

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program:

b. Advocating for Raising IDF Soldiers' Wages

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:

a. Advocating for Raising IDF Soldiers' Wages

Year of activity: 2017

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

The monthly wage of combat soldiers was 700 NIS/ month and 350 NIS/month for non-combat soldiers since 2001. Thanks to our intervention, we succeeded in raising the soldiers' salaries dramatically. Today they receive nearly three times as much as they did when we began our campaign. In January 2016 the soldiers' salaries were increased once again, which finally allows them to cover their basic needs during service.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

- In the past year, our lobby had succeeded to increase the payment of rent for lone soldiers, and to pass a law for rent payment of 12 months for lone soldiers after their discharge from the army.
- Today soldiers receive between 800-1620 NIS per month, depending on their job or if they serve in a combat unit, which contributes to their financial stability;
- We passed a law that helps "Miluim" soldiers who are self employed, receive fair payments, and help university and college students receive their rights while paying their duty on "Miluim".
- Due to our proposed legislation to remove incarceration and defection records from soldiers' Certificate of Discharge from Duty. At present, the Defense Minister's Committee and officials of the IDF understand the injustice and several

programs, including one that we initiated are taking action in order to avoid imprisonment for soldiers who defected from service as a result of poverty;

Provisional guidelines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

We will continue our lobbying efforts in the Knesset, PR and our close work with the media to promote benefits and the welfare of all soldiers during and after their military service.

A summary table — specifying the progress in both programs since the beginning of the encouragement by the Matanel Foundation

**Summary Table
Submitted to the Matanel Foundation**

Main Achievements	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of Underprivileged Families of Combat Soldiers who received food stamps	140-160	140-160	140-160	140-160
Monthly wage of combat and non-combat soldiers	350 NIS/ month and 700 NIS/month	600 NIS/ month and 1100 NIS/month	800 NIS/ month and 1620 NIS/month	800 NIS/ month and 1620 NIS/month
Number of soldiers who benefited from increased monthly salary	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
Number of lone soldiers who benefited from increased monthly rent	6,450	6,450	6,450	6,450
Number of discharged soldiers who benefited from the NEW laws that we promoted				At least 11,000 lone soldiers, And all Miluim soldiers – (we do not have the exact number)