



# STRONG AND UNITED

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Emergency Response Campaign  
Impact Report

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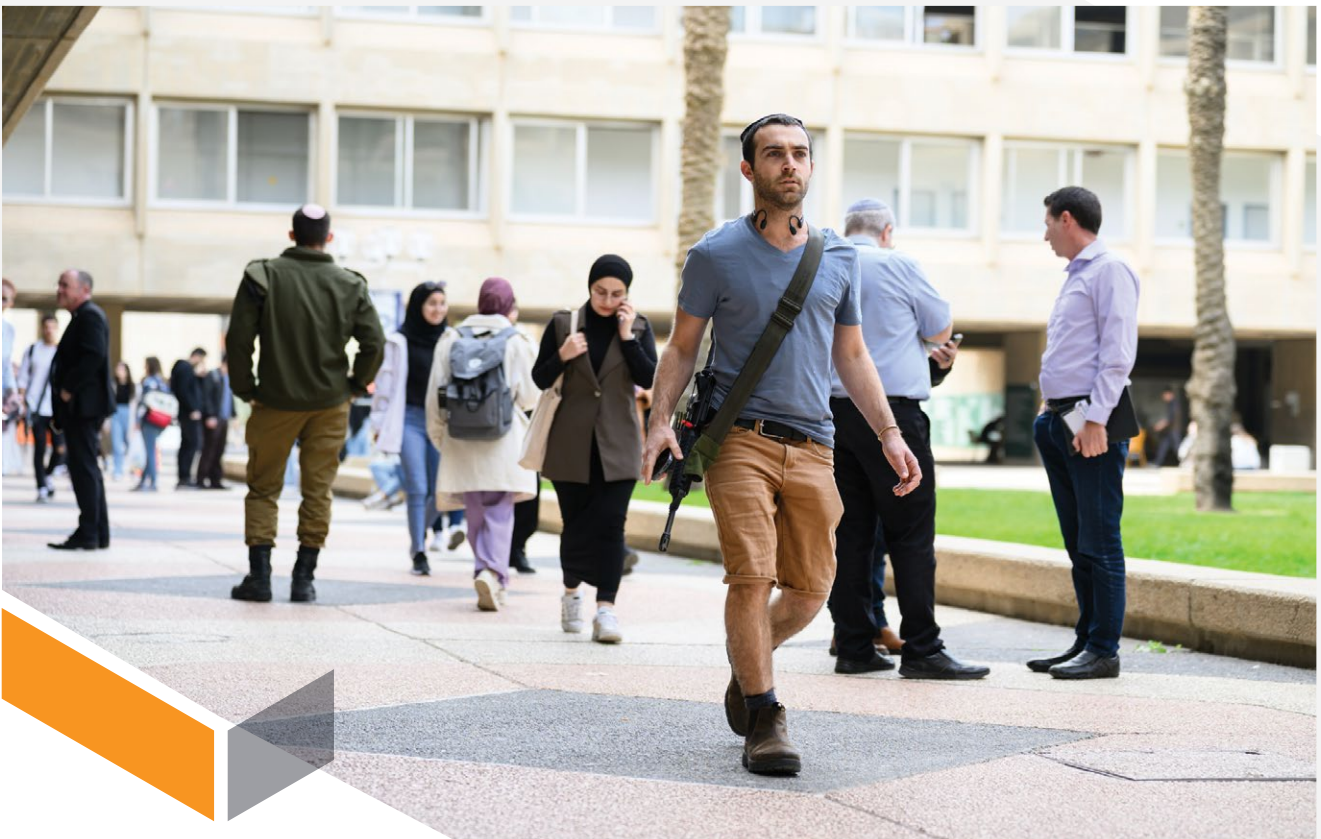
In the days, weeks, and months after the October 7 attack on Israel, the resilience of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has been continuously put to the test. With hundreds of our faculty, staff, and students living in the communities bordering Gaza, thousands on active reserve duty, and nearly everyone within the range of Hamas rockets, the threat has been close at hand and very real. Members of our community have been killed, abducted, injured, and many were evacuated, becoming refugees in their own country. Feelings of fear, worry, pain, and grief have been pervasive amid the threats to Israel's existence and BGU's resilience.

Initially shellshocked and overwhelmed, but always persevering, we never felt alone thanks to the spontaneous outpouring of genuine concern we experienced – practically from the moment the border was breached – from our friends around the world. And in a heartwarming demonstration of solidarity, hundreds of donors from over a

