

Israel

Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

Country Overview

Population (2018)	8,882,800
GNI Per Capita (2018)	\$41,607
Country Classification by Income Level (2018)	High-income
Number of Registered Philanthropic Organizations (2018)	36,000
Philanthropic Environment Country Overall Score (2018)	3.83
Philanthropic Environment Cross-Border Flows Score (2018)	3.50

Data: Population, GNI Per Capita and Country Classification by Income Level: World Bank, www.worldbank.org
 Number of Registered Philanthropic Organizations: Global Philanthropy Environment Index: Middle East and Northern Africa, globalindices.iupui.edu
 Philanthropic Environment Country Overall Score and Cross-Border Flows Score: Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, *2018 Global Philanthropy Environment Index*. globalindices.iupui.edu

Cross-Border Resource Flows, 2018 (in millions of inflation-adjusted 2018 US dollars)

Total Resource Flows	Philanthropy	Official Development Assistance (ODA)	Remittances	Private Capital Investment
\$3,291.89	\$0	\$365.45	\$2,926.44	
Quality of Data on Philanthropic Outflows			++++	

Data: Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, 2020 *Global Philanthropy Tracker*

Summary of cross-border philanthropy

The Law of Associations (1980) governs philanthropic organizations (POs) in Israel, which puts some restrictions on the types of POs that can operate in Israel. The law prevents any PO from being founded that negates the existence of Israel, or anywhere this is a “founded suspicion” of being a cover for illegal activity. It is also allowed to prevent a PO forming if its name would “offend the public, which has been used to block many left-wing and Palestinian POs from forming.

SENDING CROSS-BORDER CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Cross-border charitable donations are assessed additional costs and are not subject to the same tax incentives as domestic donations (Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, 2018).

RECEIVING CROSS-BORDER CHARITABLE DONATIONS

While POs are free to receive money from outside the country, recent legislation has been enacted to constrain it, such as penalizing organizations that receive money from other governments (Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, 2018).

ESTIMATED CROSS-BORDER GIVING

Internationally focused organizations represent 0.1 percent of total non-profit income in Israel. These organizations reported that none of their income came from domestic donations in 2018 (Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2019).

ESTIMATED CROSS-BORDER VOLUNTEERING

N/A

CROSS-BORDER GIVING BY CHARITABLE CAUSES

N/A

KEY DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS IN CROSS-BORDER GIVING

N/A

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