2016 Annual Report

HEALING ACROSS THE DIVIDES

More than a decade of health
Our Mission:

“Improve the health of marginalized people living in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories via community-based intervention.”

HEALING ACROSS THE DIVIDES is committed to improving the health of marginalized Israelis and all Palestinians. We bring groups together, when possible, to exchange ideas and if possible to work together. We seek to increase the capacity and efficiency of these local groups. Our method of working to improve health represents a pathway to peace building. HATD is the only non-profit that provides funding and technical advice on health to both Palestinian and Israeli communities; and the only one that fosters cooperation between groups—a critical difference in these challenging times.

2016 Initiatives:

- Lowering domestic injury and mortality rates with the help of Arab and Jewish grandmothers
- Combating violence against Bedouin women and girls
- Helping stem the spread of HIV while supporting African refugees living with the virus in Israel
- Providing counseling and psychological support to Palestinian women and children south of Hebron
- Preventing drug abuse amongst Palestinian youth in East Jerusalem
- Empowering Arab women to advocate for health rights in northern Israel and the Galilee
- Improving health for Christian and Muslim women in the Jerusalem district
- Fighting chronic disease among severely marginalized Bedouin women and teens in Nablus
- Providing family planning and empowerment for African asylum seekers in Tel Aviv

HEALING ACROSS THE DIVIDES does not take public political stances on the many challenges that swirl around us today. And yet, we cannot avoid commenting on the “earthquake” that occurred this past year on November 9, 2016. The election of Donald Trump gives new urgency to our Peacebuilding through Health approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as we mark the 50th anniversary of the 1967 War which led to the Israeli occupation.

As part of Peacebuilding through Health, Healing Across the Divides has had a positive impact on the health of tens of thousands of people. Our aim is to increase the capacity of both Israeli and Palestinian community-based groups in order to improve the health of many more individuals. We foster increased cooperation and sharing in an effort to build understanding between groups across the many divides in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We strive for the day that some of these community group leaders will be tomorrow’s political leaders.

As we keep in mind these long term goals, I would like to highlight here our partnership, two consultations, and several areas of cooperation between grantees that have occurred in the past year. First, our partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on a family planning initiative for African refugee asylum seekers living in Israel that began in 2016. This initiative with the community group, Mefa, is very challenging because many African refugee asylum seeker women suffered greatly en route to Israel, including being sexually trafficked as they traversed the Sinai.

Then, in the first of two important consultations that occurred in 2016, Professor Riki Ravon of the University of California at Los Angeles worked with Al-Maqdisi, an organization that is providing drug abuse prevention services to Palestinian youth in East Jerusalem. Professor Ravon provided information on Unplugged, a new evidence-based approach to these services that has been validated in the Arabic speaking world and is now being implemented by Al-Maqdisi with great success.

Also, in August 2016 Professor Elizabeth Hembree of the University of Pennsylvania provided 3 days of training on new approaches to the treatment of post traumatic stress disorder particularly as it impacts women. Approximately 25 mental health therapists principally from two of our grantee organizations – the Palestine Working Women’s Society and Development of Ramallah and the Family Defense Society of Nablus – participated in the trainings.

Finally I would like to highlight, as part of our Peacebuilding through Health strategy, just one of several areas of cooperation between grantees – that between Caritas and Family Defense Society. Both are working to empower self-management for the large number of Palestinians suffering from chronic diseases such as obesity and diabetes. Both met each other for the first time through Healing Across the Divides and are now learning from each other via the exchange of trainers as they work to improve the health of the marginalized people they serve.

Partnerships, funding, organizational consultation and the fostering of cooperation between grantees. That is our slow but steady Peacebuilding through Health approach. Please join me, the staff, the board, and our many technical consultants as we aim in 2017 to improve the lives of even more marginalized Israelis and Palestinians via local community driven efforts.

Sincerely,

Norbert Goldfield, M.D.
Executive Director, Healing Across the Divides
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Projects we support are chosen based on their ability to most efficiently impact health in the communities they serve.