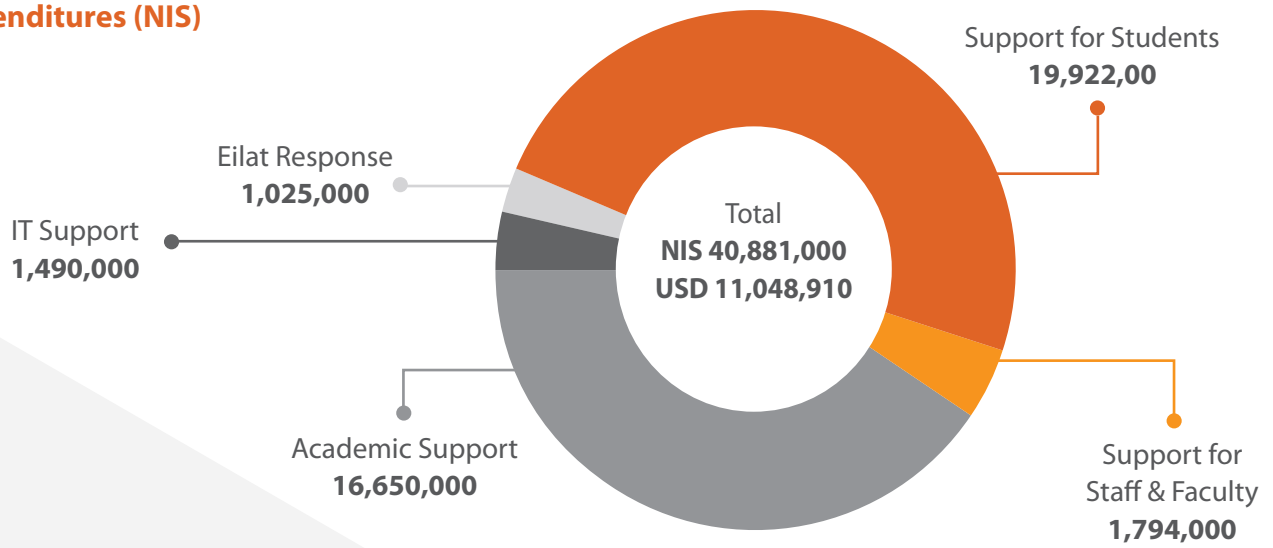
dozen countries moved from concern to action, contributing enthusiastically to our Emergency Response Campaign. This spirit of partnership and commitment to stand by our side have strengthened the University community and the people comprising it.

As the events of the attack and war unfolded, BGU characteristically acted with resolve, sensitivity, and creativity to identify and respond to the diverse needs of both the University community and the wider Negev community. Thus, the University continues to fulfill its historic mandate of strengthening the Negev and thereby strengthening the whole country, as it seeks to provide effective emergency response and build long-term resilience at BGU.

Our decisive response was made possible thanks to you, our devoted friends and supporters around the world who together raised over \$12 million on behalf of BGU's emergency response efforts.



## Overall Emergency Response Expenditures (NIS)



- Thanks to you, BGU was able to meet the urgent needs of students. We provided grants to students serving in the reserves and immediate financial assistance to students living up to 20 kilometers from Gaza, easing their evacuation to safer locations. And with your help, the University is boosting the capacity of its Psychological Services Unit and Reservists Center, two entities that will play a huge role in our students' recovery – particularly our returning reservists, the heroes defending Israel since October 7, who will need untold support as they transition back to civilian life and return to campus.
- Together, we also assisted our employees, most of whom live in the Negev and were hard hit by the attack. With your help, we provided grants to employees living up to 20 kilometers from Gaza, many of whom were evacuated to sites far from their homes. We established a daycare facility to enable employees' return to work and a resilience center to provide immediate initial psychological assistance, and implemented a range of additional supportive initiatives.
- We have enhanced our emergency response and long-term resilience further, by

addressing the University's emergency IT needs and boosting the University's security by upgrading its rapid emergency response capabilities. Ongoing academic assistance for reservists and border residents will support their academic work and their ability to move forward toward a brighter future.

- Throughout it all, the indomitable BGU spirit and commitment to the broader community have endured, and your support enabled us to leverage that spirit and commitment to strengthen our battered Negev region and the country. With your help, hundreds of BGU volunteers have played a part in rebuilding the Negev, and our entrepreneurial community-minded students and staff have developed solutions addressing the challenges posed by the attack and war.

In the pages that follow we highlight some of the many initiatives supported by the University, and summarize the results of the Emergency Response Campaign. These results are a remarkable testament to the commitment of the worldwide BGU family who stepped up, unhesitatingly, in this time of great need. We are grateful for your support.

## A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT SUPPORT PACKAGE

BGU students are among those Israelis paying a high price for the Hamas attack and war. Whether living by the Gaza border, elsewhere in the Negev, or in other regions of the country, all have been affected by the war. Many are serving in the reserves themselves or have friends and family members serving. Some have lost friends and relatives, their homes, or their income, and many have lost their fundamental sense of security. Suffering from varying degrees of trauma, many need counseling. The comprehensive package of student support created to address all these needs includes financial grants, academic support, psychological services, and more.

### Emergency Grants

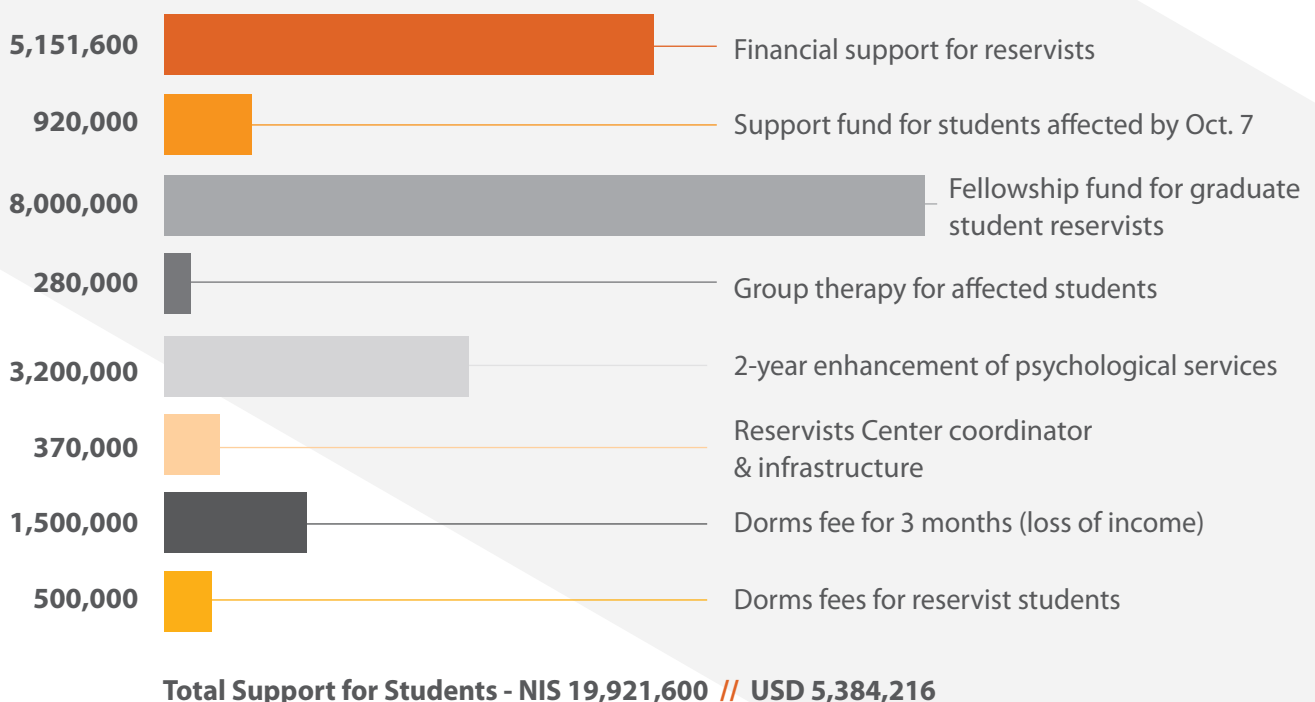
Emergency grants provided critical direct financial assistance to students in need, including students who came face to face with the atrocities in their homes in one of the border communities or were injured at the music festival. Recipients could

