

Dr. Ilana Kwartin



Ilana Kwartin was born in the Former Soviet Union and made Aliyah in 1987. She grew up in Jerusalem and served as a commander and officer in an IDF field intelligence unit, including service deep in the Gaza Strip. Afterward, Ilana earned B.A. degrees in Law and Psychology from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and an M.A. in Conflict Resolution from the Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Ilana has a Ph.D. in Gender Studies from Bar-Ilan University, after researching “Honor-based Confinement” among married women in Israel.

Ilana’s professional career began in corporate law, but upon moving to Israel’s south in 2009, she became an activist, working specifically toward women’s rights. In addition to running her own legal practice specializing in women’s rights in the workplace and family, Ilana for many years has taught Zumba to women and young girls, both in Israel’s southern periphery and to at-risk populations, as a means to self-empowerment.

Currently, Ilana is the Regional Director, Western United States, for the Jewish Agency for Israel, overseeing departments including *shlichim* (emissaries), *Aliyah* (immigration), partnerships and strategy. Before moving to Los Angeles with her family, Ilana was Vice President and Head of Resource Development at Eretz-Ir, an organization that develops urban communities in Israel’s periphery via entrepreneurship and employment centers. Ilana also lectures on the convergence of Law and Gender and on Social Entrepreneurship. Ilana is the author of "**Imprisoned: Women in Extreme Controlling Relationships**" which explores a hidden phenomenon and is based on her Ph.D. research.

She helped found and is a resident-from-afar in Eliav, a community for Secular and Orthodox in the Judean foothills. There, she co-founded an inclusive, Orthodox minyan (*Minyan Meshatef*) and more recently founded a shared working space and business network in her community to bolster entrepreneurship and self-employment in her local region.

Ilana is married to BG, a tour guide and educator, and mother of four children: Tamara, Yoav, Ivri and Arava.



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Professional Bio



Elisheva Massel

Director, Strategic Partnerships

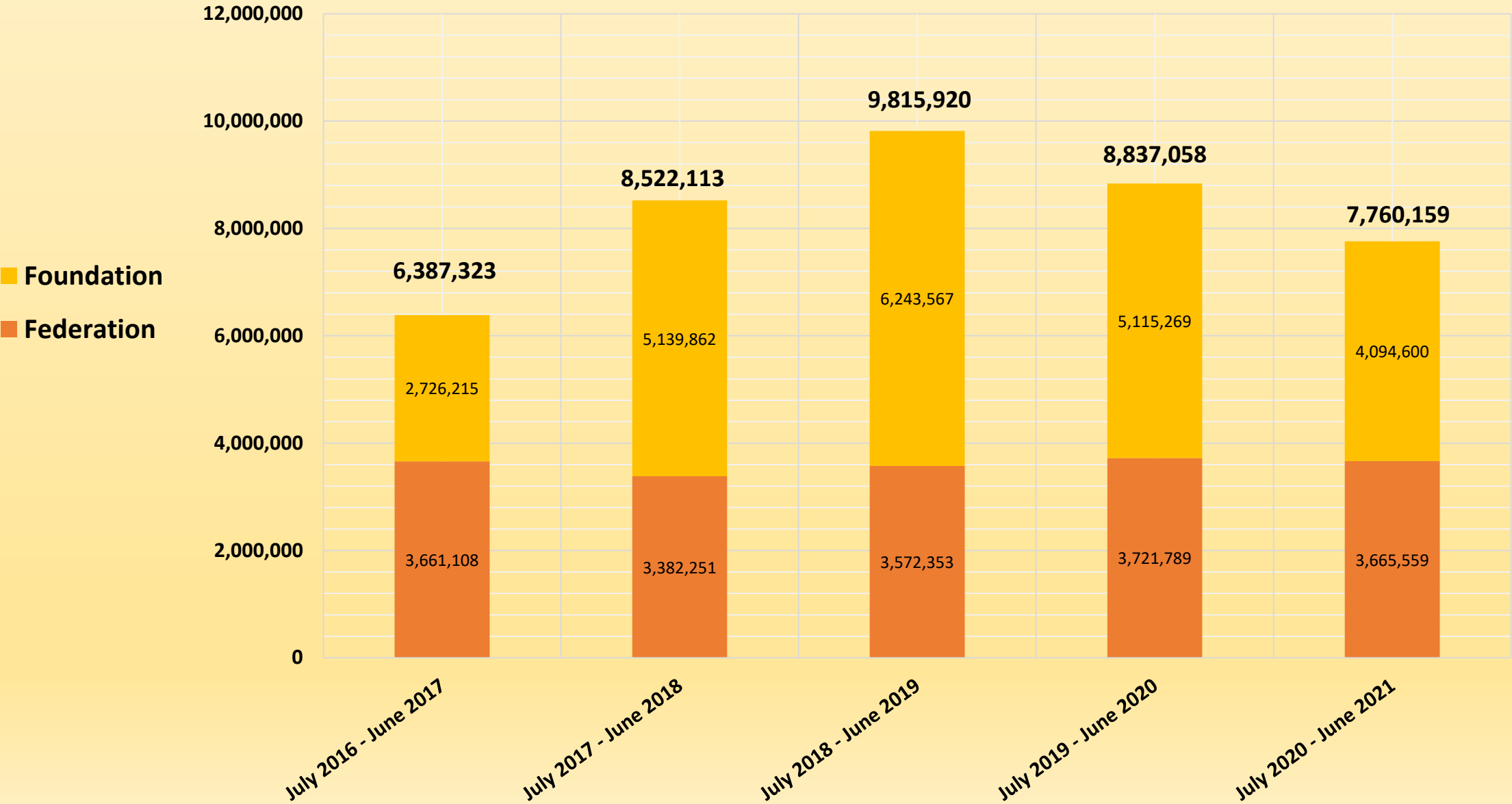
Elisheva Massel was delighted to join JDC in October 2017 where she has been able to enact the value of global Jewish responsibility on a daily basis. Eli has had multifaceted role advising JDC's CEO on fundraising efforts, and working with individual donors in New York, and local and national organizations across the US.

