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1998 Allocations for Rape Crisis Centers 40% Lower than in 1997

The following figures were provided by the Israel Association for Rape Crisis Centers.

Center	1997 Expenses (NIS)	1997 Allocation from the Social Affairs Ministry	Allocation as Percent of Expenses	1998 Allocation from the Social Affairs Ministry	Allocation as Percent of 1998 Budget	% Change in Allocation
Tel Aviv	1,044,528	141,000	13%	81,000		
Jerusalem (1)	396,173	76,000	19%	46,000		
Jerusalem (2)	217,000	30,000	14%	28,000		
Haifa	633,075	102,000	16%	58,000		
Raanana	89,897	55,000	61%	31,000		
Beer Sheba	178,041	25,000	14%	12,000		

Eilat	70,000	16,000	23%	12,000		
Kiryat Shmona	73,051	16,000	22%	12,000		
Nazareth	139,496	39,000	28%	21,000		
<u>Total</u>	<u>2,841,261</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>17.6%</u>	<u>301,000</u>	<u>7.5%</u>	<u>-40%</u>

Not only has government support for the Centers decreased by 40%: last year, following a special publicity campaign, the Centers received one-time grants and contributions totalling NIS 1,066,000. This amount constituted one-third of the 1997 expenditures of the Centers, and it enabled them to handle the increased calls for help generated by the campaign. In 1997, the Centers received 11,279 calls, 6,022 of them for sexual assault, an increase of 100% over 1997.

The increased activity made possible by the one-time grants and contributions continues, but this year no such resources are forthcoming. And government support has decreased by 40%.

The Bottom Line

The Centers are the only organizations that provide free services to victims of sexual assault from all sectors of Israeli society. What do the Centers need?

- 1) A budget line that covers a fixed percentage of their expenditures.
- 2) Government support based on need: that is, annual allocations that cover 60% of the operating expenses of the Centers. For 1998, this amounts to NIS 2,400,000 (estimated expenditures total NIS 4,000,000).