

**Can you provide more details on the plan to vaccinate Holocaust survivors all over the world?
Thanks,**

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I am attaching the press release which is being distributed to news outlets. I hope this will serve to answer some of your questions regarding this important program.

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In the coming days, Shalom Corps will consider several different work-plans to finance and manage this project, including how to utilize Jewish philanthropic networks. Solutions for other expected hurdles, such as obtaining permits from foreign governments and the purchase of vaccines by the Ministry, are also being examined. Vaccines for this initiative will be acquired separately and in addition to Israel's current supply and will in no way impact Israel's current vaccination effort. These issues are currently being examined by the Minister and are hoped to be resolved soon.

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This sounds very much on the plan level. Is there a designated budget? If so, from whom? Are they in talks to purchase the vaccines? Do they have staff who can administer it? Facilities?

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In the coming days, Shalom Corps will consider several different work-plans to finance and manage this project, including how to utilize Jewish philanthropic networks. The mobilization of these networks will be critical for the continuation and success of this program. Solutions for other expected hurdles, such as obtaining permits from foreign governments and the purchase of vaccines by the Ministry, are also being examined. We have coordinated with the Ministry of Health with regards to the purchasing and distribution of the vaccines. It is important to note that the vaccines for this initiative will be acquired separately and in addition to Israel's current supply and will in no way impact Israel's current vaccination effort. These issues are currently being examined by the Minister and are hoped to be resolved soon.

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**When will the vaccination project begin?
How will we obtain vaccine?
How will it operate in each country (i.e. How will survivors be identified and vaccinated? Who will vaccinate?)**

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Isn't this idea very problematic diplomatically? Going to other countries and vaccinating their citizens? What about countries where none of the vaccines have been approved yet?

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How do you define a "Holocaust survivor"? Is there some kind of official list you intend on going by to identify them?

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Hi, following up on my call, I'm writing a story about the Holocaust survivor vaccination initiative. I have the following questions:

(1) what is the ministry's exact role and is the ministry coordinating with the Foreign or Health Ministries to negotiate with foreign government's regarding vaccinating their citizens and obtaining the vaccines?

(2) Do you believe the Diaspora Ministry and Shalom Corps can muster the necessary budgets and logistical networks to make this work?

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Coordination with local governments will be outsourced by Shalom Corp to a professional logistics company. This company will also be responsible for all the logistics required to ensure a successful operation.

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