

A GUIDE TO RECOGNITION

Since 2003 Israel has granted recognition to 13 Bedouin villages in the Naqab. However, recognition has brought little-to-no improvement to the 36,000 residents of these villages. They remain in a state of extreme deprivation, almost identical to that of the approximately 35 unrecognized villages in the area.

BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE

WADI AL-NA'AM

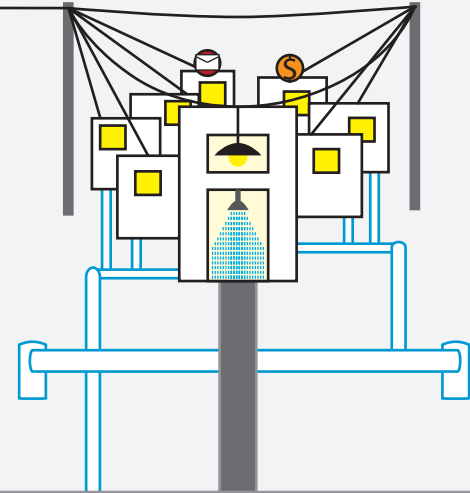
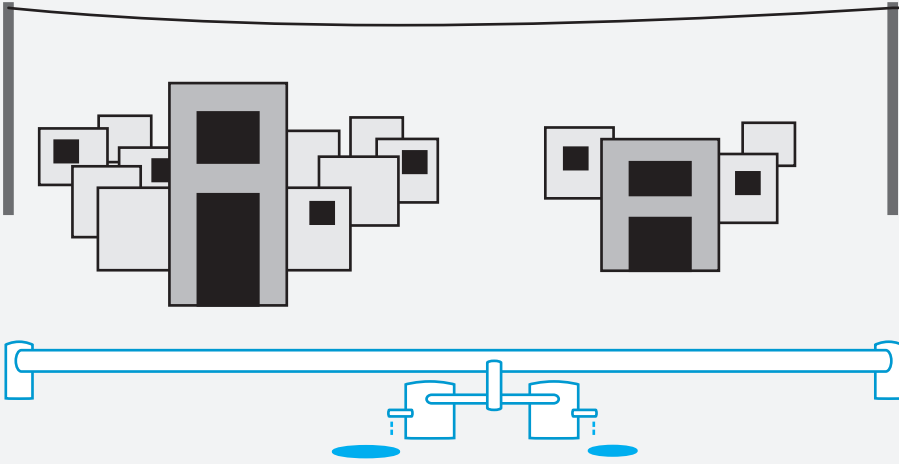
Unrecognized Bedouin Village
10,000 inhabitants

MULADA

Recognized 'Abu Basma' Village
3,500 inhabitants

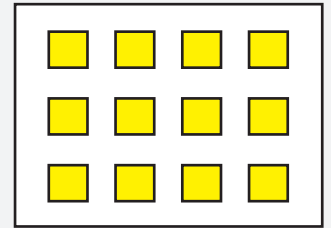
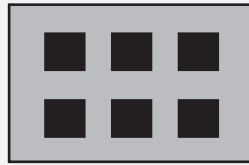
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Jewish Town
7,000 inhabitants



STATE SERVICES

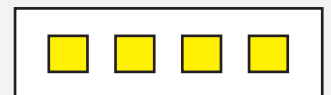
Schools in the recognized 'Abu Basma' villages also provide educational services for a large number of children residing in unrecognized villages. Most of the schools are set up in temporary structures and are not connected to the electricity grid.



High School **X**

High School **✓**

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3 Elementary Schools **✓**

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Elementary School **✓**

Building Permits **X**

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Building Permits **✓**

Despite the existence of a master plan for the area, no building permits for private housing have been issued in the recognized 'Abu Basma' villages. Residents are therefore compelled to build homes without permits, to which the state authorities respond with wide-scale home demolitions.

Public Transport **X**

Public Transport **X**



Emergency Services **X**

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Wadi Al-Na'am and Mulada represent the 'best case scenarios' in the unrecognized and 'Abu Basma' villages respectively. Most unrecognized and many recognized villages have no schools or health clinics, and no electricity, water, road or sewerage infrastructure. For more information, visit www.adalah.org

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