use these funds to cover the costs of housing, transportation, laptops, mental health care, medicine, or other expenses. These grants helped alleviate students' immediate financial concerns and obtain what they urgently needed, enabling them to focus on other pressing issues.

### Fellowship Extensions

Hundreds of graduate students are among serving reservists. Many were awarded graduate fellowships in support of their advanced studies. Our graduate students rely on these funds, which serve as a salary, enabling them to dedicate themselves fully to their studies without the distraction of a job. Due to the delay in starting the academic year, these students, many of whom are married with children, went "unpaid" and have struggled financially. To compensate them for this loss and ensure that they can carry on in their degree program without undue financial sacrifice, each fellowship recipient was awarded a fellowship extension.

### Overall Support for BGU Students (NIS)\*



\* Student assistance fund and additional support resources.



## Psychological Services

The psychological ramifications of the attack and ongoing war are significant and will undoubtedly take an enormous toll on the emotional wellbeing of our students. Today, and for the foreseeable future, all students are vulnerable and may need psychological support. The Dean of Students Office is responsible for ensuring the wellbeing of the students in our University, and it has risen to the challenge by mobilizing its team to provide triage, and initiating projects to meet the needs of our students and help them cope. While the infrastructure for these projects was in place, the Psychological Services Unit was not equipped to meet students' mental health needs in a security event of this scale.

Following the October 7th attack, the Unit immediately established a mental health first-aid hotline. While the hotline serves as the critical first line of defense in ensuring the emotional resilience of the BGU community, the need for psychological services and mental health care will persist, going beyond triage with a demand for long-term support

to see students through this emergency. In response to this demand, BGU is increasing the capacity of the Psychological Services Unit. In routine times, the Unit's mental health professionals are stretched thin, and the numbers are woefully inadequate in face of the current emergency and its psychological fallout. In addition to recruiting additional staff, the Psychological Services Unit must increase the salaries of its existing staff significantly or risk losing them due to the high demand for mental health professionals in Israel today. This is a risk we simply cannot take, as our students' emotional wellbeing is at stake. Funds raised in the Emergency Response Campaign will be earmarked to provide group therapy for returning reservists, the injured, evacuees, and others suffering and traumatized as result of the events of October 7th and to support the Psychological Services Unit's recruitment and retention efforts. The need is expected to be unprecedented. With a full team of capable clinicians, the Psychological Services Unit will ensure that in Israel's most difficult hour, no BGU student will go without the psychological support he/she needs.



## Reservist Grants

Thousands of BGU students were among the 360,000 reservists called up in October. Many were in Gaza for weeks or months, others protected

border communities, performed intelligence work, and many are still in the field. Regardless of the nature of their duties, they served the country in its hour of need, leaving their families, friends,

and regular lives behind to do whatever it takes to ensure Israel's future. Our student soldiers and their young families pay a price for this. To offset this cost and allow us to acknowledge our students' outstanding dedication to Israel and their willingness to fight for its existence on our behalf, our reservists were awarded a financial grant of NIS 1,200 (just over US \$300).

### **Reservists Center**

BGU has a longstanding commitment to ensuring that the military service of its students doesn't compromise their ability to succeed academically. Over a decade ago, BGU established a Reservist Center to support students' ability to juggle their academic and national duties. With the massive callup of thousands of student soldiers, the demands on the Reservist Center have increased significantly. As a result, additional staff must be recruited to ensure the center's full-time operation, the center's computing system must be upgraded, and a call center is required to ensure prompt response to reservists' concerns.

A number of rights and benefits are afforded to reservists, but there have typically been bureaucratic challenges associated with exercising these rights. The Reservist Center will provide help with this, with the aim of removing any obstacles

faced by our reservists and ensuring that the accommodations and provisions BGU has put into place are at the disposal of individual reservists and their spouses. BGU was the first Israeli university to extend academic benefits to the spouses of reservists. The benefits and rights include additional tutoring, priority in the dormitories and scholarships, the ability to defer exams and the submission of papers and assignments. Funds raised in the Emergency Response Campaign have enabled the Reservist Center to ramp up to meet the increased demand for its services.