BETEREM: GRANDMOTHERS AS SOCIAL CHANGE AGENTS FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN
HAIFA & NORTHERN ISRAEL
Every day in Israel, hundreds of children are injured in domestic and street accidents requiring emergency room treatment. Around 120 die each year due to such injuries. Children from Israel’s Arab and ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities suffer significantly higher rates of such accidents and related fatalities.

Prior to forming a partnership with MATD, Beterem’s injury prevention model was based on raising community awareness about domestic safety with a focus on parent intervention. MATD proposed a new cross-generational/cross-cultural model that would take into account the growing number of grandparents in many under-served communities who care for children while parents are away at work—especially true in traditional societies where early marriage is the norm.

This unprecedented model trains Arab and Jewish ultra-Orthodox grandmothers who serve as their grandchildren’s primary caretakers, imparting them with critical skills to create and maintain safe domestic environments.

CARITAS: CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT
WEST BANK
This program in chronic disease self-management began in August with Dr. Goldfield’s training of Caritas staff and volunteer village health committee members in the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. This Caritas initiative is starting in the village of Abbaad north of Ramallah and five surrounding villages. In total in the first year approximately 1,000 individuals with chronic illnesses will be followed by 1.5 village health activators. The 1.5 village health activators will be supervised by a Community Health Worker Nurse who will work 80% time on this effort.

FAMILY DEFENSE SOCIETY (fds): DECREASING OBESITY FOR MARGINALIZED PALESTINIANS
NABLUS DISTRICT, WEST BANK
Working with marginalized Palestinian women in the Nablus, West Bank area including the Balata refugee camp, FDS has shifted their historic emphasis on psychological issues impacting seriously abused Palestinian women to focus on an obesity and psychological challenges that come with obesity. To have appropriate personnel resources they hired new staff on contracts; outstanding nutritionist and exercise experts. To have additional training, Dr. Goldfield in August trained the nutritionist and exercise expert in the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. The evaluation instruments include laboratory measurements/changes in weight and self-assessment instruments that include functional/mental health status.

ASSOCIATION FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS IN ISRAEL (ASSAF) AND THE ISRAEL AIDS TASK FORCE (IATF): PREVENTING HIV AND SUPPORTING REFUGEES
TEL AVIV & SOUTHERN ISRAEL
The IATF/ASSAF program—a collaborative effort between the Israel AIDS Task Force (IATF) and the Association for Asylum Seekers in Israel (ASSAF)—works to ensure that refugees and asylum seekers with HIV have access to HIV treatment. The program also works to prevent further transmission of the disease by educating refugee communities about safe sex and by working to mitigate the social stigma of HIV with the help of specialty trained community leaders.

In 2016, 2 community members underwent extensive training on educating the refugee and asylum seeker community on HIV prevention, health rights in Israel and services available to them. In addition to direct outreach in neighborhoods with large refugee populations, these community workers have conducted more than 20 workshops with average attendance of over 40 people each.

MA’AN (ARABIC FOR “TOGETHER”): ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST BEDOUIN WOMEN
THE NEGEV, SOUTHERN ISRAEL
In its second year of operation, the Ma’an program works to reduce sexual and gender-based violence and discrimination that many Bedouin women face. More than 80% have faced domestic violence, and nearly 40 percent of Bedouin men are married to more than one woman despite prohibition of polygamy in Israel.

To avoid support efforts being viewed as external impositions by the state, Ma’an provides support via several community-based platforms within safe environments that are more likely to be accepted by local women.

In 2016, 42 social workers received specialty training through the program to address gender-based violence, and tens of women were trained across seven villages and cities as community lay-leaders providing support and counseling to abused women. In addition, eleven new women volunteers were recruited locally to run an emergency support hotline for women in crisis. For many, this hotline served as a sole source of emotional support and guidance regarding advocacy options. Many callers sought support in the wake of physical and sexual abuse, as well as fears of losing custody of their children to abusive husbands—a common phenomenon. Nearly half were directed to Ma’an’s legal department, others were connected to protective shelters, connected to the local police and ultimately granted state protection orders.

