



## ABOUT SIKKUY

Sikkuy (a “chance” or “opportunity” in Hebrew) is a non-partisan NGO in Israel that develops and implements projects to advance equality between Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel in government budgets, resource allocation, hiring policy, land usage, access to government services, etc.

Founded in 1991 as a Jewish-Arab advocacy organization, Sikkuy’s actions are motivated by the right of every citizen to influence government decisions and policies and dedicated to advancing civil society in Israel through the values of:

**EQUALITY** - Advancing complete equality between Arab and Jewish citizens.

**SHARED CITIZENSHIP** - Promoting the core value of shared citizenship as the basis for equality.

**HUMAN DIGNITY** - Mainstreaming human dignity as the supreme value in relations between the state and its citizens.

Sikkuy is jointly governed by Arab and Jewish co-chairs, managed by Arab and Jewish co-executive directors and staffed by Arabs and Jews. Sikkuy’s programs are active on three levels to mobilize a transformation of the relations between the state and the Arab minority in Israel.

**1. ADVOCACY** - Sikkuy’s newest advocacy initiative works with the Prime Minister’s office and five government ministries to identify barriers to equality in government ministries and at the Arab municipal level and develop strategies for eliminating these barriers. The advocacy department works with Sikkuy’s research department to publish the annual “Equality Index,” cooperates with other civil society organizations to advance implementation of equality, develops position papers and advances strategies to maintain public awareness through the media. Sikkuy’s advocacy efforts also advance employment equity and fair representation of Arab citizens in the public and private sectors.

**2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT** – In 2004 Sikkuy established the Jewish-Arab Mayor’s Forum for Regional Cooperation to build sustainable frameworks for municipal cooperation between neighboring Jewish and Arab communities. The first forum is active in the Wadi Ara-Eiron region after Sikkuy implemented an exit strategy. A second forum has been established in the Carmel Coast – Zichron Yaakov – Furadeis – Jisr a Zarqa region and more forums are being planned for other regions.

**3. GRASS ROOTS** – Facilitates local groups of Jewish and Arab citizens that advocate for equality between their communities oppose discrimination and develop leadership skills for community-based action. Sikkuy also implements public educational efforts that include lecture series, public discussions and field trips to the “Backyard of Israeli Citizenship” intended to acquaint citizens and visitors from abroad with the inequality between Jewish and Arab citizens and communities.

A broad range of foundations and individuals in Israel and abroad supports Sikkuy.

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