### **Housing Relief**

With the delay in the start of the academic year, housing has been a concern weighing heavily on the minds of our students, most of whom have been renting apartments since the fall, regardless of whether or not they returned to campus or Beer-Sheva. As a result, many students are struggling financially, obligated to pay rent for a room they have not occupied. Over 1,000 students live in apartments in the dormitory buildings. To relieve our students of this financial burden, the rent from October through December was waived, with BGU absorbing the cost. In addition, as so many of our students are still performing reserve duty, the rent for the dormitories will be waived for our reservists until they return to campus.



### Student Outreach and Support

The Dean of Students Office coordinated the University's efforts to reach out to students and offer them support, initiating phone contact with each of our 18,000 students to assess their needs and offer any assistance they might require. The academic faculties also kept in touch with students via email, keeping them up-to-date regarding the starting date of the first semester and offering support and assistance. In addition, the team proactively reached out to over a thousand students in higher risk groups (for example, those with known mental health issues). An Arabic-speaking social worker held Zoom meetings with Arab students to support

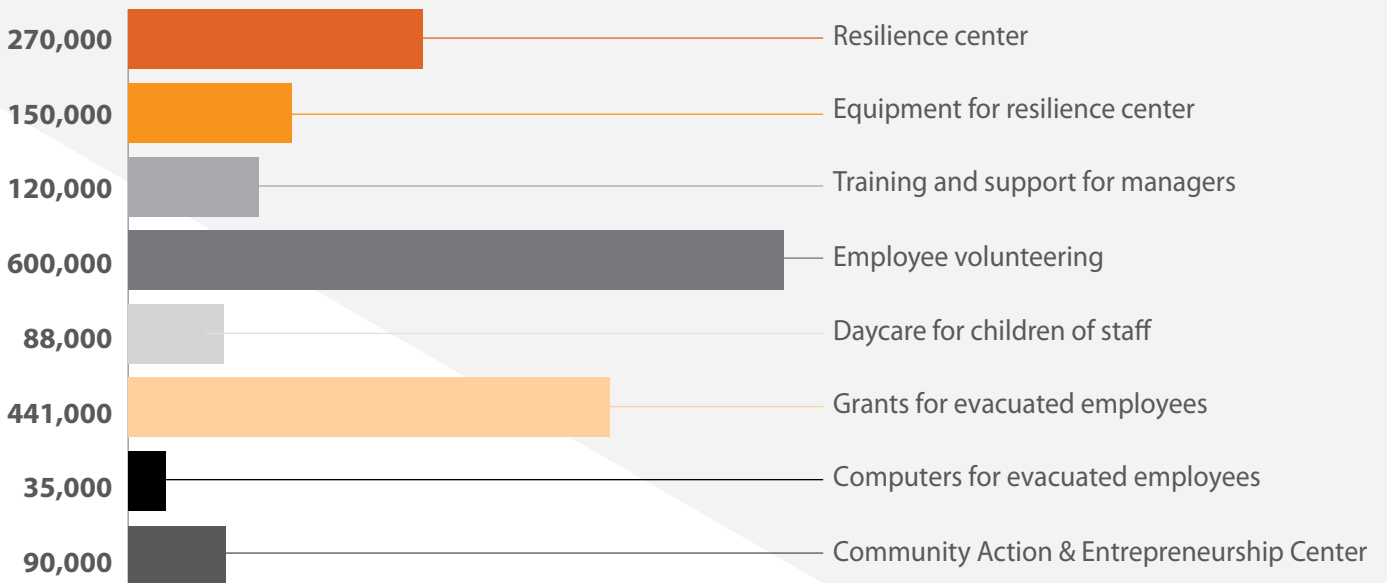
these students, who, like all Israelis, have been going through a lot right now. Student mentors checked in with incoming students to provide emotional support. Social workers reached out to students who requested assistance, and were in contact with students who are sitting shiva and those who have been wounded, in order to provide support. These outreach efforts were supported by funds raised in the Emergency Response Campaign, ensuring that no students fall through the cracks and that everyone in need benefits from the supportive umbrella of services provided by the Dean of Students Office.

## A HOST OF SUPPORTIVE INITIATIVES FOR BGU EMPLOYEES

As this crisis unfolded, the University sprang into action. Led in large part by the Human Resources Division, a number of meaningful and practical activities were initiated with the aim of supporting BGU employees and helping them through this

state of emergency. These activities were a great help to BGU employees, who never felt they were alone as they navigated their daily lives in the aftermath of the attack and in wartime.

### Overall Support for Faculty and Staff (NIS)



**Total Support for BGU Employees - NIS 1,794,000 // USD 484,865**



### Support for Those in Need

The Human Resources Division led efforts to support employees on reserve duty, employees with spouses on reserve duty, the bereaved, families of the missing, and others. The team reached out to all affected families and employees, also providing ongoing contact, emotional support, financial support (when needed), and care packages. Childcare assistance was also provided to reservists' families with young children in conjunction with the Student Union. Representatives from the Human Resources Division and social workers have accompanied bereaved families and families of the missing throughout their ordeals, including during funerals and shiva, sending wreaths for the burial and shiva supplies, including food, chairs, and shade solutions.

### Childcare Program

BGU is staffed by thousands of dedicated employees. However, schools in many regions were closed for weeks following the attack, preventing parents of young children from working. To enable our employees to return to work, BGU's Human Resources Division established a childcare program that served hundreds of children each day for several weeks. The program was staffed by dozens of staff members and students who served as counselors and helped keep the children entertained with a range of activities, including arts and crafts, games, sports activities, and special performances. A dedicated classroom with computer connections was provided for those children learning online. Another space was designated for watching movies, complete with comfortable bean bags to sit on.