EFFECTING INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

State of Israel
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AL-MAQOEE "UNPLUGGED": DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION FOR PALESTINIAN YOUTH

EAST JERUSALEM

Professor Rawson identified an Arabic speaking professional expert in Unplugged to provide training to Al-Maqoee staff, the Police Department and Directorate of Education. Because of travel restrictions, Dr. Nael Hassan, an Egyptian psychiatrist living in Abu Dhabi provided 12 training sessions by Skype. One of the main challenges (and benefits) of the program is the fact that the participating schools are located in the Al-Ram area of Jerusalem. This area is a grey zone, meaning that it’s not under the control of either the Palestinian or Israeli authorities, and thus it is a virtually lawless area with a large population and widespread presence of drugs and weapons. It is located near the Qalandiya checkpoint (the main opening between Jerusalem and Ramallah).

PALESTINE WORKING WOMEN’S SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENT (PWWS): PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH RIGHTS FOR WOMEN AND TEENS

HEBRON DISTRICT OF THE WEST BANK

PWWS is now entering its third year of partnership with HAID, providing individual and group counselling to Palestinian women and teens in the southern West Bank to improve their ability to cope with oftentimes violent surroundings caused by occupation, domestic violence and poverty.

The program targets extremely marginalized communities living in dire socioeconomic conditions where basic services such as running water and electricity can be scarce. Land ownership controversies severely exacerbate these hardships, adding challenges such as repeated Israeli military expulsions and harassment by radical Jewish settlers. The Satiya/Yatta enclave where the program operates has attracted significant media attention in recent years as it lies at the center of such a battle.

PWWS has conducted several media campaigns on radio and social media to raise awareness about protecting girls from sexual exploitation. Individual and family counselling, well-being and health awareness sessions were held with several hundred children in schools and throughout the Satiya and Yatta enclave.

MESILA: EMPOWERMENT AND FAMILY PLANNING FOR WOMEN IN THE ASYLUM SEEKER COMMUNITY

TEL AVIV

This is a jointly funded effort with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and it began in the fall of 2016. This project focuses on women of the asylum seeker community and will include a network of women from the community who, after intensive training, will become the primary resource for women on family planning and women’s rights. Mesila is also working to have women’s organizations in Israel make their services available to the refugee community.

KAYAN: PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN’S HEALTH

NORTHERN ISRAEL, GAILEE

Palestinian-Israeli women represent one of Israel’s most underserved populations in terms of access to healthcare. Despite this, the close-knit nature of the community presents a unique opportunity for civic engagement and empowerment at the community level.

Kayan, the largest Palestinian feminist organization in Israel, has worked in partnership with HAID since 2013, tapping into this community energy by establishing local health committees to promote leadership and support health advocacy within the burgeoning Arab women’s movement in Israel. These committees continue to successfully bring attention to health issues impacting Arab women in Israel both locally and nationally.

In 2016, the health rights program became engaged for the first time with Kayan’s national advisory committee, Jazar, further expanding its reach.

After its initial launch in 2013 in three Galilee towns, a fourth was launched in 2015 in the town of Majd al-Krum—with access to a combined population of nearly 65,000. In 2016, the number of groups grew by 175% to include seven new locations improving women’s health throughout the region.
“Community energy can be neither bought nor coerced. It is internal. Outsiders and outside resources are crucial to it, but their role is to stimulate commitment and practical alternatives, not to do the actual work.”

—Norbert Goldfield, MD
Executive Director, Healing Across the Divides

Exchange of expertise among our grantees is an integral part of HATD’s program model for capacity-building and promoting understanding across ethnic and religious boundaries.

