

First Aid and Medical Emergency Services

Magen David Adom maintains a nationwide lifesaving network of 47 First Aid Stations, spanning the country. The number of Stations is gradually being expanded, to answer the needs of a growing population.

Many of these Stations were at first housed in temporary quarters which in the course of time proved inadequate. Every year, modern and functional edifices, planned for optimal efficacy, are replacing the huts and barracks that served as temporary premises. This ambitious building and expansion program is made possible by the devoted and generous aid of the Friends of Magen David Adom Societies on five continents. The membership of these Societies is non-sectarian and comprises men and women imbued by the desire to aid the humanitarian work of MDA in Israel.

Most of MDA's First Aid Stations operate on a 24-hour basis round the clock and are equipped for versatile functions, including emergency

procedures. All Stations are linked by electronic communication devices to regional and national communication centers, so that immediate information concerning accidents or mass disasters can be relayed and needed action and assistance provided without loss of time.

Ambulance Services

When Magen David Adom was established in 1930, its pride was its single ambulance, which was incessantly on call.

Today MDA has an ambulance fleet of more than 700 modern lifesaving vehicles, deployed in all parts of the country. Most of the ambulances are attached to the MDA Stations; others are stationed in villages and kibbutzim in areas along the threatened borders. All are equipped with wireless sets linking them to their Stations or ambulance posts, and to regional headquarters.

Underground shelter at Jerusalem's Central First Aid Station is fully equipped to serve as Emergency Station in times of war and mass disasters





▲ Communications center at Jerusalem Central First Aid Station answers all calls for help



▲ Young newcomer from Ethiopia is treated for head wound at MDA Station in Ma'alot

A vital task is carried out by MDA's Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICU's for short), which are equipped with sophisticated apparatus for the immediate diagnosis and treatment in cardiac and polytrauma emergencies and linked by telemetry equipment to the Coronary Care Units at nearby medical centers, enabling the attending physician to render the required treatment en route. The MICU's are staffed by physicians trained in emergency medicine, and by paramedics, who have undergone a thorough and very strenuous training at MDA.

Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) at MDA First Aid Station in Nahariya ▼

▶ Bather rescued from drowning is given intensive care by MDA paramedics

