

# Narrowing Gaps in Mixed Cities 2022-2023: Implementation Methods and the Way Forward



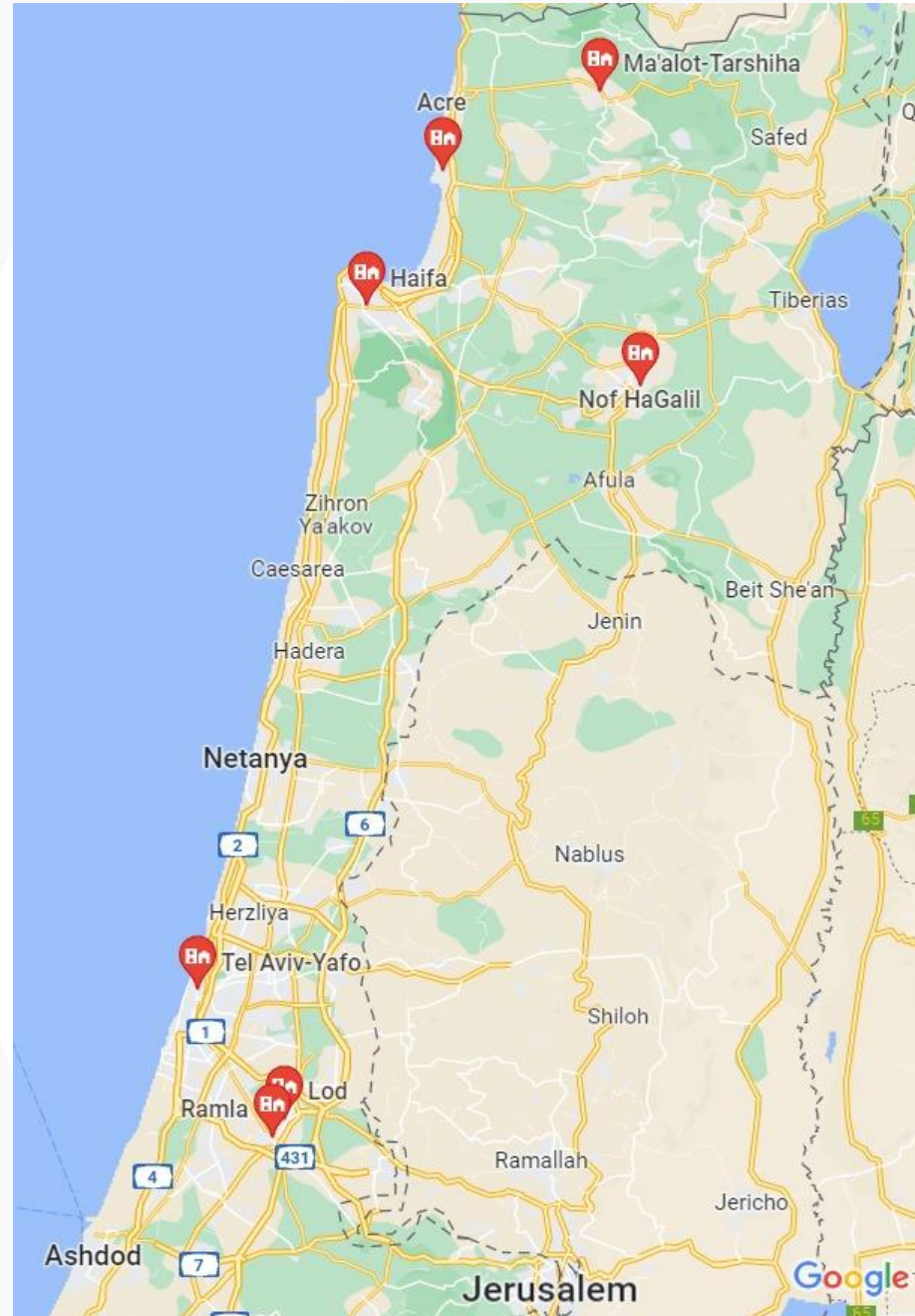


1. Background and government actions in the mixed cities
2. Overview: selected data
3. GR-1834: key aspects
4. Potential intervention areas for philanthropy

# Outline



# Mixed Cities:



Basic



# Overview - Meeting the Needs of Mixed Cities

## GR 550

**Call for Proposals in GR 550** - Ministry for Development of the Negev and the Galilee: Reducing gaps and strengthening shared society (50 million NIS)

**Personal Safety** (GR 549 amendment): expansion of services to increase personal safety, reduce violence and crime in Akko, Lod and Ramla (60 million NIS)

**Current Decision:** 2022-2023 (46 million NIS)

**Follow-up Decision:** for approval by the next government



# Overview – Israel's Mixed Cities





# Arab residents in mixed cities in Israel:

Socio-Economic Index of Arab statistical areas	Socio-Economic Index of Local Authorities	% of Arabs	Arab residents	Residents	City
1-2 30% • 4-5 50% • 6-7 20% •	7	12%	33,266	285,316	Haifa
1-2	4	31%	23,640	77,223	Lod
3-4	8	4.5%	20,757	460,613	TLV-Jaffa
1-2	4	24%	18,278	76,246	Ramle
2-4	4	32%	15,827	49,380	Akko
5	5	29%	11,965	41,734	Nof Hagalil
5	5	21%	4,610	21,836	Ma'alot Tarshiha
			<b>128,343</b>	<b>1,012,348</b>	<b>Total</b>



