crisis, but it is essential to ensure that vulnerable Israelis effectively receive the support that they need. MJB consultants are working closely with the Ministry to adapt their regulation practices during the war, based on lessons learned during the Covid pandemic.	Quality Assurance

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21.	Lessons Learned from The Treatment of Displaced Persons in Gush Katif	Lessons Learned from The Treatment of Displaced Persons in Gush Katif	Quality Assurance
22.	Lessons from the use of hotels as a housing alternative during war and emergencies	The study's findings and recommendations will form the basis for developing an emergency procedure. This procedure will assist the Ministry of Tourism and hotels in executing an orderly evacuation process and providing the best response to the housing needs of evacuees during an emergency.	Quality Assurance
23.	Data on People with Disabilities in Israel: 2023	The Israel Ministry of Justice and the Home Front Command have enlisted MJB to provide them with data and an extensive mapping of people with disabilities in Israel. The work includes analyses of unique research conducted by the Institute and secondary analyses of national databases. This information will aid the Government of Israel in effectively planning to support and protect these particularly vulnerable individuals and their families.	Disabilities

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24.	People with Disabilities in Israel during the 2023 Israel-Hamas War: Facts and Figures	MJB, in partnership with JDC Israel Unlimited, is diligently gathering vital data on customized emergency interventions for individuals with disabilities. This report will address the current lack of information and underscore the importance of consolidating this data.	Disabilities
25.	People with Disabilities within the Arab Society: Needs Assessment	The Ministry for Social Equality and JDC Israel Unlimited has commissioned MJB to examine individuals with disabilities within Arab society in Israel and their challenges in accessing available services. This study also uncovers unmet needs within Arab society and outlines the specific needs of individuals with disabilities during emergency situations. The aim is to provide policymakers and service developers with insights to craft effective interventions supporting individuals with disabilities in the Arab community during emergencies.	Disabilities
26.	Resilience of Families with Disabilities: Interventions in Emergency Situations	JDC Israel Unlimited has collaborated with MJB and requested a comprehensive mapping of the existing interventions for families of individuals with disabilities. The objective of this mapping is to attain a thorough understanding of available services while identifying	Disabilities

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		the unmet needs of these families during emergencies. This effort aims to facilitate the development of essential services for these families.	
27.	Food Support for Individuals Involved in Or Seeking to Exit Prostitution	The Israeli government has established an Inter-Ministerial Team to address the intricate challenge of prostitution, comprising the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs, and the Ministry of Health. The ongoing war has disproportionately impacted vulnerable populations. Organizations aiding individuals involved in or seeking to exit prostitution have experienced a surge in requests for financial aid in recent weeks, particularly for food support. MJB has been tasked with mapping these needs and developing a transparent and equitable mechanism for allocating assistance funds.	Social Inclusion
28.	Examining the Effects of War on Women in Prostitution and Prostitution Consumption	The war has exacerbated the situation of women engaged in prostitution in various ways, impacting both consumption patterns and the enforcement of laws prohibiting prostitution. In response, the Ministry of	Social Inclusion

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		<p>Justice sought the expertise of the MJB Institute to assess the war's impact on this population.</p> <p>To comprehend the women's situation, interviews will be conducted with women engaged in prostitution and female professionals working with this demographic. The analysis of changes in prostitution consumption will use online search data for prostitution services on the internet. Additionally, a survey among men who engage in prostitution will include questions about the war's influence on their consumption patterns.</p>	
29.	Mapping Essential Professions During and After Emergencies	MJB's Employment Team is collaborating with JDC-TEVET to evaluate workforce capacities in the public sector, consolidating data to create a preparedness map for essential professions during and after emergencies. The ongoing war emphasizes the need for a flexible model that rapidly identifies labor market needs in future emergency scenarios, ensuring swift and effective responses.	Employment

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30.	The Impact of the Israel-Hamas War on the Labor Market: Identifying Vulnerable Populations	During emergencies, particularly in the aftermath of a war, certain populations are affected to varying degrees by disruptions in the labor market. This impact may result from the closure of areas near conflict zones and the evacuation of residents, movement restrictions, disruptions to supply chains, layoffs of foreign workers, reduced demand for various products leading to specific industry setbacks, and societal shifts prompted by the war that influence the labor market. The study aims to identify recent employment trends and populations at risk of employment disruption due to the Israel-Hamas War.	Employment
31.	Emergency Indicators: The Arab Society During Times of Crisis	MJB is in the process of developing a comprehensive dashboard of indicators to monitor the status of the Arab society in Israel during the ongoing war, as per the request of the Authority for the Economic Development of the Minority Sectors within the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry for Social Equality. This dashboard will include a set of key indicators that will be collected and updated at a relatively high frequency, covering vital areas such as employment, education, welfare, and social resilience. The aim is to address the	Arab Population

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		needs of the population and mitigate disparities within Arab society during this time of crisis.	
32.	The Israel-Hamas War Impact on The Young Population in Israel	The Ministry of the Negev, Galilee, and National Resilience has commissioned MJB's Children, Youth, and Young Adults Team to conduct a survey during the ongoing war, assessing the situation of young individuals in terms of employment, housing, economic status, and health. This survey, conducted at two points in time—present and post-war—aims to comprehend the impact of the conflict on the young adult population. The gathered information will lay the foundation for policy formulation and intervention planning in the post-war period and will guide the optimal allocation of resources for the rehabilitation of young individuals.	Children, Youth and Young Adults
33.	Future Challenges That Young Individuals Face Following a National Disaster: International literature Review	MJB's Children, Youth, and Young Adults Team is initiating an international literature review on the crises and challenges that young individuals are anticipated to face following a national disaster, such as personal security, community resilience, mental well-being, unemployment, the crisis of trust in leadership, and	Children, Youth and Young Adults

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		<p>more. The objective is to provide the Ministry of the Negev, Galilee, and National Resilience with international insights that will aid in addressing the forthcoming challenges.</p>	
34.	<p>The Work of Attendance Officers in Times of Emergency</p>	<p>During an emergency, the circle of students at risk for truancy expands, and there is a need to provide them with a systematic array of emotional and social support by professionals within formal educational settings. The attendance officers are a key source of knowledge about working with children at risk of dropping out of school, as they have received specialized training on issues such as inclusion and exclusion and are equipped with tools for non-judgmental questioning and the development of empathetic and non-judgmental dialogues with students, parents, and school staff, all of which are geared to prevent student dropout from the education system. The purpose of the study was to help shape the work of attendance officers during national emergencies such as the current crisis – the Israel-Hamas War.</p>	<p>Children, Youth and Young Adults</p>

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35.	Elderly Evacuees: Needs Assessment	The study will allow the Ministry of Welfare to assist evacuated older persons and provide suitable assistance for their immediate and future needs.	Aging
36.	Elderly Needs in the Aftermath of the War Across Local Municipal Authorities	The research aims to identify challenges, difficulties, and unrecognized needs within the entire elderly population across various local municipal authorities in the aftermath of the war. The goal is to tailor appropriate solutions to address these issues.	Aging
37.	MJB Consulting Services for Government Officials	This type of project enables any party to promptly apply the knowledge acquired at the institute with just one phone call	All teams