

# Innovation in COVID Assampling

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## Roles of Magen David Adom





National Blood Service



National
Emergency
Medical
Service (EMS)



First Aid and Critical care training



RCRC National Society



Auxiliary to the publiuc authorities in emergencies

#### **Activities of MDA- COVID 19**



# **COVID-19** in Israel



From them

The samples were taken by

6,527

swabs samplers

#### MDA activity until May 7th

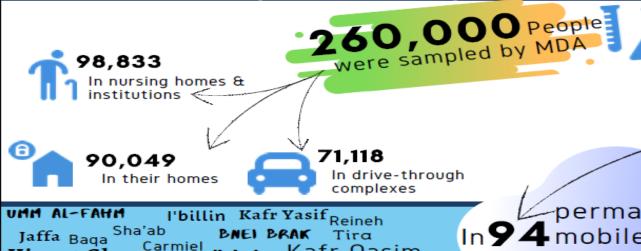
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Jerusalem

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#### Actividades de MDA – COVID 19





More than **2,000,000** COVID-19 related calls were answered by MDA;

An average of 37,000 calls per day,

that makes a **700%** increase from the routine,

with a peak of **86,655** calls received in one day (March 31st).



**4,270** COVID-19 patients have been transported in MDA's ambulances, and in **120** specially designed ambulances.



MDA's blood services collect plasma from patients who have recovered from COVID-19 and have antibodies, and provide it to hospitals to treat severe patients. All the collected blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies starting next week.

**54** patients have been treated this way so far.

**500** plasma units have been collected by MDA until now.



MDA's teams treat and transport patients that are under home quarantine and have a situation that requires medical assistance.







### **Sampling**











#### **Lessons identified**



 New situation provided an opportunity to use our skills in an area we never thought we will be involved in (EMS doing public health)

 Demand required new and fast solutions ("home sampling" to "drive through and test")

- IT support
- Adjusting to specific needs of different target groups
- Role of volunteers

