## MATANEL FOUNDATION ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: Matanel-Kaima Educational Investment Fund (388) Year: 2022/23

(Please present your activity report as a WORD document, not to exceed 2-3 pages.)

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The Matanel Foundation has been instrumental in advancing the Kaima movement as a vibrant and successful alternative educational resource for young people challenged to relate to conventional educational/social settings.

Previously, the trustees provided long-term support of our full-time employment initiative. Through this particular grant, the Foundation is helping to significantly improve long-term opportunities for current participants as well as Kaima alumni to succeed in life <u>by providing access to serious vocational/professional training courses or academic pursuits</u>. This track now forms the centerpiece of our complementary educational track being implemented across our Israel network. Those farms are located in Beit Zayit, Hukuk, and Nahalal.

The report below covers grant usage between July 2022 and April 2023.

## Number of active participants in the program:

- At the close of the reporting period, 36 young people made use of the grant. Upon resumption of the academic year, a new cohort of youth will resume their studies.
- Two participants dropped out, one early into the course and the other late into the course. In both instances, the young person was struggling with deep emotional distress. This equates to a 95% completion rate.
- To date, 69% of those who benefitted from the grant are alumni, an accomplishment of which we are proud. We see this as a meaningful entry point to amplify the Foundation's previous investment in these young people.

## Estimated number of impacted participants:

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

- **Programmatic:** The initiative is validating our assertion that self-chosen educational pursuits are extremely important in a person's development. Indeed, the grant is allowing us to empower current participants as they research and pursue an educational experience of their choosing. The grant has also been surprisingly effective in allowing us to maintain a meaningful connection with our alumni and create added value to their lives even after officially leaving the farm.
- **Financial:** We have utilized n206,510 during the reporting period. This includes n172,110 for courses and n34,400 for project coordination. The balance, n45,490 shall soon be drawn down as the next group of youth and alumni have their applications approved.

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

- Expanding the individual's skill set and sense of personal agency
- Encouraging overall motivation and curiosity which is linked to post-traumatic growth and increased productivity, happiness, and success
- Advancing the Foundation's prior investment in the Kaima network and enabling us to respond to the needs of Kaima alumni

Evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

The project coordinator is the social worker in charge of supervising all educational components of our curricula across the Kaima network. Moving forward, he will work with each farm to increase the number of youth ages 15-18 who participate in the initiative.

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

Given that the average course cost is lower than initially anticipated, we believe that the grant may last longer moving forward.

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

This was provided separately as an EXCEL document per our contract.

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**.

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.

Link to testimonial video: <a href="https://youtu.be/KaySSf1v93o">https://youtu.be/KaySSf1v93o</a>

We are so pleased with how the undertaking is expanding our reach and again thank the Matanel Foundation for believing in and sustaining this initiative.