Support Safe-Shelter Solution:
A Lifesaving Digital Platform for Shelter Mapping and Community Resilience

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Executinve Summary

Safe-Shelter is a crisis-born digital platform that addresses a life-threatening gap in Israel's emergency infrastructure: the lack of accessible shelter information in Arab localities. Launched during the 2025 Israel–Iran conflict, the platform was built within 72 hours by Arab professionals and **immediately reached over 400,000 users**, offering critical real-time shelter data when no other source existed.
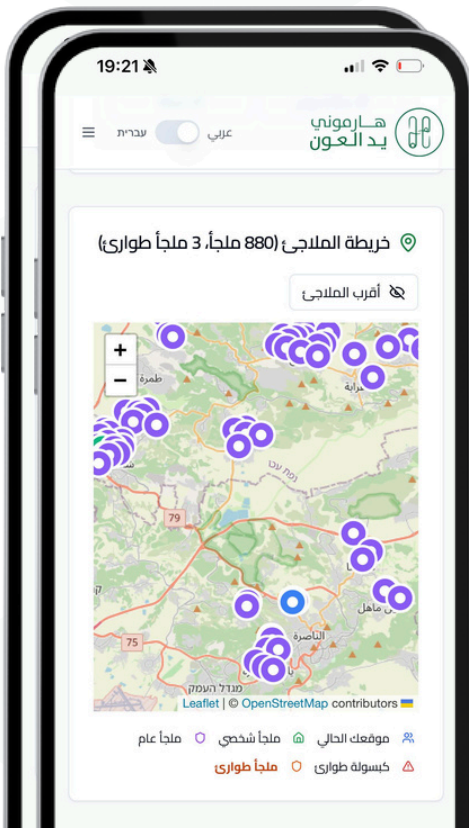
At its core, Safe-Shelter allows users to instantly locate the nearest open shelter, report locked or inaccessible ones, and register private safe spaces to serve the public—building a decentralized, community-powered network of protection. The platform is bilingual (Arabic and Hebrew), mobile-responsive, and includes accessibility features to help people with disabilities make informed decisions during emergencies.

To date, more than $6,000 in direct operational resources and over $14,000 worth of developer time have already been invested in building the platform— **together with the collected data the value of Safe-Shelter equal tens of thousands of dollars**. This has only been possible thanks to our dedicated 63 community volunteers. The platform is already functional (see Appendix A), proven, and trusted, and it has served thousands of people during the war with Iran but to ensure readiness for future crises, we need to complete its development and expand its reach. Visit www.harmonySOS.com to experience the solution.

The initiative is built on a foundation of strategic partnerships and field collaborations that strengthen its impact and credibility. **We are working closely with the Arab Emergency Committee** and we are in advanced communication to collaboration agreement with leading civil society organizations such as Injaz and Sikkuy–Ofok to support scale-up, outreach, and integration with public systems.

Now, to ensure the platform's long-term sustainability, usability, and national reach ahead of future emergencies, we urgently need your support. We are seeking $47,000 to scale the initiative **Funding will enable us to complete mobile app development, expand shelter mapping, create a dashboard for municipalities, and train community resilience teams.** Such development is crucial to strengthen emergency readiness for tomorrow.

1. The Problem, Hard Reality:

Many Arab towns in Israel lack accessible, up-to-date information about emergency shelters — a gap that puts lives at risk during missile attacks and other crises. In cities like Tamra, Sakhnin, Deir al-Asad, and Shefa-Amr, there are zero public shelters listed on any official or digital mapping tools, while nearby Jewish cities such as Nahariya and Carmiel have 241 and 126 shelters, respectively.

Residents searching for safety during missile alerts on Google Maps or Waze find nothing. Unlike in Jewish towns, where shelter locations are digitally mapped and accessible, Arab localities remain digitally invisible. This disparity is compounded by structural inequality: only 27% of schools in Arab towns have fortified spaces (compared to 92% in Jewish towns), and far fewer homes and apartment buildings include private shelters or reinforced rooms. The result is a deeply unequal civil defense reality — and a critical need for real-time, inclusive solutions that empower every resident with access to life-saving information.

2. Safe-Shelter, Proven Solution:

Find a Shelter: Users can instantly locate the nearest open public or private shelter,

Open a Shelter: Residents can register their own shelters with others, under their conditions.

Report a Problem: Users can report shelters that are locked, inaccessible, or unsafe— triggering community or municipal action.

Accessibility Filters: The platform collects and displays data on wheelchair access, lighting, and stair-free entry to ensure people with disabilities can make informed decisions before a missile alert.

Municipal Dashboard (in development): A backend dashboard will provide municipalities with live shelter availability, congestion heatmaps, and shelter reporting tools—enhancing local emergency management.

Offline Mode & Alerts (in development): Safe-Shelter will include downloadable maps and integrate with Pickud HaAref, allowing access even when networks go down.

AI-Powered Validation: An AI module will be used to flag duplicate entries, verify user-submitted data, and identify geographic shelter gaps.

In-App Emergency Guide (planned): Users will receive psychological first-aid guidance, shelter behavior tips, and quick safety resources in emergency conditions.

Safe Shelter was built to bridge the gap—not just with technology, but through the strength of local networks, rapid data collection, and actionable tools. Our goal is to create a layer of digital civil defense that empowers municipalities and protects lives, ensuring that no citizen is left without access to safety.

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3.1 Pillar One: Technology Development & Platform Enhancement

At the heart of Safe-Shelter is a dynamic, scalable digital infrastructure that translates community action into public safety. In this phase, we are expanding the platform's capabilities to serve more users, integrate deeper with local systems, and offer a seamless user experience.

3.2 Pillar Two: Community Engagement & Volunteer-Driven Mapping

(A) Volunteer Recruitment & Training: We will train dozens of local volunteers to engage residents, verify shelter conditions, register private shelters, and report locked or inaccessible ones. **(B) Public Awareness Campaigns:** Through digital and grassroots campaigns—including social media, local media appearances, and Arabic-language explainer videos—we will reach thousands more residents. **(C) Inclusivity Outreach:** Special effort will be made to ensure access for people with disabilities, elderly residents, and marginalized groups.

3.3 Pillar Three: Strategic Partnerships & Institutional Integration

We are in advanced communication to make legally-binding partnership agreements with two of the leading organizations in Arab civil society: Sikkuy–Ofok and Injaz in additon to the Operational Partnership: We work closely with the Arab Emergency Headquarters to ensure alignment with national and municipal emergency strategies. Also we want to ensure ongoing coordination with selected municipalities ensures that the data we collect is both usable and acted upon.

4. Budget Requested

Pillar / Category	Description	Cost (USD)
1. Core Technology & Mobile App Development	Building native iOS/Android apps with offline access and intuitive UI.	$17,000
2. Platform Enhancement & Institutional Tools	Developing the municipal dashboard, AI features, and ensuring top-tier security and maintenance.	$15,000
3. Community Engagement & Volunteer Mobilization	Designing and executing training programs and workshops for on-the-ground volunteer mappers.	$8,000
4. Public Outreach & Accessibility	Driving public awareness through campaigns and ensuring full translation and accessibility	$7,000
Total Investment Requested		**$47,000**

We invite you to join us as a key partner in scaling this vital initiative and building a safer, more resilient future for all communities in Israel.

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Appendix A
Screenshots from
Safe-Shelter