



The Forward Together Program

In memory of Vivian Silver

Forward Together is a joint initiative by SID-Israel and OLAM, designed to support growing organizations in the fields of international development and humanitarian aid. The program seeks to support NGOs that show strong potential for growth and impact, offering them both financial assistance in the form of a grant and tailored consultation services. These services will help each organization assess its specific needs, enabling them to scale their impact and operations and attract new funding opportunities in today's complex funding environment.

An expert advisory committee will oversee the selection process and assist participants in identifying their key support needs. Based on these needs, each organization will either select from a curated pool of experienced advisors and consultants to receive targeted guidance or choose to use the grant funds to implement solutions internally. The 2025 selection committee includes: Idan Megidish, Dyonna Ginsburg, Raphael Marcus, Ariel Beery, Ayelet Levin-Karp, Ophelie Namiech.

Benefits for participants

- 6-10 hours of consultation services on a range of topics that will help you identify and focus on your core organizational needs, while strengthening your organization and expanding your impact.
- Access to funding to support your organization's growth.
- Networking opportunities with like-minded organizations and partners.
- Advisory support for grant expenditure and implementation.

Program Structure

The Forward Together Grant will consist of two main components:

1. **6-10 Consultation hours:** Participants will receive specialized advising on building organizational capacity in areas such as fundraising, strategic planning, financial management, and impact measurement. The consultation

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topics will be customized based on the needs and challenges identified by each organization, ensuring practical relevance and applicability.

- 2. Funding Support:** Alongside the consultation program, participating organizations will receive a grant for implementation of the skills and methodologies discussed during their meetings with the selected consultants. Alternatively, organizations can use the grant funding to seek further consultation on a topic of their choice. Both options must be authorized by the expert advisory committee.

Application Process

The Forward Together Grant is open to NGOs working in international development and humanitarian aid, who are registered members of both *SID* and *OLAM*. In 2025, the program will focus on organizations that are at a pivotal stage in their growth and development, with a proven track record and the potential to make a measurable difference.

The expert advisory committee will seek to ensure that organizations that are selected for the program will demonstrate clear, innovative solutions to pressing global challenges, commitment to improving their operational and financial sustainability, and a collaborative approach that seeks to leverage external support to create a long-lasting impact.

Eligibility

To apply for Forward Together, your organization should:

- Be in operation for at least two years and working in international development & humanitarian initiatives
- Have annual revenue of a minimum of 500,000 NIS*
- Have a team of at least 5 employees or 10 volunteers

* An organization demonstrating a revenue of 500,000 NIS for the fiscal year 2023 may be considered for inclusion in the program on an exceptional basis.

In addition, all organizations applying to Forward Together must provide:

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- A certificate of registration as (i) an association (amutah) from the Registrar of Associations, or (ii) a charitable company from the Registrar of Companies and Registry of Endowments.
- Income tax certificates showing non-profit classification.
- A valid Certificate of Proper Management for the year 2025 from the Registrar of Associations or Registrar of Endowments, as applicable.

Proposal

Organizations must submit a 2-3 page proposal that includes:

1. **Organizational Overview & Track Record**
2. **Primary Operational Constraint**
3. **Implementation Capacity**
4. **Growth Potential & Sustainability Plan**
5. **Use of Forward Together Resources for Lasting Impact**

Detailed instructions and templates are available on the Forward Together website and in the application form.

Interviews

Selected organizations will undergo an interviewing process by the expert advisory committee, for the purpose of further evaluating eligibility.

Selection

The expert advisory committee will evaluate the growth potential, the alignment with the program objectives, and the organization's ability to benefit from 'Forward Together'. The expert advisory committee will have full discretion in its selections of participants in the "Forward Together" program.

Grant allocation

Divided into 2 parts:

- (1) Initial assistance with the selection of topics for consultation.
- (2) Approval of grant expenditure by the expert advisory committee.

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Grant funds are released once the expert advisory committee approves the proposed use.

Timeline

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| • Call for proposals opens | 20.5.25 |
| • 1st stage - Application deadline | 17.6.25 |
| • 2nd stage - Interviews | 9.7.25 - 10.7.25 |
| • Selected organizations announced: | 10.7.25 |
| • Kick-off meeting | 24.7.25 |
| • 1st stage- 6-10 consultation hours | 25.7- 16.10.25 |
| • 2nd stage- expert advisory committee approval of grant use | 20.10.25 |
| • Grant allocation | 10.11.25 |
| • Concluding meeting | 30.10.25 * |

*Tentative

Contact Information

For more information on the application process and deadlines, please visit our website <https://www.sid-israel.org/forwardtogether25> or contact us at community@sid-israel.org.



About Vivan Silver

Vivian Silver was a Canadian-Israeli peace activist and women's rights advocate known for her significant contributions to gender equality and peace-building initiatives in Israel. Born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada, Silver's activism began during her college years when she co-founded the Student Zionist Alliance and later organized the first National Conference of Jewish Women in 1973.

Immigrating to Israel in 1974, Silver became deeply involved in various social justice causes. She focused on advancing women's rights within Israeli society, founding the United Kibbutz Movement's Department to Advance Gender Equality in 1981. Silver's commitment to gender equality extended to her work in the Knesset and organizations like the New Israel Fund and Shatil.

Living in Kibbutz Be'eri near the Gaza border from 1990 onwards, Silver became dedicated to promoting peace and cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians. She served as the executive director of the Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (NISPED) and co-founded the Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation in 1999.

Silver's efforts included organizing cross-cultural projects and fostering business connections between Palestinian and Israeli artisans. She also volunteered with organizations like Women Wage Peace, advocating for human rights and peace-building initiatives.

Throughout her life, Silver's tireless advocacy and activism aimed to address gender disparities and promote dialogue and understanding between communities in the region. Her legacy as a champion of women's rights and peace-building continues to inspire others to work towards a more just and peaceful society.

Vivian was killed in her home in Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7th.

We join in the deep sorrow of her children and family, and embrace them to our hearts.

Her memory continues to guide our commitment to peace and equality.

Date: May 20, 2025