

# Plaudits for Rabbi's humanitarian project

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A JEWISH group which specialises in humanitarian work around the world has been honoured at a House of Commons reception. Ivan Lewis MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Development was guest speaker at Monday night's reception to raise awareness of the work of TAG International Development (TAG ID), which was founded by Rabbi Yossi Ives. The event, hosted by Zac Goldsmith MP, celebrated the many projects TAG ID facilitates internationally, including in Pakistan, India, Myanmar and Kenya.

Working with experts and partners from Israeli organisations which have expertise in the medical and social development fields, TAG ID successfully connects them with partners in countries to facilitate projects. TAG ID works with NGOs in Israel such as Magen David Adom, Yad Sarah and Ben-Gurion University Social Work

Department to benefit developing countries with their experience in building sustainable projects. Projects include health and medicine, agriculture, technology, social infrastructure, disaster preparedness, and post-disaster reconstruction.

The reception was an opportunity for ambassadors, parliamentarians and civil servants to find out more about TAG ID's work and speak with programme staff working on the ground, to understand the difference the projects make to recipients' lives. Attendees included the Jordanian ambassador and the Sri Lankan high commissioner.

Rabbi Ives said that TAG ID has "worked hard to develop a network of world-class experts who assist partners on the ground and allow the knowledge which has been gained in Israel to make a positive difference in so many people's lives".



Rabbi Ives speaking at the House of Commons reception