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Israel sends emergency aid package to plague-stricken Madagascar

The Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the South African branch of Israel's national emergency service, Magen David Adom, have put together an aid package for Madagascar following a deadly outbreak of the plague there, as reported by Israel21c. The Black Death broke out on the island nation in August, and has infected over 1,800 people, and killed at least 127. The World Health Organization described the outbreak as the worst in 50 years. "We expect all packages to be delivered to the International Red Cross in Madagascar in the next few days," Ayellet Black, deputy Israeli ambassador to South Africa, told the African News Agency (ANA). "The delivery of different medical equipment such as gloves to carry out medical procedures is being coordinated between Israel's Honorary Consul in Madagascar, Benjamin Memmi, and Madagascar's bureau for natural disasters," she added. "Israel has a long standing tradition of offering humanitarian assistance and coordinating relief to alleviate disease, hunger and poverty. We have experience in helping countries going through natural and man-made disasters and will always provide assistance to help those in need," she told the ANA.