Healing Across the Divides supports a growing number of community-based initiatives across Israel and the West Bank.
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In 2016, Candida and Kevin Quin went on the first-ever HATD study tour of Israel and the West Bank, visiting a dozen HATD grantee organizations. Although they had no personal connection to HATD or the Middle East, they knew Norbert Goldfield personally and jumped at the opportunity to join the 10-day tour. “For us, it was an experience of a lifetime,” says Candida, who joined him in their home in Helena, Montana. “Our interest was in seeing how HATD supports the delivery of desperately needed healthcare while bringing people together in a part of the world that is filled with division.”

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“Good intentions aren’t enough in philanthropy. Results are what really help people. HATD expects results.”

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Healing Across the Divides 2016 | WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jeff Aronson

World-renowned expert on Middle East affairs and former director of the Foundation for Middle East Peace, Jeff Aronson brings decades of experience with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict to his new role on HATD board members.

He is chairman and co-founder of The Morton Groom and consults with a variety of public and private institutions dealing with political, security, and development issues in the Middle East.

"HATD offers an opportunity for me to be involved in concrete assistance and improvement in the lives of the people of the region. Much of my work does not lend itself to seeing positive results in the short term...and indeed in the long term, HATD’s agenda is therefore refreshingly concrete and measurable."

Benjamin A. Gitterman, M.D., FAAP

Dr. Gitterman brings to the HATD board a lifetime of advocacy for children’s health. In addition to being an active practicing pediatrician, he has been heavily involved in research, education and policy efforts to improve the health and welfare of children’s health in underserved communities. Among Dr. Gitterman’s accomplishments are his role as the Founder and Co-Director of the Mid-Atlantic Center for Children’s Health and the Environment, has been a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Children’s Environmental Health and was the founder of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Council on Community Pediatrics. He is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health at George Washington University and Children’s National Medical Center in Washington D.C. and was the Chair of the General and Community Pediatrics or Children’s National Medical Center.

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Lewis E. Kazis, Sc.D.

Dr. Kazis is a Professor of Health Policy and Management, and Director of the Center for the Assessment of Pharmaceutical Practices (CAPPI) at Boston University School of Public Health. He has conducted research projects for the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), and more recently with the National Institute of Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) in the areas of quality of care and patient reported outcomes. He has well over 200 publications including those in health outcomes and comparative effectiveness.

Dr. Kazis has also been a special consultant to the Office of Quality and Performance in the Veterans Administration (VA), and is the principle developer of the VR-12 and VR-36 performance measures that have been adopted by the VA and CMS.

"We live in some of the most difficult times facing Israel and the Middle East, and HATD does outstanding work and is a ray of light in all of this. HATD is on the forefront addressing some of the most difficult health-related problems compounded by complex ge-political challenges. The solution offers what locally as “politic is local,” starting on a one-on-one basis with conflicts facing the Palestinians and Israelis. I truly believe that through positive programs (like those supported by HATD), the foundation is laid for an important and better future for all of us...I believe that with both constructive input in the form of assistance and contributions to organizations such as HATD, we can all make this world a better place."

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HATD’s Annual Dual-Narrative Study Tour to Israel and the West Bank

In 2016 Healing Across the Divides reached a new milestone – our first Study Tour to the Middle East. The response from participants was so positive that we plan to have an annual Tour. 20 people from all over the United States visited on site with leaders and granteees of the community groups Healing Across the Divides is working with in Israel and the West Bank. The tour also provided participants a unique dual-narrative experience where both Israeli and Palestinian perspectives were presented.

The Study Tour provided participants an intimate, on-the-ground view of the life-saving work of the community groups that HATD supports. Almost every day we visited a grantee – from Haifa in northern Israel to Savya south of Hebron in the West Bank. The tour allows participants to witness facts on the ground of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict while at the same time seeing first hand a measure of hope from the community groups we work with. Combined with incredible food, lodging and sightseeing in Israel and the West Bank, the Tour was an opportunity for participants to absorb the reality of all that Israel encompasses.

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“This was my sixth trip to Israel and it was by far the best experience.” – 2016 HATD trip participant
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