

WIZO ISRAEL  
about  
domestic violence  
and effects of  
Corona virus





# WIZO Worldwide Mandate



**To** stand for women's rights and support women and teenage girls in all areas of society in every crossroad in their life .



Be at the forefront of women organizations as the Israel's leading organization of women's action

# Focus areas Pre-Covid 19



- **WOMEN LIVING IN VIOLENCE**
- **SINGLE MOTHERS**
- **TEENAGE GIRLS AT RISK**
- **CHILDREN AT RISK**
- **ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN**

## WOMEN LIVING IN VIOLENCE - 2019



- **17** Israeli women were murdered
- **3,114** telephone calls related to domestic violence COMPARE TO the previous year, which stood at 1,830
- In the past **14 years, 164 women** have been murdered by their partners, **50%** of those victims were already known to the welfare authorities.
- In Israel, **10,000 restraining orders** are issued each year
- The police opens an average of **60 domestic violence cases each day**



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**WIZO**

**ACTIONS**

## **GENERATING PUBLIC AWARENESS**



- **WIZO LIGHTS UP ISRAEL IN RED ON INTL' DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
- **ITS NOT LOVE ITS VIOLENCE**  
Last year WIZO chose to focus on a 21st century problem, technological violence, an issue which has become increasingly dominant and dangerous. Sadly, many women suffering from this form of violence do not recognize or define it as violence.
- **WIZO hold its annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**

# WIZO PROJECTS AND TREATMENTS



- **2 battered women shelters**
- **3 Centers for the Treatment and Prevention of Violence are dedicated to stopping acts of abuse** and to help violent members of the family deal with difficulties in a non threatening environment
- **The Social house for women former shelter resident** we support almost 80 families with around 200 children
  - **Violent men Hotline**  
The only help line of its kind in Israel to assist violent men in taking responsibility and getting the help they need. And it's anonymous

# TEENAGE GIRLS AT RISK



- 18 'Warm Homes' for girls centers across the country provides support for 13-18 year-old-girls considered at high risk
- Centre for Young Women in Distress, which provides emergency housing and treatment for young women at extremely high risk
- Centre to supports girls at risk between the ages of 13 and 16.
- The program has extended in the afternoon for girls from the ages of 16-24



# COVID-19



## The atmosphere in Israel

- **Demonstrations** - Protesters gathered in cities around Israel to rally against women and domestic violence
- Since a lockdown the government imposed, **6 women were murdered, one was wounded and 2 other committed suicide after being subject to gender-base violence**
- Significant increase in reports to Hotlines and women's shelters
- **Police report** - 20% increase in domestic violence complaints
- **Welfare report** – 10 X increase in requests for help. Most of them required immediate police intervention
- **400%** increase of calls to WIZO helplines

# Our emergency response during the Pandemic



## The WIZO branches response

- Daily contact with app. 1000 elderly citizens
- Collecting and distribution of food and basic needs donations
- "Safety Net" Supporting families who have left the shelters and lost their jobs
- Partial operation of our second hand shops

## WIZO ISRAEL response

- Opening an Emergency Shelter
- Understanding - Immediate Professional insight
- Alert and initiative a solution
- Cooperation with welfare ministry
- Professional recruitment
- Opening and operating the shelter

**Within a week – we have reached full capacity.**

**WIZO is the only NGO To open a new shelter**

**This is the first time in 15 years, that a new shelter has been opened in Israel**

# THE DAY AFTER



- A dramatic increase in domestic violence
- Unemployment rate has reached an unprecedented 25.8 percent
- Over a million people are unemployed
- 66% of the newly unemployed are women
- Since the first industries to suffer are the retail and leisure industry, part time job holders and lower paid jobs – most of them are women

# WIZO ISRAELI FUTURE ACTION PLAN



## **SAFETY NET**

**Increase the number of safety net forums for women and children that have left the shelters in the last 1-2 years**

We currently have two support groups operating in Hadera and Haifa

We aim to open additional 7 groups across Israel, as soon as possible

We are the only NGO providing this service

# ***'SOFT LANDING' PROGRAM***



A unique program that will support women in their first 6 months out of the shelter

This unique program will allow us to free spaces in the shelters by aiding these women with housing solutions, working opportunities and resuming their place in society



- Opening **4 business entrepreneurship hubs** for women advising them on how to create cooperatives by utilizing each and everyone's expertise as a group
- Training and supporting women to get their **well deserved seat** around the table in **managerial positions and boards**
- Young Mothers Parliament – Once a week meeting of young mothers who were fired from their jobs due to the corona crisis

Wizo doing what matters  
and needs your help for the emergency  
shelter and the safety - net

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