### Resilience Center

Following the October 7th attack, BGU's Psychological Services Unit immediately established a resilience center, the core of which is a hotline aimed at providing immediate initial psychological assistance

to members of the BGU community, referrals to those in need of more extensive counseling, and emotional support from mental health professionals and trauma specialists. The hotline is operated by volunteer on-call therapists every day between



10 am and 10 pm, with meetings held via Zoom or by phone. The hotline's staff has responded to hundreds of requests for assistance, and its presence is itself a source of comfort, providing community members with the knowledge that assistance and support is just a phone call away. The hotline serves as the critical first line of defense in ensuring the emotional resilience of the BGU community in these challenging times.

In addition to the immediate support provided by the hotline staff, the Resilience Center, in conjunction with the Human Resources Division, also aims to serve as an ongoing resource to faculty and staff in their capacity as employees, managers, caregivers, and colleagues working and living within an organization and country coping with major trauma. To achieve this, the center offers workshops that provide tools for reducing stress and emotional

distress, tools to assist managers in handling crisis situations, and lectures on timely topics like restoring resilience and growth.

### **Unrestricted Grants and Computers for Evacuated Employees**

This initiative served as a lifeline and offered hope to BGU employees living within 20 kilometers of the Gaza border who were in vital need of assistance and services post-October 7th. In addition to purchasing computers for some of the evacuated employees, unrestricted grants of approximately \$1,400 per employee were provided, allowing evacuees to spend the funds on whatever they most needed, be it medicine, clothing, food, transportation, or rent. With these grants, we were able to reduce the financial insecurity of those forced to flee their homes and beginning to rebuild their lives.



### Resilience-Building Volunteering Activities for Employees

BGU is striving to develop a community culture that builds and reinforces resilience and fosters recovery. As part of our efforts to achieve this goal and to encourage our community to take an active role in rebuilding the Negev, the University supported volunteer activities initiated by departments, providing a grant of up to around \$550 to defray any associated costs, and allowing employees to perform these activities during their workday. As a result, teams of BGU staff picked fruits and vegetables, planted crops, and performed maintenance duties on farms and orchards

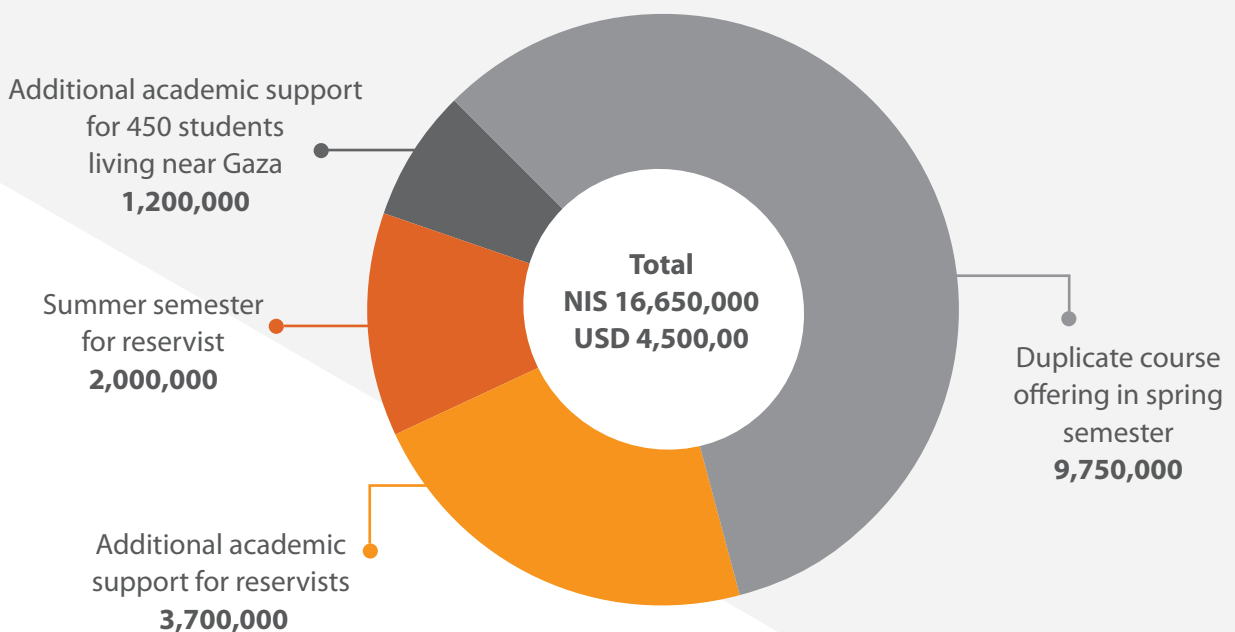
to prevent farmers from experiencing further economic hardship. Other teams prepared meals for soldiers, or packed food for evacuees and residents in the periphery. Several groups traveled to Ofakim, a community that suffered greatly in the Hamas attack; although the residents of Ofakim were not evacuated they are facing significant challenges as they recover. Our volunteers visited the residents to offer support and assess their needs, performing a critical step in the rebuilding process. These activities had a twofold benefit: in reaching out to others and providing assistance, we strengthen our own BGU community as well.

## ADDITIONAL RESILIENCE BUILDING EFFORTS

Long-term resilience will be enhanced with initiatives aimed specifically at providing ongoing academic support to reservists and border residents, addressing the University's emergency IT needs, and boosting the University's security by upgrading its

rapid emergency response capabilities. By focusing on the varied aspects of resilience, we hope to create a stronger community, well equipped, both individually and communally, to cope with today's reality and the challenges of the future.