Eli emigrated from Johannesburg, South Africa to Sydney, Australia at the age of 14. She was active in her youth movement and summer camp, and staffed multiple international programs in Israel, Poland, Austria and the United States, including March of the Living and Taglit Birthright Israel. Eli received her BA/BSW with Honors from the University of New South Wales and an MA/MBA from Brandeis University as a Wexner Graduate Fellow/Davidson Scholar. Elisheva has worked at the Sydney Jewish Museum, AJC Boston, Birthright Israel Foundation, and Hazon.

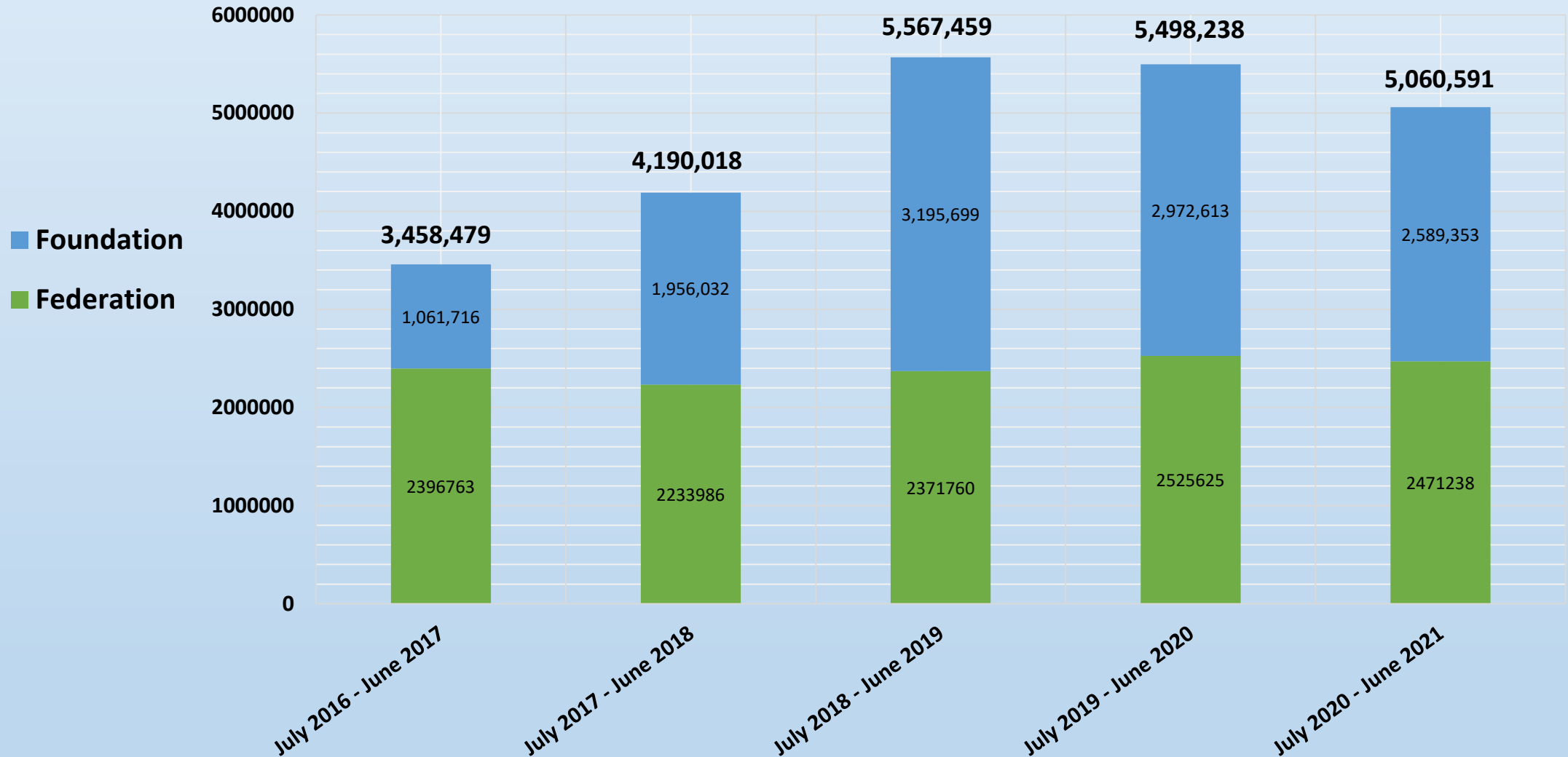
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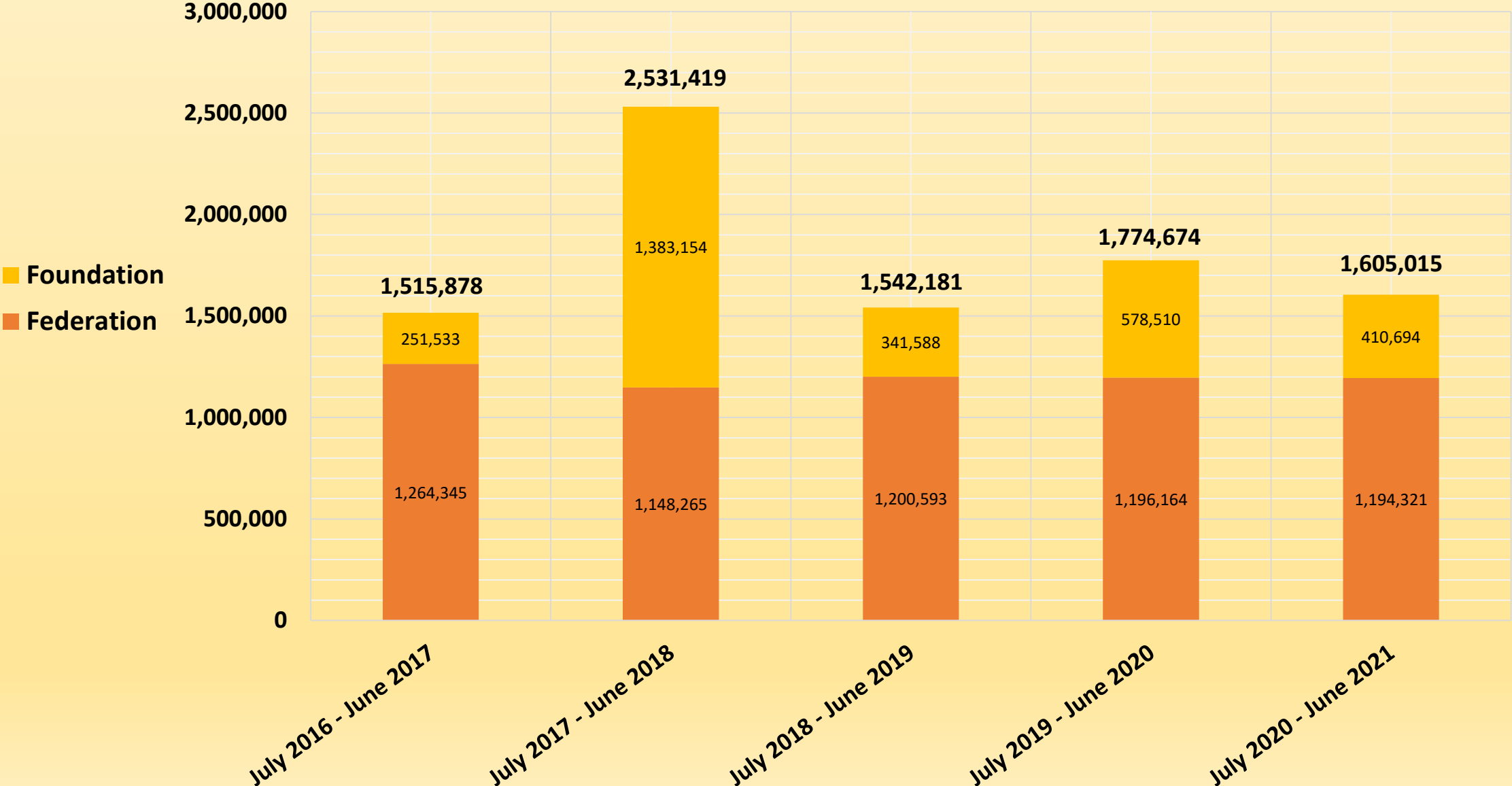
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