

# *MATANEL FOUNDATION*

## *ACTIVITY REPORT*

**Program:**  
**Year: 2018**

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole report will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: Transforming the Lives of the Needy in Ramla/Lod

Year of activity: 2018

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**Number of active participants in the program:** We served 22 families in Ramla, including 5 families of Ethiopian background, 4 families of Russian background, 11 single mothers, and 9 families with elderly members. We served 9 families in Lod. Our work team consisted of 2 tradesmen working under the supervision of our national foreman, with the additional help of our social worker/family advocate

**Estimated number of impacted participants:** With an average of 4 members in each family, we served approximately 120 individuals in Ramla/Lod in 2018.

**Give the actual state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):**

- **Ramla:** We have succeeded in establishing an excellent working relationship with Ramla's Municipal Social Service department. It took several months for city's social workers to become aware of our services, but we are now receiving a steady flow of projects. We believe that we will fulfill our commitment of at least 25 projects by February 2019. In addition, we are planning to launch a "Neighborhood Handyman SWAT Team" training program in Ramla in February 2019.
- **Lod:** Our relationship with Lod's Social Service department has had a very slow start, but is now proceeding on track. With two work teams now focused on Ramla and Lod, we hope to fulfill our commitment of at least 25 projects by February 2019.

**The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):** Our standard methods for coordinating and evaluating our work functioned well in Ramla during the past year. This includes:

- Ongoing meetings with Ramla's Social Services (scheduled - one per month; additional "ad-hoc" meetings as required)
- Documentation of each client, including photos, description of renovation work performed, description of advocacy work performed

We were successful in creating an excellent relationship with the Ramla welfare department, who viewed our work as a welcome extension of the services that they were able to provide. They have encouraged us in all of our work and taken an active interest in promoting our SWAT Team project.

In Lod, it has been more difficult to establish a smooth working relationship. During the past month, we have overcome initial challenges and feel that the relationship is now proceeding as originally planned.

**Provisional guidelines for the advancement of the program in the next year:** We believe that the program is now progressing on-track and do not suggest any alterations.

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (**as PDF documents**)

Please join photos – as **JPG files** – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seem to you relevant – as **PDF document**.

Please join a 5 minutes movie which presents your institution and the particular project supported by the Matanel Foundation. The movie should be accessible to the philanthropic world and to other potential donors.