

Dear friends, partners, and supporters,

As we look back on 2025, we want to share what your support made possible. This year brought war, displacement, and disasters – but also courage, solidarity, and the steady growth of resilient communities. Across all our programmes, one message stood out: *people have an incredible ability to rebuild when they are given space, trust, and support.*

Our work in **Ukraine** continued to show what **community-led support** can achieve. Together with our local partners Avalyst and Arch4UA, we established three Community Hives in close collaboration with the communities themselves. These safe, community-owned spaces were designed with and for the **Roma Community** in Zaporizhzhia, the **Jewish Community** in Kyiv, and the **Internally Displaced Community** in Dnipro, ensuring they meet local needs and can evolve with changing circumstances. Staff from these communities received training in Protection, Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and Community Building, enabling them to run the Hives independently. These Hives are more than safe spaces - they are hubs for support, connection, and resilience, created by the communities for the communities.



Strengthening communities also guided our work in the **Balkans**. Our **Food Security Initiative** reached people who are disproportionately affected by food insecurity. Roma children, as well as elderly and disabled members of the Jewish community, received regular support, combining immediate assistance with education and community-strengthening efforts.



92 individuals were supported, but the impact reached much further: when a child receives a daily meal, a parent worries less; when an elderly person gets support, an entire family breathes easier. In total, **2,062 people felt these ripple effects** throughout their communities.

Mental health and psychosocial support remained a priority. Together with our local art and music therapists, and our local partners SmartDrub, and the Society of Advanced Education, we supported **982** children, minorities, and frontline communities in **Israel**.

After the devastating attacks on the **Druze community** in Suwayda, **Syria**, we mobilized quickly, training local NGOs in trauma support, equipping volunteers through the Israel Midwives Association to assist women giving birth under extremely challenging conditions, and delivering essential newborn care kits. Even in the hardest times, these programmes restore dignity, safety, and hope.

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from emergency aid to long-term resilience!

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We also continued supporting displaced people across Europe – in **Germany, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Greece** – including single mothers, Jewish and Roma minorities fleeing the war in Ukraine. Through **community & resilience building and psychosocial programmes**, we reached **11,335** individuals, helping them regain stability and rebuild their lives.



Our commitment to helping communities prepare for future disasters also remained central to our work. Communities have long faced **natural hazards** such as floods and wildfires, which can seriously affect lives and wellbeing. In 2025, OlamAid began its first **disaster preparedness** mission in **Albania** – next to our initiative in **Greece**. Our team traveled to Himarë, a coastal region often threatened by wildfires, to work closely with local firefighters. We ran trainings on wildfire preparedness and psychological first aid (PFA), led an awareness campaign, and delivered essential firefighting equipment.



"I've worked in disaster response for years, but this was the first time we addressed the emotional side of emergencies. It was long overdue."

This focus on emotional resilience also shaped our work with children. In Valencia, **Spain**, and Rudersberg, **Germany**, we collaborated with municipalities to create an **interactive children's book co-created by children for children, based on real flood experiences**. Told from the children's own perspectives, it captures their emotions, fears, and hopes, helping young readers recognize and process difficult feelings, regain a sense of safety, and strengthen resilience. The book is designed to help children in other communities navigate and understand difficult experiences, so its impact can extend well beyond the communities where it was co-created.



Throughout all our work, one principle stands out: resilience matters. It allows communities to adapt, recover, and thrive even when social networks and state structures are weakened. At our **annual conference Voices of Resilience in Berlin**, supported by the Central Welfare Board of Jews in Germany (ZWST), we emphasized that minorities are not passive recipients of aid – they are active shapers of their own futures.



In **2025**, thanks to your support, we reached over **70,000 individuals across Europe and the Middle East**, helping them regain stability, access essential services, and rebuild their communities.

Finally, we want to say a heartfelt **thank you**. To our local partners, working tirelessly under difficult conditions; to **ZWST**, our close and long-standing partner, as well as **our donors and supporters**, who make this work possible; and **to the communities** themselves, whose courage and solidarity inspire us every day!

As humanitarian budgets shrink, **your support is more important than ever**. Together, we can continue standing with people in crisis in 2026 and **ensure that no one faces these challenges alone**.

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Thank you for standing with us and the communities we serve!

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Warmly,
The OlamAid Team

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