A Service that transcends the boundaries of race, creed and ethnic affiliation

Magen David Adom provides its services on a non-political, non-sectarian basis to all — regardless of race, creed or ethnic affiliation. Membership in the Society is voluntary — open to Jews, Arabs and other Israeli residents of either sex.

The volunteer members, who are active in all phases of MDA's work in branches throughout the country, are a veritable microcosm of Israel's population, and, beyond this, of the Family of Man. Arab physicians, Druze ambulance drivers, Jewish paramedics work side by side in harmony at MDA Stations in Galilee. In Jerusalem, the head of a local church who serves as a volunteer ambulance driver, takes over from a bearded Yeshiva student upon the completion of the latter's tour of duty. Thus the work of MDA may well be a harbinger of a better future in the Holy Land, torn during centuries by sectarian and ethnic animosities.
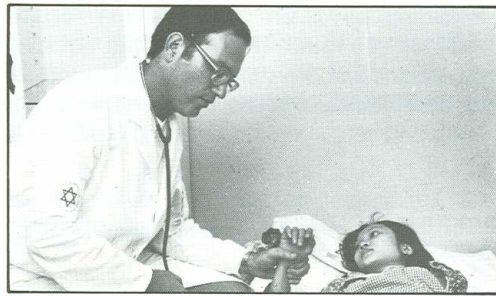

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MDA Youth volunteers visit and care for the elderly and infirm

MDA's relief work is not limited to Israel. When other countries and regions are struck by natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, typhoons and volcanic eruptions, or beset by epidemics and famine, Magen David Adom endeavors to lend a helping hand, according to its ability. During the past decades MDA sent 125 relief shipments abroad (see Appendix on pages 20-24).
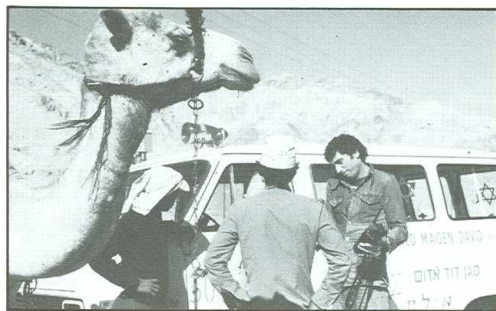
To a number of disaster areas stricken by epidemics, MDA sent medical teams, serving in field hospitals and remote outposts. It has pro-

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Physician in charge of Nahariya MDA Paramedic team, an Israeli Arab, inspects equipment in Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

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Vietnamese refugee receives medical care at Magen David Adom

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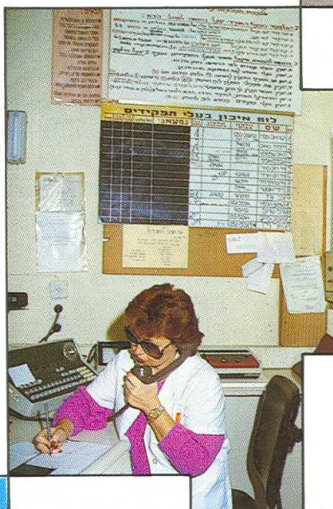MDA First Aid team arrives at a Bedouin encampment in the desert

vided training programs in First Aid, hygiene and public health services to medical personnel, social workers, teachers and youth leaders from developing countries. These training programs were held both in Israel and abroad.

— and a Task that never ends

24 hours round the clock, 365 days per year — that is the tour of duty of Magen David Adom's ambulance teams. Shown here are MDA ambulances answering calls in different parts of the country.

At Tower of David, Jerusalem

Old City of Akko

MDA signpost in Ma'alot, northern Galilee

Akko Harbor

Tel Aviv seashore

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