### Academic Support Expenditures (NIS)



### **Continuing Academic Support for Reservists and Border Residents**

As the war continues, Israel remains caught in great uncertainty. While we hope that many of the thousands of BGU students serving in the reserves will return to the classroom during the first semester, it is likely that many may not. Much as they may like to return to their studies and everyday lives, they may still be needed by the army. Others may require a break, and a period of relaxation and a chance to decompress after the intensity of the war. To allow those students and those living near the border to complete the academic year alongside their peers, BGU is planning to record courses and offer many first semester courses again in the second semester, as well as a comprehensive summer session.

Increasing the number of second semester and summer courses, recording courses and making them accessible remotely, along with the technical assistance and equipment this will require, entail huge costs. In addition to creating a full bank of recorded classes, we will essentially be running

the full cycle of annual courses twice. The soldiers battling Hamas and protecting the country have enabled us to return to routine and start the academic year at the end of December. They are dedicating their lives to this right now, and we are committed to ensuring that none of them suffer academically or sacrifice their education as a result.

Funds raised in the Emergency Response Campaign will allow us to offer these courses and provide returning reservists and students from the border communities with the academic support needed (mentoring and tutoring, and workshops on study skills, test preparation and test taking) to keep up with their classmates and complete their degrees on time.

### **Emergency IT Needs**

The emergency response efforts associated with this unprecedented security situation were enormous and diverse. We faced multiple challenges across the University, and solutions were needed for a host of issues arising from the crisis. The work of the Information Technology Division has been





critical to BGU's ability to function during the attack and war, return to routine and start the academic year, and maintain the security of all of the University's digital assets at a time when cyber threats have dramatically increased. The Division has been involved in all aspects of developing and implementing the framework for recording courses and making them accessible remotely. In addition, it established an online learning support center, established processes to facilitate online learning and video streaming, created an emergency data collection system, all while ensuring that the necessary defenses were in place to protect the University's data from harm. These efforts are essential to the University's ability to function in these uncertain times and its ongoing resilience in a future that includes new challenges, previously unseen cyber threats, and adversaries eager to exploit any IT vulnerabilities they can find.

### Emergency Response Equipment

In response to the unprecedented attack on October 7, Israel's Homefront Command issued a directive that all institutions be prepared to independently provide emergency services for at least the initial 72 hours. BGU's Security Department was tasked with ensuring the University's ability to fulfill this directive and protect BGU in the face of the expanding range of potential threats. Funds raised in the Emergency Response Campaign were used to boost the University's security and resilience by upgrading its rapid emergency response capabilities with the purchase of much-needed emergency equipment. Each item acquired will contribute to the security team's overall capabilities and ensure that it can properly fulfill its goals of protecting the BGU community, safeguarding our campuses, mitigating threats, and enabling the University to function and fulfill its mission.



## BGU'S COMMITMENT TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY REMAINS STRONG – EVEN IN WARTIME

BGU's amazing spirit has carried the day, serving as a source of inspiration, resolve, and strength that has enabled us to persevere in spite of the widespread devastation of the attack, the enormous loss, and the ongoing strain of the war. This was evident from the start when the Zlotowski Student Center was transformed into a collection and distribution center for food, clothing, medicine, and supplies for the people evacuated from southern communities in conjunction with the One Heart organization. Hundreds of BGU students and staff were involved in efforts like this, demonstrating that despite our great pain and loss, the BGU spirit endures, and we continue to fulfill our mission of leveraging the power of the Negev and BGU for the future of Israel.

### **Leveraging Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Community Action to Help the War Effort**

The Community Action Department and Yazamut 360°, BGU's entrepreneurship center, joined forces to bring all of the BGU community's trademark

entrepreneurship, innovation, and commitment to community action together to support the IDF, protect the home front, and create solutions to the challenges posed by the attack and war. A call for proposals was published and in response, students and employees from across the University submitted dozens of proposals. Over a dozen projects were awarded grants, including a 3D printing project in which 300 students and engineers used 3D printers and various advanced technologies to develop and produce products for soldiers and the security forces. Over 15,000 products have been sent to various elite infantry units. In the Mom's Laundry project, initiated by BGU students, washing machines and dryers are transported to soldiers in the field, allowing them to do their laundry. The grants inspired a wide range of projects, all of which have provided creative and practical solutions to the challenges arising during wartime.



### A Warm Welcome at the Eilat Campus

In routine times, BGU's Eilat Campus is home to 500 students enrolled in degree programs, with another 550 students participating in other educational programs. Typically, Eilat's population swells over the holidays, as Israelis flock to its beaches and tourist attractions, but its population more than doubled as over 60,000 displaced citizens became refugees following the Hamas attack, and were evacuated to Eilat. The city became a safe harbor for residents of Ashkelon, Sderot, Ofakim, Netivot, and communities close to the Gaza border, many of whom lost everything.

