

# Requests for Donations of Equipment for Soldiers

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## Main Points:

- The IDF has indicated that they are not experiencing shortages, even though some materials have not yet reached the intended troops.
- The IDF requests that all donations be channeled through accredited organizations including the [FIDF](#) and the [Association for Israel's Soldiers](#).
- Large donations of personal protective equipment can be given by contacting [Trumot\\_migun@mod.gov.il](mailto:Trumot_migun@mod.gov.il) or phone: +972-73-3538888
- While Israeli soldiers may not need supplies, hundreds of thousands of Israeli civilians have suffered. Consider a contribution to meet urgent needs through [Jewish Federations of North America](#).

## Background

Since Israel was attacked on the morning of October 7<sup>th</sup>, social media has been flooded with requests for donations and crowd-sourcing campaigns for equipment for IDF reserve soldiers. These have ranged from basic items like socks, to advanced items such as Kevlar protective vests.

## Is there a shortage of equipment?

Despite numerous anecdotal reports of shortages, the IDF Spokesperson said that “There is no shortage of equipment. There is no shortage of food. It will all arrive, even if some items will take a little longer. Restraint is required.”

The IDF released the following statement:

*Since the beginning of the war, large-scale efforts by the IDF's Technological and Logistical Directorate have led to the recruitment of over 360,000 reserve soldiers who are deployed in all different sectors around Israel. This is the largest draft in decades, which is leading to temporary delays in supply shipments, which are being dealt with presently.*

*All of the necessary equipment is available. We are familiar with the rising demands of all of our forces and are addressing them. The equipment provided for the recruited forces is in addition to the pre-existing stocks in the units.*

*The equipment is being delivered to units according to a previous determined priority chain in accordance with the various missions and their requirements.*

*The support that was both offered and delivered to the IDF has been overwhelmingly appreciated. The IDF, however, possesses all the necessary equipment for the operation.*

*As of this morning, the Technology and Logistics Directorate has been operating a call center attending to issues regarding food, equipment and logistics and is available 24/7 for members of the IDF via WhatsApp to the following number: +972-52-6156256*

Documentation on the subject is attached: <https://bit.ly/48JyAWJ>

Photos on the subject are attached: <https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC874334>

Data on the subject is attached: <https://did.li/UdICN> [Hebrew link]

Information on the Technology and Logistics Department's hotline is attached: <https://did.il/ZFllw> [Hebrew link]

The IDF has announced that it has already successfully:

- Provided hundreds of heavy weaponry units to IDF units.
- Supplied 24,000 tons of infrastructure materials (asphalt, gravel, and earthworks).
- Employed over 60 construction companies to assist the IDF.
- Established 5 factories for the production of protective equipment.
- Rented hundreds of generators.
- Prepared approximately 1,500 buses for transporting IDF soldiers, focused mainly on reserve forces.
- Delivered over 1,000 carriers, semi-trailers, trucks, and around 1,200 rental vehicles to combat forces.
- Distributed a wide variety of equipment including baby food to the residents of the city of Sderot.

### **So why are there so many complaints?**

The IDF has called up 360,000 reservists (not all of whom are combat soldiers). It takes time to deliver equipment to such large numbers of people. Additionally, given the high motivation of Israelis to serve at this critical moment, more are showing up than have even been called back to duty. In some cases, this patriotic response is inadvertently exacerbating the temporary shortages.

### **Could we even provide the supposedly missing items?**

The IDF is reported to have prohibited Israeli manufacturers from selling military items most in demand such as Kevlar vests without approval. These are not currently available in large numbers in the general marketplace and some of the crowdfunding campaigns are now



struggling to purchase the equipment they had sought. Nobody can guarantee that these online campaigns are vetted or that equipment being purchased meets military standards.

### **What can people do for soldiers?**

Israeli civilians have always brought food to soldiers waiting to be deployed before major operations. This is not because the army does not provide food, but rather a home-cooked meal, chocolates or other snacks, will always be more desirable. At least at this stage, the reports are that there are long lines of Israelis bringing food to the reservists.

The IDF requests that all donations be channeled through accredited organizations like the [FIDE](#) or the [Association for Israel's Soldiers](#) which provide for the long-term welfare of soldiers, particularly those from vulnerable populations, including lone soldiers.

In addition, the Ministry of Defense, the IDF and the Association for the Soldier are opening a hotline for parties seeking to donate personal protective equipment in large quantities in order to respond effectively to the vast outpouring of support and desire to help pouring in from around the world

Call center details:

Email: [Trumot\\_migun@mod.gov.il](mailto:Trumot_migun@mod.gov.il)

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In Israel donations to support IDF soldiers can be channeled via the Association for the Soldier in Israel at \*3399.

### **How else can we help?**

While Israeli soldiers may not need supplies, there are hundreds of thousands of Israeli civilians who are in real need, who have suffered due to the conflict, including the many victims and their families. Consider a contribution to your local Federation or to the [Jewish Federations of North America](#) to help those in real need.

