



## **Emergency Funding Request for the city of Ofakim in Southern Israel**

**Iron Sword War, October 2023**

The City of Ofakim is home to approximately 35,000 Israelis in southern Israel, just 21 miles (35 km) from the Gaza border. We turn to you now, for emergency help!

Last Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, on the holiday of Simchat Torah, the normally quiet and peaceful town was brutally awoken at 6:30am, was invaded by bands of armed Hamas terrorists dressed up as Israeli IDF soldiers, who intended to cause a massacre in Ofakim.


In your worst nightmare, you couldn't dream up the way the terrorists invaded our little town and others in the area. They assaulted us in our homes, randomly shooting as many Jewish civilians and policemen as possible. As they searched for Jews hiding under furniture and in closets, they murdered as many people as they could.

Citizens and police were caught unprepared but jumped into action as quickly as they could, and finally, after a few hours, they took control and prevented a city-wide massacre. Some fifty citizens were murdered on that day, many more injured and traumatized.

I turn to you now, to help protect the people of Ofakim. The municipality must urgently build a security infrastructure from scratch. A team of 15 people need effective equipment and training to guard the city and coordinate with security officials and the home front command.

With your help we will purchase the most immediate emergency items necessary to protect innocent families in Ofakim while the IDF fights to protect our borders.

We urgently need the following:

Item	Detail	Quantity	\$USD
Full tactical gear for patrol units		15	96,000
Two-way communication radios		15	10,000
4 X 4 Patrol vehicle		1	80,000
Ambucycle for medical emergencies		2	52,000
Secure storage unit	10*10	1	16,000
Silent generator	75000 Watts	3	7,000
Fully equipped professional first responder		20	15,000
Defibrillators with secure casing		20	39,000
Respite for traumatized families	3 nights	100 families	42,000
Family mourning gear	Tents, chairs & lighting	30	24,000
Trailer for mourner's gear	750 kg	1	5,000
Water tanker trailer on wheels	750 liters	1	3,500
Free standing emergency lights		10	5,000
Training for patrol team			3,000
Power banks		50	2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$400, 000</b>

Your generosity will directly save lives!

AM YISRAEL CHAI!

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Mayor of Ofakim

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