



48,000
evacuated
children

17,725
ages 0-6



As of the end of December 2023, 48,000 school-age children were evacuated from their home communities following a government decision. 17,725 were between the ages 0-6. In addition, there are scores of children in families who have evacuated independently.



42

**children were
abducted to
the Gaza Strip.**

Today, there remain two children still held hostage, Ariel and Kfir Bibas, both under the age of 5. 15 of the abducted children have parents who remain hostages.

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**children were
murdered during
the October 7th massacre.**

3 were under the age of 3, and
4 were between the ages of 3-6



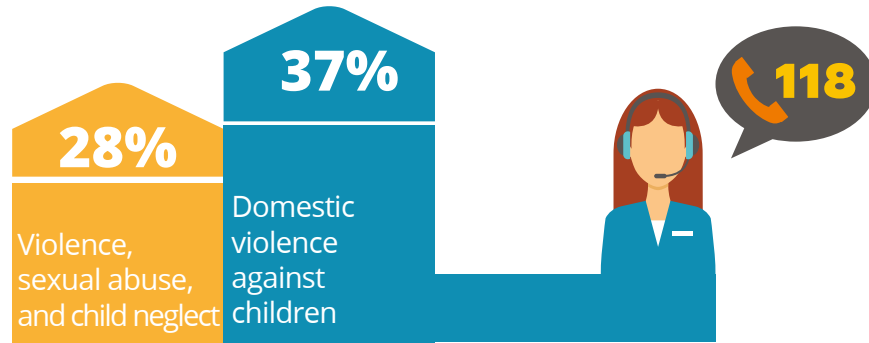
116 ORPHANED CHILDREN

The October 7th massacre left 20 children orphaned and another 96 with only one parent.

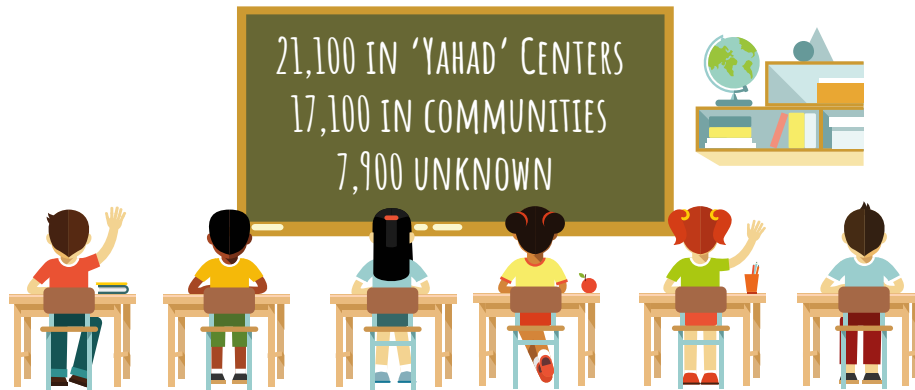


19,407

Between October 7th and February 28, 2024, the National Insurance Institute has identified 19,407 children as either physical or mental victims of terror. 37% (7,257) are under the age of 6.



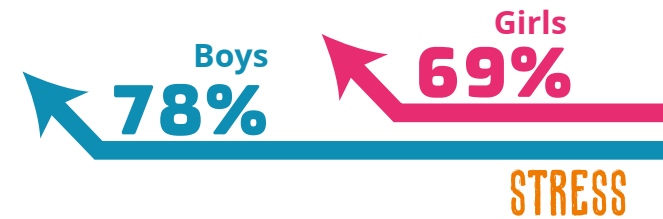
Compared to the comparable months in the previous year, during October-December 2023, there was an increase of 28% in the calls to the 118-hotline concerning violence, sexual abuse, and child neglect. During the same period, there was an increase of 37% in calls to the hotline concerning domestic violence against children.



As of the end of December 2023, of the evacuee students, 21,100 were living in 'Yahad' Centers (hotels and evacuee centers), while 17,100 had known addresses in other communities. The whereabouts and school enrollments of 7,900 students were unknown to the Ministry of Education.

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From October to December 2023, among teenage members (12-17) of the **Maccabi HMO**, there was a 78% increase in the rate of stress among boys and a 69% increase among girls, compared to the same period in the previous year. In addition, there was a 20% increase in boys & girls diagnosed as suffering from anxiety.



PREPAREDNESS OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

ON THE EVE OF THE WAR

SCHOOL PHYSICAL PROTECTION



As of 2023, 26% of all educational institutions in Israel under the supervision of the Ministry of Education did not meet the requirements of the code for physical protection. 15% had no protection whatsoever. In the Southern and Northern regions, 20% did not meet the code, and 10% were completely unprotected. Among Bedouin schools, 26% were completely unprotected.



UNSTAFFED POSITIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

As of August 2023, 29% of the positions for educational psychologists in the education system remained unstaffed (986 positions were vacant). In the Southern District, 36% of positions for educational psychologists in schools were unstaffed.