



A Brief on Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children's (ASDC) Inclusive Emergency Interventions

13th May 2023

Phone calls support

More than **196** Phone calls were received from the beneficiaries asking for **counselling** and support

196

Individual counselling support

Provision of online individual counselling support for **180 children and adults, females and males, with and without disabilities** through the hotline and the online modalities

180

Psychosocial first aid interventions

Provision of psychosocial first aid interventions to **573** of **women and girls with and without disabilities** through hotline and the online modalities

573

Provision of GBV interventions

Provision of GBV interventions to **17 of women and girls with and without disabilities** through hotline and the online modalities

17

Inclusive awareness raising

ASDC's awareness activities reached more than **201,000 community members** during 8th and 13th May 2023

201K

The impact of escalation

ASDC's MEAL Unit conducted a survey with **172** families of the ASDC beneficiaries, In order to better understand how the conflict has affected the lives of families and children with and without disabilities

71.5%

of the families reported that they are **not aware** of how to **calm down** their **children during** the escalation and the heavy airstrikes, and they reported that they didn't use **the efficient techniques** to calm down their children like drawing, play with the children, talking to them, etc.

Story of H.B, a 15-year-old female child

Living with the Fear of Loss.



The 15-year-old, H.B (initials of her name), female child who lives in a 4-member family. During her childhood, at the age of 6, **she witnessed the death** of her older brother **in the escalation in 2014**. Since then, she has been suffering from **several chronic issues** including **PTSD, bedwetting, and psychological distress**. This child received psychosocial support sessions at **Atfaluna** where she was detected to be needing an advanced intervention due to her severe symptoms. She was referred to receive **case management** services and **individual counseling**. Despite her extreme condition, the specialists were able to help her strengthen her **resilience** and coping mechanisms through **relaxation techniques**, Catharsis, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. She then was referred benefit from medical services. These interventions have been highly beneficial in reducing her stress and improving her wellbeing.

During the current Israel escalation (May 2023), the child is being contacted by Atfaluna daily to check up on her psychological condition, as part of the Inclusive Emergency Intervention we provide. Unfortunately, we found out that she is going through a very serious breakdown as she encountered another tragic death this Friday 12th of May 2023 as her cousin was killed by an Israeli airstrike. Atfaluna's team of psychosocial specialists immediately stepped in to provide **Psychological First Aid**. She is being provided with the needed counseling and adaptation techniques to maintain her mental stability. **Her caregivers are also receiving psychosocial support to assist in her recovery**

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