# Plan for Mixed Cities (NIS 46M)



## GR - Goals:

**Economic and social  
development of Arab  
society in mixed  
cities and reduction  
of gaps between  
Arab society and the  
general population**



**Promoting shared  
society in mixed  
cities**



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**Improving personal  
security and  
preventing violence  
and crime**







A mixed city is defined as having a majority Jewish population with a significant Arab minority numbering either more than 20% of the city's residents or over 20,000 residents

# Definition

**Education and  
Shared Society**

**Youth**

**Personal  
Safety  
(GR 1783)**

**Employment**

**Social and  
Welfare Services**

**Culture and  
Sports**

**Housing**  
(follow-up decision)

**Tools for local  
government**  
(follow-up decision)

**Focus  
Areas**



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Ministry of Economy and Industry



# Government Ministries

# Central Components:

## Youth

- Expanding activities of social engagement centers
- providing **gap year programs** for Arab youth in mixed cities

## Employment

- Employment integration through **employment guidance centers** offering basic skills and occupational skills programs, Hebrew, English, digital skills training and more
- Expansion of '**Employment Circles**' program – more participants = more placements.

## Social Services

- Strengthening **social service programs**
- Focus on human capital: improving **occupational diversity**
- Cultural **diversity training – SS departments in mixed cities programs**, language courses
- Enhancing and supporting **community mediation and dialogue** centers (Gishurim)

# Central Components:

## Education and Shared Society

- **Strengthening shared society** among mixed-city students through joint study programs, targeted activities, and teacher and urban forums
- Establishing **day care centers** in Arab neighborhoods

## Culture and Sports

- Budgets for urban cultural programs and new initiatives in Arab society
- Budgets for new **sports initiatives** in Arab society
- Funding **incentives for sports facilities** in Arab neighborhoods

## General

- Establishing a **model** to assist local authorities in implementing GR
- **Shared society programs** (additional Negev-Galil call for proposals) in a variety of fields to be chosen by the authority



## GR budget (NIS millions)

46

**Total**

18

Ministries'  
funds

13

Supplementary  
funds

(GR 550 section 28)

15

From GR  
550



# Status of implementation

- Standing Committee in Nov 22 - all the ministries presented the work plans for approval and are moving forward with budgeting and preparation for implementation with the municipalities
- Training for 30 representatives from mixed cities in preparation for another submission to the Negev-Galil call for proposals



# Implementation Status– reducing gaps and strengthening shared society: (selected activities)

## Personal Safety

- **Joint city patrol (A few cities)**
- Mediation consultant (Akko)
- Security cameras (All cities)
- Upgrading “Moked Roa” (N-H)
- **Personal safety courses for women (Ramle)**
- Workshops on gender violence (Ramle)
- **Treatment for parents with history of violence (M-T)**

## Education

- Youth club (A few cities)
- School pairing program (A few cities)
- **Arab entrepreneurship center (M-T)**
- Practitioners and educators (Akko)
- **Expanding community center activities for Arab society (Ramle)**
- Mobile community center (Ramle)
- Shared parenting group (Ramle)
- **Training educational teams about conflict (Ramle)**

## Transportation and Leisure

- **Shared events: culture and Holidays (A few cities)**
- Jewish-Arab theater (M-T)
- Shared environmental projects (M-T)
- Shared football clubs (Akko)
- **Shared program for the elderly (Akko)**

## Youth and Employment

- Professional training (**A few cities**)
- Entrepreneur program (Lod)
- **Preventing dropouts (Ramle)**
- **Business owner's forum (Lod)**
- Academic skills course (Lod)

## Improving Services

- Playground renovation (M-T)
- **Interreligious leadership group (M-T)**
- Renovation of resident service centers (**Akko**)
- **Rehabilitation of public areas (A few cities)**



# Potential intervention areas for philanthropy

# Funding

- Supplementary funding (urban matching)
- Strengthening civil society organizations, with an emphasis on local organizations
- Support in the construction of public institutions that will strengthen Arab society (eg. youth and young people centres, public institutions that offer services and employment)
- Support for the strengthening of Arab public education and a wider deployment of Arab schools and day care centres as needed (Nof HaGalil, Haifa, Acre)

## Planning and coordination

- Deepening knowledge base and studies on the mixed cities and shared life
- Strengthening strategy into forming policy for shared urban/regional spaces
- Creating an urban index for the fabric of shared life in mixed cities and regions
- Enhancing professional forums for management and professionals in the cities involved

## Supporting mechanisms

- Establishing units for shared life in clusters, mixed regional councils and mixed cities (eg. Galilee and Amakim cluster)
- Strengthening the human capital of social workers in Ramla and Lod
- Collaborations and incentives for the business sector and encouraging the establishment of joint businesses
- Support for the establishment of joint (bilingual) schools for Jews and Arabs in the mixed cities





# Thank You

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