

Industries Ltd.: the Ministry of the Environment had admitted its own incompetence and the urgent need of our public and legal activity.

✚ **Dozens of reports in the media:** media exposure of the issues handled by the organization, through its various representatives, from the staff and the executive board, has risen dramatically in the past year. A preliminary check can show that the extent of a one month media coverage is equal to that of last year's entirely...

The reason to that is our becoming more professional and experienced and deeper involved with and linked to media factors. An exceptional positive phenomenon is the numerous applications from media agents asking to get an update, a new item, or any other professional information. We find ourselves in the opposite situation of what we've known before – a very large number of media agents are “chasing” us. Still, we continue “chasing” new and challenging directions within the Israeli media (“Yedioth Ahronot”, “Ulpan Shishi”, “Uvda”...).

The significant achievement, apart from the dramatic rise in media exposure and enhancing public awareness and public pressure, is that many public figures and public decision makers are now taking seriously the issues that we bring before them and they also express their will to take part in the activity, to do something, to make a change, and to prevent further damages.

✚ **Various public representatives speak of the issues we promote and it is our voice coming from their mouth. But not only do they speak, they also take action:**

1. **The new Minister of the Environment, Mr. Shalom Simhon**, have met with us a few times already and had received from us a list of urgent matters to be taken care of in the Galilee. He is now integrating them within the working plan of the office.
2. **Adi Eldar, the mayor of Karmiel and chairman of the board of municipalities**, sent letters, drafted by us, to the Minister of Health, representatives of local municipalities and the mayor of Akko (Acre).
3. **A few MKs¹** receive from us written information, which they use in their parliamentary work.
4. **The Mayor of Akko, Mr. Shimon Lankry**, had said many times in the media and in conferences, that he strongly opposes the re-opening of the polluting industries. A lot of material was sent to his office since May 2004, and he studied it well. Following our meetings and communication with him, he also sent letters (drafted by us) regarding this matter to the Minister of the Environment.
5. **The head of city council in Kfar Vradim Mr. Ron Moskowitz and the head of city council in the villages Yanuch-Gat, Sheik Magdalla**, joined our campaign against industrial council “Tefen”. They organized a big demonstration in Tefen in February 2005 and sent many letters, drafted by us, to various government elements.
6. **Regional council Maale Yossef has issued a warrant for the closure of the melting plant “Profal”**, coordinating with us all the legal procedures. We have supplied a lot of information, which is the basis of all the legal arguments. A five year effort has started to bear fruit in this council too...

✚ **GIS data from our field surveys** is forwarded to the care of the various units in the Ministry of the Environment. We do an extensive use of the system itself, analyzing data, producing maps and air photographs, which we use for our routine operation.

✚ **The Environmental information law proposal** – is now under discussion in the government and in the Knesset, and the attitude of all the factors towards it is positive, as they understand that the law will significantly improve the state of the environment in Israel. The law passed preliminary vote at the end of July 2004.

¹ MK Dr. Lea Ness, MK Isam Mahul, MK Amram Mitsna, MK David Azulai, MK Yurri Stern, and others.

✚ **We initiated five hearings this year in the Knesset.** We were given considerable time to present our standing and naturally we equipped the chairperson with background material so he or she could lead the discussion according to our standing.

✚ **A survey regarding the heavy metal pollution situation in industrial council “Tefen” (in soil, water and air) is being executed since Mars 2004 by the Geologic Institution.** This survey is a profound study that includes analysis of dozens of dust, soil, water and sewage samples. The institute will eventually issue a detailed report.

Summing up, we feel it is important to point out our conclusions from the past couple of years – that in essence, we engage in research. Citizens who cherish their health, quality of life and expectancy of life, and therefor care about the water and air that they and their children drink and breath, are no longer willing to believe their eyes alone. They raise questions all the time, they investigate the field and the findings, they demand facts and information from the authorities and when that is unavailable – they investigate why so. They investigate the manner of which things happen, the reasons for the present happening, the linkage between capital and government, and political failures and mishaps.

I shall end with hope for the continuing of this infinite **search**, that would never have existed if it weren't for your support along all these years. We shall therefor wish for the continuous of this vital connection with the GEF also for the years to come, and hope that this bond benefits not only ourselves but also the foundation.

CITIZENS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE GALILEE (CFE)
Conservation of Water Resources in the Galilee, 2004
ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – INCLUDING THE PROJECT

INCOME

Source of funding	planned	accomplished	Notes
Green Environment Fund	20,000	20,000	
Sheli Fund	3,200	5,500	
Bracha Foundation	30,000	25,000	
Goldman Found	25,000	25,000	
Environmental Justice Program (Tel Aviv U) ²	15,000	15,000	in-kind
Yad Hanadiv Foundation	25,000		
Ford Motor Company		5,500	
Professional consulting ³	4,000	4,000	in-kind
Public donations	8,000	9,500	
Total anticipated income	130,200	109,500	

EXPENDITURES

		planned	accomplished
Wages and payments (including employment taxes and travel expenses)	Project management	25,000	32,000
	Resource development	10,000	6,000
	volunteer coordinators	25,000	20,000
	Representation on regional planning and building committee	15,000	11,000
	Administrative assistance	2,000	2,000
	Total	77,000	71,000
Activities	Legal aid	15,000	15,000
	Legal aid	2,000	
	Professional services	4,000	4,000
	Professional services – GIS ⁴	10,000	7,000
	Water sampling	5,000	1,000
	Community activity	4,000	3,000
	Publicity and public relations	1,000	1,000
	Conferences and in-service training	1,000	200
	Professional literature and information	500	300
	Total	42,500	31,500
Operations	Data for GIS system	3,000	2,000
	Office expenses	1,000	1,000
	Communications	2,000	700
	Photographs and cassettes	500	500
	Travel	500	
	Taxes	1,000	700
	Accounting and auditing	2,000	1,600
	Bank fees and interest	700	500
Total	10,700	7,000	
Total anticipated expenditure		130,200	109,500

² The Tel Aviv University Environmental Justice Program is handling several court cases on our behalf.

³ As a volunteer organization, volunteers perform a substantial portion of the professional activity.

⁴ GIS - Geographical Information Systems.