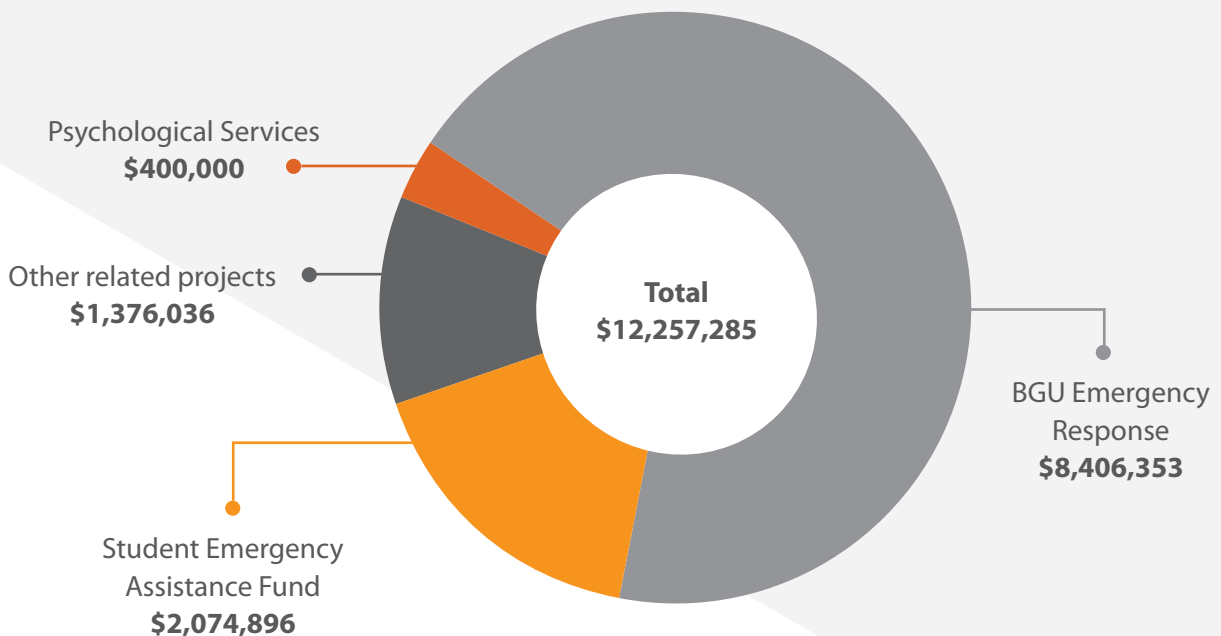
Our Eilat Campus immediately opened its gates, mobilizing its resources to provide much-needed shelter and support to the evacuated families. The dorm became home to scores of evacuees, as well as BGU student volunteers. The campus kitchen put

out meals for hundreds daily. The classrooms were used to teach evacuated children, and at night it housed volunteers from a premilitary leadership academy who are helping care for the evacuees. The campus also opened its doors to the One Heart organization which has been at the forefront of community-based efforts to meet the needs of those affected by the attack, and its Eilat center of operations is located on campus.

The University didn't hesitate in responding to the great needs of those evacuated to Eilat, but the cost associated with these efforts is sizeable. The funds raised in the Emergency Response Campaign will offset these costs and ensure that the Eilat Campus, which dipped deeply into its operating funds to cover the expenses, has the necessary funds to fulfill its academic duties as the academic year begins.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAMPAIGN RESULTS

### Emergency Response Campaign Total Funds Raised (USD)





Our Emergency Response Campaign was driven by BGU's unprecedented needs in the aftermath of the attack, during the war, and beyond, as our reservists return, rejoining their fellow students and evacuees on campus. This campaign was a success thanks to the extraordinary show of support from our devoted friends around the world who together raised over \$12 million on behalf of the BGU community. United by a shared commitment to the University, a desire to help Israel come through crisis, a belief

in the value of higher education as a force for good, and great hope in the future, more than a thousand donors responded, with heartfelt donations ranging from five to one million dollars.

Each single gift is meaningful and valued, but their impressive sum total, and the solidarity that this support reflects is truly inspiring, filling us with optimism and confidence for we know that together we are creating a brighter future. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

### Emergency Response Contributions by Country (USD)

Country	USD
USA	\$5,235,169
Canada	\$2,225,524
Israel	\$1,788,309
UK	\$268,161
Latin America	\$247,340
France	\$184,346
Liechtenstein	\$150,000
Switzerland	\$103,150
Russian Speakers	\$27,100
Belgium	\$18,856
Germany	\$6,290
Italy	\$2,741
A4BGU – Reserve Funds	\$2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,257,285</b>



Dr. Alexandra Refaeli Klein. Photo: courtesy



Noa Michaeli  
Photo: Zaad Studios

“Therapists at BGU, along with the rest of our colleagues around the country are making profound efforts to learn about cutting-edge treatments for trauma and loss, and are working around the clock where they’re needed the most. We created an on-call service for the entire BGU community, so that anyone can reach a professional – a clinician familiar with their campus and culture, who can help with psychological first aid and appropriate referrals – within a single day. The feedback has been very positive, as many say they had never felt they needed counseling before October 7 and were grateful for the helpful tools and supportive voices. Similarly, our team said that knowing their skills could ease some of the current pain and stresses, helped them through difficult times”.

“We don’t want to force people to talk when they’re not ready, but on the other hand, we know that those who avoid feelings that surface from traumatic events are more prone to develop PTSD. So, we need to make ourselves available when someone is ready to tell their story.”

**Dr. Alexandra Refaeli Klein is Director of the BGU Psychological Services, Dean of Students Office**



“During my regular army service, I was assigned to the Casualties Unit command center. On October 7, I thought I should contact my unit and see how things were going. They told me, ‘we need you,’ and so, the next day I was already in uniform, on my way to reserve duty.”

“I was in the command center when I heard that they were planning to restart university studies, and I thought, there really is a willingness here to get back to some sort of regular routine, and that’s exactly what we need now. I really felt that they were saying: ‘Noa, don’t worry, we’ll take care of everything for you. You won’t be left behind in your studies.’”

“I feel that the Negev region was hit very hard and that this is important beyond just returning to routine. We are returning to routine here, in the Negev, at Ben-Gurion University. Especially after everything that happened, we have to show our presence. We have to show that we are strong; that we are not afraid. And that we are here to stay.”

**Noa Michaeli is a third year student of psychology and communications**





Hadas with her family during last year's Darom Adom festival. Photo: courtesy

Hadas Kriheli David lives in Kibbutz Nirim on the Gaza border. On Saturday, October 7, Hadas and her family took refuge in their safe room for eleven hours before eventually being evacuated to a hotel in Eilat.

