Program: Home-Base- Integrating people experiencing homelessness back to society

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Number of active participants in the program: 53

Estimated number of impacted participants: 120

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

This year, Home-Base had a successful year, despite the difficulties of covid-19 effects. Home-Base operated 5 projects – 2 in Jerusalem, 2 in Tel-Aviv and 1 in Holon with a total of 53 steady participants and a non-regular 120 participants,
some in informal connections during street strolls. Home-Base has 20 dedicated volunteers. The NGO was officially recognized by Israeli rehabilitation program as a unit which can refer directly for the service. 6 of the NGO's participant's receive mental support from the psychotherapy school in Tel-Aviv University, as a new corporation. Many more new connections have been created this year in all kinds of necessary services such as: dental clinics, legal support, food distribution, storytelling workshops and conducted 4 team capacity building and training during the year of 2021, in addition to the constant professional consulting, for each one of the project managers.

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

Women choir has had a successful year with 18 participants, in which 12 of them receive personal support from the volunteers. The choir had 3 shows, one with an honored representative from Tel-Aviv municipality. 4 team trainings were conducted.

"Makom" is a new project that has started this year, an intensive street work with distribution of storage lockers and other basic needs. The project has 74 participants- mainly between the ages 36-45, 16 individuals received help with accommodation and 17 got to use the storage units. All of the participants got emotional support during the street strolls and 31 with frequent connection with the volunteers.

The Tel-Aviv soccer team has 22 participants, 17 of whom get personal private support from the volunteers, mostly between the ages 26-35. This year, the team was fortunate to get a new coach who is also a therapist. The new coach brought a lot of positive change into the practices, as he knows to look at the team in an holistic way and makes the effort to know each player as an individual.

The Jerusalem soccer team has 26 participants, mostly between the ages 36-35. 23 of them get personal private support from the volunteers. One of achievements this year was fundamental agreement with the Writ of execution for
debt closure for 3 participants. The team had many games with different organizations and the program manager founded a computer class for people experiencing homelessness for gaining basic knowledge in computers,

Holon youth soccer team has 8 participants, all at-risk youth from the city. The model of this team is unique, as we adjusted to the needs of the population. The model brings the youth once a week for a joint practice with a former player of our Tel-aviv soccer team, as their coach.

Moreover, Home-Base helped distribute basic needs for our participants such as: food, clothes, covid-19 protection, support got glasses etc. All of our projects work closely with city municipalities and all the other organizations who work in the field like: the Israeli harm reduction teams, social workers from the social services, shelters, private initiatives for improving well-being and service utilization.

The past two years were abnormal, not only for our NGO but for the whole world. The covid pandemic with the changing restrictions and quarantines made our work difficult and different - most of the year we were not able to meet as a group so our work became more personal with a lot of instrumental help (food, medicine, hygiene products). During this time we realized the connection between the participants and the staff (coordinator and volunteers) has become stronger and more significant, it proved that even in crisis time we are here for them.

This year we are starting two new programs and both will start with an accompanying research: 1. “youth group” - this project is intended to adress young adults in the age of 18-25, in order to help them get back to society, out of the street. This project is created together with the national institute and they will evaluate the project during the year. We have specific milestones we should follow and we’ll work towards them.
2. “street medicine” - In this project the evaluation process is internal and will be conducted by the project team assuring compatible data that will be collected on a regular basis. We will be using diverse methods of collecting data to get a complete snapshot of the project impact. We will be collecting qualitative and quantitative data, the tools for gathering data are intake forms, follow up meetings and surveys.
● The staff of the project will fill out a personal intake information. This form will contain personal medical and social information.

● Follow up meetings with beneficiaries to check on their medical and wellbeing will be conducted organically on the field. All the information will be documented.

● Conduct surveys to medical staff at Ichilov and Wolfson emergency room and local clinics in different stages of the project.

B) **Indicators for success**

- Beneficiaries are satisfied with our services

- Decrease bias and stigma towards people experiencing homelessness among medical staff in local clinics and emergency rooms

- Effective prevention of amputations

- Decrease chronic condition’s burden

- Reduce % of severe infections

- Reduce % of Viral transmitted diseases

- Reduce number of visits to the emergency room as a primary care facility by individuals experiencing homelessness

C) **Measurement**

- Asking the beneficiaries about the quality of our medical care and their further needs by conversation and follow-ups.

- Analyze data about number of visits in emergency rooms and hospitalizations - Conduct bias surveys among medical staff in different stages of the project

- Compare number of amputations before implementation and after one year

- Compare number of transmission of viral diseases in different stages of the project

- Continuous and sustainable connection with 10 people experiencing homelessness in a month

- Increase 5% in exhaustion of social rights among the beneficiaries after 1 year
Provisional guidelines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

For the year 2022, Home-Base plans to open a youth soccer program in Jerusalem and another soccer program in Natanya. In addition, Home-Base will start implementing and operating a new program of Street Medicine, providing medical care for people experiencing homelessness in Tel-Aviv bringing teams of doctors, medics and social workers directly to the people on the streets. Alongside the new exciting projects, we will continue to develop the women choir's project with an estimated 4 shows in the upcoming year (the first one is planned for March). Lastly, we will work towards finding employment for some of our participants.

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 seems to you relevant – as PDF document.- see attached

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.