

## Under Hamas Fire, KKL-JNF Paves a Security Road for Kibbutz Sufa

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**Over the last days, in the midst of Operation Protective Edge, KKL-JNF, in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense, has constructed the foundation for an alternative road at Kibbutz Sufa, a community only 2 km from the Gaza border. The new road is lined with a thick row of trees and it connects directly to the main highway.**

The works for a [security road](#) for Kibbutz Sufa, which immediately began in the hours during the ceasefire, continued undeterred into the morning, despite the resumption of rocket shooting by Hamas.

KKL-JNF has established the foundation for the new road using graders, rollers and water tanks, preparing the way for the laying of new soil substrates for the surface.

The existing road at Kibbutz Sufa, part of the Eshkol Regional Council, is completely exposed to mortar and anti-tank missiles from Gaza. In view of the current security situation, an alternative, 400 meter long road has been built, leading from the back gate of the kibbutz to the main highway 232.



A roller flattens out the new surface of the road.  
Photo: KKL-JNF Photo Archive

The new road is hidden by a row of tall, thick trees, serving to camouflage vehicles from rocket attacks. The road was constructed in coordination with and according to the request of the Ministry of Defense. Construction was carried out with a sense of commitment and love of country by KKL-JNF personnel, while under the threat of fire.

According to KKL-JNF World Chairman **Efi Stenzler**, "[strengthening the residents](#) on the frontline is something that stands before us the entire year, and certainly during these days. KKL-JNF immediately mobilized to help the residents, and therefore, I sent out instructions for the paving of the road to continue despite the renewed shooting this morning, in order to respond to the extremely important security needs."

The new route is one of several security roads that will be constructed in the wake of Operation Protective Edge, all in the border communities comprising the regional councils of Eshkol, Sdot Negev and Hof Ashkelon. At the forefront of Israel's dramatic and checkered history, and since its inception, KKL-JNF has played a [leading role](#) in meeting national challenges and fulfilling required tasks. Building security-agricultural roads has been an important contribution to that effort.



Exit to current road leading into Kibbutz Sufa.  
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Kibbutz Sufa was founded in 1982 by former residents of Sufa (meaning 'Storm' in Hebrew), in Sinai, which was evacuated as part of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty. Its name derives from the severe desert dust storms of the region.