

GOVERNMENT DECISION 550 IMPACT ON THE EDUCATION THEMES MONITORED BY INJAZ

Dear Partners,

Greetings,

Injaz firmly believes that education in its various forms constitutes the central and most significant axis for shaping national identity, civic identity, societal integration, and the reinforcement and promotion of social mobility and communal resilience. Injaz team participated in formulating the vision and objectives in the field of education as part of the government decision to connect with the Arab society in 'Decision 550.' We take pride in our collaboration with National Committee of Heads of Arab Local Councils and other civil society organizations, which collectively influenced the educational discourse within this government decision to advance "comprehensive initiatives designed to equip graduates of the Arab education system with the skills and tools necessary for their successful integration into Israeli society in general and in academia and in the job market in particular, while preserving the identity and values of the Arab community." (Report on the activities of the Authority for the Economic Development of the Minority Sectors, 2023, p. 30).



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Since 2016, Injaz has been diligently overseeing the topic of non-formal education under the auspices of Government Decision '922,' and this commitment persists within the framework of Government Decision '550.' These efforts are closely coordinated with the National Committee of Heads of Arab Local Councils. This document provides a summary of the prominent areas that Injaz has been monitoring over the past year (2022-2023) in the sphere of non-formal education under Government Decision '550,' offering essential and significant data in this context.

Overall Budget Overview (in ILS)

The primary initiative for financing informal education in Arab local authorities is the 'Itgarim' program. This program is funded through competitive proposal submissions, with an annual budget of 60 million ₪. This program also encompasses mixed cities such as Haifa, Acre, Lod, Ramla, and Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

Achievements and Key Data

According to data from the Ministry of Education, there has been a significant improvement in the status of extracurricular activities in Arab local authorities within the framework of the 'Itgarim' program for informal education under Government Decision 550. Since the program's inception in 2016, as part of Government Decision 922, we have encountered numerous challenges in utilizing the program's budget and implementing its activities and courses.

Following collaborative efforts between Injaz, the National Committee of Heads of Arab Local Councils, and the Ministry of Education (Youth and Society Administration Division), and in conjunction with Injaz's initiative to establish a forum for youth department directors in 2017, with significant investments in the development of human resources and managerial capacities for youth department directors, we have achieved an 85% implementation rate for the activities in the 2022/2023 academic year.

5.2 B

Overall budget of the Economic Plan

4.3 B

Additional Comprehensive Budget under the Economic plan

1.2 B

Amount allocated from the MoE's budget in 2022

451 M

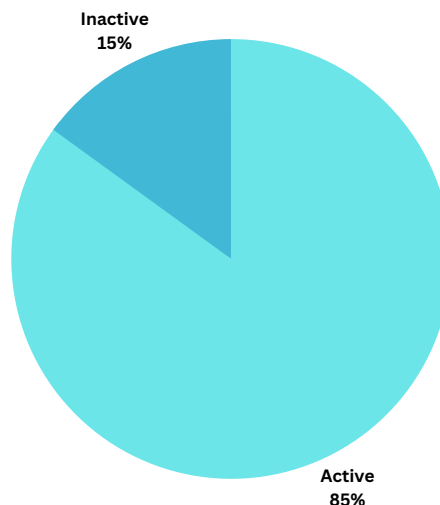
Amount allocated from the MoF's budget in 2022 (allocated but pending finalization)



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Below is a graph illustrating the status of courses activities based on data from the Ministry of Education for the academic year 2022/2023:

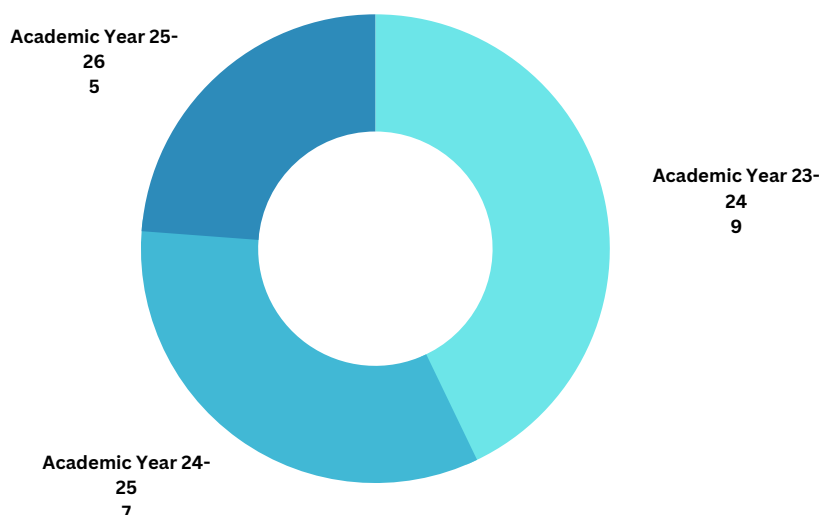
Extracurricular courses in the 2022/2023 academic year



Initiative for Municipal Authorities Support

As per section 6.3 of Government Decision 550, it was decided to select 21 Arab local authorities from the North, Triangle, and Negev regions with the aim of strengthening human capital and enhancing the knowledge, professional skills, and managerial capabilities of employees in the education and youth departments within these authorities. This is achieved through professional and strategic mentoring programs, as well as development and integration programs to foster professional and managerial growth in the education and youth departments.