To save her the three-hour commute from Eilat to BGU, on weekdays, Hadas stays in a guest unit at the U-Tel covered by the emergency fund. "The University has been extremely supportive", says Hadas. "Just having a space of my own, where I can unpack my suitcase, means so much. The staff leave chocolate in my room and make me feel welcome. Just knowing I'm with friends is the most important thing to me right now."

Joining the BGU family has been a big part of her healing process: "Seeing the students sitting on the grass, talking and eating lunch, managing to study and move forward, despite what they've gone through, gives me hope. BGU is a place that makes it possible to imagine a better future. I'm glad to be here."

**Hadas Kriheli David is BGU's new Director of Human Resources – Technical and Administrative Staff**

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Guy Haklay was called up on October 7 and served with his combat reservist unit for over 100 days, during which he was deployed both along the Gaza border and on various missions in the Gaza Strip. The emergency grant for BGU student reservists helped him pay rent while fulfilling his national duty.

"When you're in Gaza, you're in survival mode – you just keep thinking, how can I get through this alive? So, when I saw the message about the support from the emergency fund, it felt like the University was giving us a big hug. To know that people around the world appreciate what BGU students are doing to protect our country and want to help us complete our degrees, makes us feel that people care about our future and want to say *todah* (Thank you)."

**Guy Haklay is a first year MBA student in BGU's International MBA Program**



## Appendix 2: Globally Raised Funding for Specific Faculty Projects

Donor Name	Country	Faculty Member/Unit	Project
Jewish United Fund Chicago (JUF), Steve Lavin	USA	Dean of Students Office	Psychological Services Emergency Assistance Fund
Various donors	USA	Prof. Julie Cwikel	Emergency Psychological First Aid hotline
UIA Canada (Montreal)	Canada	Dr. Talia Schwartz-Tayri	AI for Social Welfare Initiative @ BGU
UIA Canada (Montreal)	Canada	Prof. Nadav Davidovitch	Enhancing Israeli Coexistence through Simulation-Based Learning
UIA Canada (Montreal)	Canada	Prof. Naama Atzaba-Poria	Duet Center: Mental Health Intervention for Enhancing Resilience
Yad Hanadiv	Israel	Prof. Naama Atzaba-Poria	Duet Center
Yad Hanadiv	Israel	Prof. Sarab Abu-Rabia-Queder & Prof. Miki Malul	Bedouin Managerial Leadership Training Program
Brothers and Sisters for Israel	Israel	Prof. Richard Isralowitz	Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research (RADAR) Center
Mandel Foundation, Israel	Israel	Prof. Yigal Schwartz & Dr. Moria Dayan Codish	Windows (Halonot) Program
Edmond de Rothschild Foundation	Israel	Prof. Gary Diamond	Ben-Gurion University Resilience Center
America-Israel Democracy Coalition	Israel	Prof. Gary Diamond	Community Clinic in Ofakim
International Mission Station, Inc.	Israel	Dr. Galit Katarivas Levy & Dr. Oren Wacht	Emergency Ampule Case Production
Plumes Art Foundation	Israel	Dr. Maayan Amir	Arts Retreat
Mandel Foundation	Israel	Dean of Students Office	Special Support for Reservists
Fonds Social Juif Unifie (FSJU)	France	Tal Rafaeli	Pre-Academic Student Assistance Fund

**Globally raised funding by BGU staff for specific projects: USD 1,376,036**

## Appendix 1: Emergency Response Expenditures By category, in NIS and USD

Expenditure	NIS	USD
<b>Support for Students</b>		
Financial support for reservists (1,200 NIS/student)	5,152,000	1,392,433
Support fund for students affected on Oct. 7	920,000	248,649
Fellowship fund graduate student reservists	8,000,000	2,162,162
Group therapy for affected students (year-long groups)	280,000	75,676
2-year enhancement of psychological services	3,200,000	864,865
Reservists center coordinator	170,000	45,946
Reservists center infrastructure	200,000	54,054
Dorms fee for 3 months (loss of income)	1,500,000	405,405
Dorms fees for reservist students	500,000	135,135
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,921,600</b>	<b>5,384,216</b>
<b>Support for Employees</b>		
Resilience center for employees	270,000	72,973
Equipment for resilience center	150,000	40,541
Training and support for managers	120,000	32,432
Employee volunteering	600,000	162,162
Daycare for children of staff	88,000	23,784
Grants for evacuated employees (77 employees live at distance of 0-7 km from Gaza)	441,000	119,189
Computers for evacuated employees	35,000	9,459
Community action & entrepreneurship center initiatives	90,000	24,324
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,794,000</b>	<b>484,865</b>
<b>Academic Support</b>		
Duplicate course offering in spring semester	9,750,000	2,635,135
Additional academic support for reservists	3,700,000	1,000,000
Summer semester for reservists	2,000,000	540,541
Additional academic support for 450 students living near Gaza	1,200,000	324,324
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,650,000</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>
<b>IT Expenditures</b>		
Equipment for audiosidual recording of lessons	600,000	162,162
Technical call center and support for recording classes	650,000	175,676
IT replacement position for drafted employee	240,000	64,865
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,490,000</b>	<b>402,703</b>
<b>Eilat Campus Response</b>		
General immediate support	25,000	6,757
Hospitality for evacuated employees & other civilians	200,000	54,054
Operating expenses: maintenance, security + loss of dorm income	800,000	216,216
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,025,000</b>	<b>277,027</b>
<b>Total Emergency Response Expenditure</b>	<b>40,881,000</b>	<b>11,048,910</b>



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