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*ACTIVITY REPORT*

**Name of the Program:** Access for All - University of Haifa

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**Number of active participants in the program:** 268 active participants

**Estimated number of participants impacted:** 300 participants

**Give the actual state of the program:**

The “Access for All” program at the University of Haifa continues to operate as a significant educational and social bridge between the University and disadvantaged communities throughout Northern Israel.

The program provides academic access and meaningful learning opportunities for participants from Haifa, Nazareth, Daliyat al-Karmel, Isfiya, Kiryat Bialik, Tirat Carmel, Nesher, and Kiryat Yam. Participants attend weekly academic courses in the fields of Psychology, Law, and Medicine, led by trained student-instructors from the University of Haifa.

Throughout the academic year, the program operates regularly and provides participants with meaningful educational opportunities within a supportive learning community that promotes personal empowerment, equal opportunity, and social inclusion.

During Operation “Lion’s Roar,” the program adapted its activities to an online format in order to maintain educational continuity, community engagement, and ongoing support for participants throughout the emergency period.

The program provides participants with a meaningful learning framework, a strong sense of belonging, and an ongoing connection to a supportive academic community, while maintaining close collaboration with municipalities, welfare departments, and community partners across Northern Israel.

**The main achievements during the last year of activity:**

- Continued operation of the program for 268 active participants from communities across Northern Israel.
- Weekly academic courses in Psychology, Law, and Medicine led by 14 student-instructors from the University of Haifa.
- Strengthening cooperation with municipalities, welfare departments, and community organizations in Haifa, Nazareth, Daliyat al-Karmel, Isfiya, Kiryat Bialik, Tirat Carmel, Nesher, and Kiryat Yam.
- Providing participants with accessible academic learning opportunities, while promoting personal empowerment, equal opportunity, and social inclusion.
- Creating meaningful encounters between academia and disadvantaged communities through educational and community-based activities throughout the year.
- During Operation “Lion’s Roar,” the program successfully adapted activities to an online format, enabling continuity of learning and community support during the emergency period.

**The evaluation:**

The evaluation process is based on attendance tracking, ongoing communication with participants and student-instructors, and continuous feedback received from community partners and welfare departments.

Throughout the academic year, the program maintained stable participation, meaningful engagement, and continuous educational activity. Participants expressed a strong sense

of belonging and appreciation for the opportunity to study in an academic environment and take part in a supportive learning community.

The program continued to strengthen its community partnerships and educational impact, while demonstrating flexibility and adaptability to changing circumstances, including the transition to online learning during Operation “Lion’s Roar”.

This year reinforced the importance of accessible higher education, community support, and meaningful social engagement as tools for personal growth, empowerment, and social mobility.

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

- Continuing collaboration with municipalities, welfare departments, and community organizations.
- Continuing to provide accessible academic opportunities for disadvantaged populations.
- Maintaining meaningful educational and social engagement between academia and the community.
- Continuing professional support and guidance for student-instructors.
- Preserving flexible learning formats according to participants’ needs and changing circumstances.

**Please find attached the list of participants in the program as a PDF document.**

**Please also find attached photos related to the program.**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Matanel Foundation for its continued support and partnership with the University of Haifa. Your contribution enables us to continue providing meaningful educational opportunities and strengthening the connection between academia and disadvantaged communities across Northern Israel.