The following graph illustrates the distribution of the 21 selected authorities based on the year of program implementation commencement:



Number of selected authorities by year of commencement of implementation



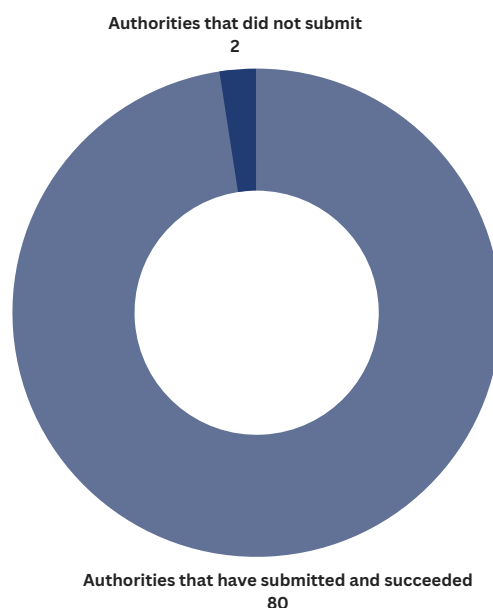
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The 'Itgarim' Program (Informal Education) for Advancing an Educational-Social-Ethical-Community System

As mentioned above, a total budget of 60 million ILS annually (315 million ILS over five years) was approved for the 'Itgarim' Program. In response to the call for submissions for this program, 80 Arab local authorities out of 82 eligible ones applied. To date, approximately 22% of the budget allocated to eligible authorities has been disbursed.

The following graph illustrates the distribution of authorities that submitted applications to the call for proposals:

Local Authorities eligible for the call for submission



Across 21 local authorities, the decision was made to implement the 'Itgarim' program through a dedicated operational unit focused on process improvement. This allocation encompasses 4 authorities in the North, 9 authorities in the Triangle region, 4 authorities in the Negev, 3 authorities in mixed cities, and one authority affiliated with a regional council.

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59 authorities - Implementation through the budget allocation process (the authority will implement the plan)

21 authorities - Implementing the plan through outsourcing the allocated budget



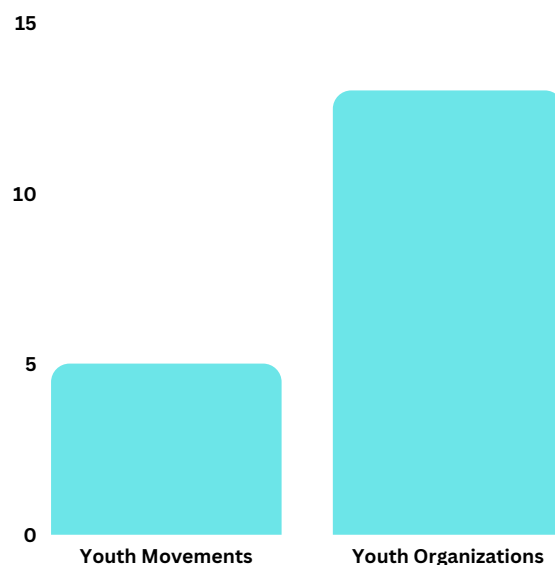
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Youth Movements and Organizations

A budget of approximately 10 million ILS per year (50 million ILS over five years) was allocated to youth movements, while youth organizations received a budget of approximately 3 million ILS per year (15 million ILS over five years). In a noteworthy development, the Ministry of Education has, for the first time, heeded the request from Injaz and the National Committee of Heads of Arab Local Councils to allocate funding for youth organizations in Arab communities (the majority of which are Arab organizations: 10 out of 13 organizations). It is worth underscoring that under Government Decision 922, budget allocations were limited to youth movements, with no provision for youth organizations. Therefore, the inclusion of Arab youth organizations in the funding framework marks a significant advancement.

The following graph illustrates the number of youth movements and organizations participating in the program:

The number of youth movements and organizations participating in the program



Construction and Renovation of Youth Centers

Within the framework of Government Decision 550 in the field of informal education, a budget of 250 million ILS was allocated over 5 years (50 million ILS per year) for the construction (new buildings) and/or renovation (old buildings) of youth centers in Arab communities. A total of 52 authorities submitted requests for construction, out of which 26 local authorities were granted funding. Additionally, 14 authorities submitted requests for renovation, with 7 local authorities receiving budget allocations.

**Thank you,
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