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IMA-Hinenu Physician Volunteer Project

The Hinenu Foundation was established to capitalize on the widespread enthusiastic volunteerism among thousands of health professionals that emerged with the onset of the current war in Israel. Its mission is to foster and sustain long-term connections between foreign medical volunteers and Israeli healthcare institutions.

The Israeli Medical Association (IMA), representing approximately 95% of Israel's physicians, is a professional, independent, and nonpartisan organization. It focuses on advancing the interests of doctors and public medicine within Israel and also represents the country in various international medical organizations.

The joint experiences of Hinenu and the IMA with foreign physicians volunteering in Israel during the war have highlighted specific obstacles that lead to the underutilization of these valuable medical resources. In response, Hinenu and the IMA are collaborating to develop programs designed to help healthcare institutions effectively integrate foreign physician volunteers into their departments. These initiatives aim to make better use of the volunteers' time and include providing tailored onboarding materials, comprehensive orientation, and logistical support for incoming volunteers.

Both the IMA and Hinenu believe that enabling such impactful, short-term volunteer experiences will encourage the development of enduring relationships and continuing collaboration between the healthcare institutions and their volunteer physicians. This approach is expected to not only enhance the Israeli healthcare system but also strengthen the nation overall.

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