

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: *Movilim BaSadot – Ruah Arava*
Year: 2023

Name of the Program: **Movilim BaSadot**

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Number of active participants in the program: **18**

Estimated number of impacted participants: **500**

Program Status:

Our activity this year was influenced by the war that broke out in October. We adapted the activities at the farm and opened the program. We know the farm has the potential to foster growth and healing, and this year, that potential was even more significant. We discovered the spaces for growth during a national crisis within the farm. The farm provided program participants, as well as evacuated children and families who arrived in the Arava, with a supportive environment, peace, and work that filled them with a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction.

Due to the war, we had to freeze the process of adapting the farm to extend the season (cooling the structure). This year, the farm's activities also ended at the end of April. As in the previous year, the program continued to operate in air-conditioned workshop rooms to align with the end of the school year. We have not abandoned our plans and intend to invest in infrastructure that will allow us to cool the farm and extend the duration of the agricultural activity and the program in the coming season.

Participant Profile:

- **Dimona:** Teenagers with social issues who did not fit in socially within the school framework. Working with the farm staff led to excellent results. The participants came to the farm joyfully, worked seriously, built a brick oven, formed social connections, and received time outside the regular frameworks. All these allowed them to develop, grow, and flourish.
- **Youth from the Arava:** Youth in various stages of dropping out of school. The farm provided them with an alternative educational framework and personal development within it. They consistently attended, worked with the team in operating the farm, and were part of the team in all farm tasks - harvesting, pruning, and planting. Due to the war and the school's difficulty in creating a complementary framework for them, we were asked and agreed to

expand the program's activity days for the Arava youth to two days of participation per week at the farm.

With the start of the school year, we will begin searching for and selecting candidates for the program, with the help of the Dimona Youth Advancement Department and the teaching staff of the Shitim-Darqa School, who wish to continue and expand the program's activity days.

The main achievements during the last year:

- Program participants organized the distribution of agricultural produce from the farm to the needy.
- With a generous donation from one of the association's partners, the farm's entire produce was donated to educational frameworks for treating at-risk youth in Arad, Ramat Negev, and Dimona.
- The boys' and girls' perseverance and commitment to the farm this year were among the best. They regularly attended the farm and felt very strongly about coming to all activity days.
- The participants' persistence and personal development were inspiring.

Evaluation:

In the third year of the program, we managed to establish it as a sought-after program that the youth themselves request to participate in, both in Dimona and among the youth from the Arava. The third year of the program proved to us, to the Arava Education Department, and to the Dimona Welfare Department that the farm is an effective and positive space for learning processes, discovering, and developing responsibility, with a high sense of self-worth for both boys and girls.

During the year of the war, the farm provided a calming, balancing, and nurturing space for the youth, allowing each one to find a sense of value and personal and group significance within it.

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

- Increasing the number of activity days and the number of trainees in the program.
- Unfortunately, we could not realize the aspiration to expand to younger teenagers and the Bedouin population this past year. We aim to succeed in this in the coming year.

Financial Report:

item	2023	2022
Program Director	81,190	64,840
Mentoring for the educational staff	28,000	27,690
Salary to participants	47,900	53,140
food	13,480	14,360
Transportation	22,760	25,690
overhead	22,260	30,820
total	215,590	216,540

This year, your support and partnership were extremely significant given the reality we found ourselves in with the outbreak of the war. The certainty you provided regarding your support allowed us to continue with the program amidst the great uncertainty and need surrounding us.

We also thank you for the additional support you provided to the association in the first months of the war, which greatly helped us in our volunteer activities with the evacuated communities in the Arava, the Dead Sea, and Eilat.

We are fortunate to have your help and to be able to help those in need.

With our deep appreciation and gratitude,
Rinat Rosenberg
Ruach Arava

Link to a short video about the farm's activities and the Movilim BaSadot program:
[Bein HaShitin Farm 2024](#)

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