



**Annual  
Report  
2025**



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WORLDWIDE DISASTER RELIEF

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**Community-centered Humanitarian  
Health Care in Action**

In 2025, NATAN's role within the humanitarian health ecosystem became clearer than ever. Across acute disasters, protracted crises, and community recovery contexts, NATAN deployed medical and psychosocial teams to deliver community-centered humanitarian health care at moments when health systems and social structures were under severe strain — and when timely, professional intervention could meaningfully influence recovery trajectories.

This Annual Report reflects not only what NATAN did in 2025, but how and why we do our work: intervening in a narrow but critical window, absorbing pressure on local systems, stabilizing health and social functioning, and supporting pathways toward recovery.







## Message from the Chair and the CEO

We must face facts: 2025 was a year of war.

While the ceasefire and the return of hostages marked a critical turning point, they did not signal an end but the beginning of a long and complex journey of recovery - for us as Israelis and for our neighbors.

NATAN's role is to arrive when the burden is heaviest, to bridge the gap when systems are overwhelmed, and to help people and communities better prepare for the long road ahead.

Throughout 2025, NATAN focused on this precise moment of need. We worked intensively to support bodies and souls in Israel, Syria, the Philippines, Mexico, Jamaica, and, later in the year, in Gaza. In each context, we brought expert, community-centered humanitarian healthcare at times when local capacity was stretched beyond its limits—reducing suffering and stabilizing conditions so recovery could begin.

This year for the first time, NATAN measured the economic value of our volunteer model. What we learned confirmed what we have always known in our hearts: for every \$1 invested in NATAN, an additional \$1.3 is contributed through the in-kind equivalent of our volunteers' professional time and expertise. This extraordinary leverage reflects the commitment of hundreds of medical and mental-health professionals who choose to serve when it matters most.

Even in a year defined by conflict at home, NATAN continued to respond to global communities in crisis. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, partners, donors, and staff, whose dedication makes it possible for NATAN to respond at the hardest moments, when timely action can change what comes next.

With appreciation,  
Gil Reines, Chair, & Alice Miller, CEO



## Message from the U.S. Advisory Board Chair

Over the past two years, NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief and its partners have helped Israeli communities begin to heal from the devastation of war. Our teams treated thousands of displaced Israelis facing an overwhelmed medical system and supported police officers, families, and entire communities as they confronted the emotional trauma left in the conflict's wake.

Before October 7, NATAN's work was focused entirely abroad. As ceasefires have taken hold, we have continued to work with Israelis while also returning to our founding mission — responding to natural disasters and humanitarian crises beyond Israel's borders, both near and far.

Like much of the Jewish philanthropic community, our attention since October 7 has understandably centered on Israel's urgent needs. That focus was necessary and heartfelt. Yet the crises that shaped NATAN's original mission—earthquakes, floods, and wars affecting vulnerable people around the world—have not paused. This moment calls on us to care for Israel while also renewing our commitment to those global initiatives that reflect our values and our shared humanity.

Among these efforts is our support for child survivors of war in Syria and Gaza, including a new initiative to help oversee medical care for 10,000 Gazan children. NATAN's response reflects the best of Israeli civil society: Jewish and Arab volunteers working side by side to bring relief to those in need, whoever and wherever they are. This image of Israel, rooted in compassion and shared responsibility, has been a source of pride for all involved.

Through its work, NATAN seeks to put Jewish values into action and to embody Israel's humanitarian tradition: service grounded in dignity, restraint, and a deep respect for our common humanity.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors, including American Jewish federations, foundations, synagogues, and many committed individuals. Their support enables volunteer medical professionals to reach survivors around the world when they need help most.

Looking ahead, NATAN is engaged in a robust portfolio of ongoing projects and remains ready to respond wherever disaster strikes. We are deeply grateful to everyone who makes this vital work possible, bringing care, hope, and human connection to people living through crisis.

Alan Silberstein, Chair US Advisory Board

## About NATAN

NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief is an Israeli humanitarian NGO delivering medical and mental-health care to communities affected by natural disasters, conflict, and protracted humanitarian crises.

NATAN works with a global network of practicing medical and mental-health professionals who volunteer their expertise, enabling rapid mobilisation, high-quality care, and ethical, responsible humanitarian action. NATAN operates where health needs surge beyond local capacity – and where early intervention can reduce preventable suffering and support recovery.

## How NATAN Works: Our Humanitarian Health Model

### Community-Centered Humanitarian Health Care

NATAN operates as an Israeli humanitarian NGO accustomed to rapid mobilization, deploying small professional teams to the field when local systems are stretched beyond capacity. Crises create a sudden surge of medical and psychosocial needs while simultaneously weakening the community structures that support coping and recovery. NATAN addresses this dual challenge through community-centered humanitarian health care — delivering expert medical and mental-health support in close partnership with local actors.

### Two Response Pathways

#### Rapid Deployment Missions

In acute emergencies, NATAN deploys integrated teams of medical and mental-health professionals to deliver essential care, operate fixed or mobile clinics, and support overstretched systems during the most critical phase of crisis.

#### Programmatic Crisis Response

In protracted or complex crises, NATAN contributes specialized humanitarian health expertise through targeted programs, working alongside local and international partners to ensure continuity, local ownership, and ethical exit.

Across both pathways, NATAN operates from acute crisis through early recovery — a window when health interventions can stabilize communities and shape longer-term outcomes.

# DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS 2025



*Dr. Roger Wolff, NATAN volunteer, treating a local patient in the Al Hamadiya Clinic, Syria*

## **SYRIA** **Al-Hamadiya Medical & Dental Clinic** **(Rapid Deployment | Hybrid Care)**

**Period:** June–October 2025

**Location:** Al-Hamadiya village, Syrian Golan

With no functioning medical facility and the nearest hospital hours away, Al-Hamadiya faced critical gaps in primary, women's, and dental care. NATAN staffed the clinic established by partner organization Friendships, deploying international volunteers and implementing a hybrid care model combining on-site treatment with telemedicine follow-up.

NATAN also established the first dental clinic in the area, transporting equipment and supplies from Israel.

NATAN concluded its activities earlier than planned, in order to comply with a security assessment that identified increased risks to volunteer personal safety.

"Patients received not just medication, but careful review and real medical attention for the first time in years." – field physician



# DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS 2025

## PHILIPPINES Medical & Psychosocial Pioneer Mission (Rapid Deployment | Capacity Building)

Period: October 2025

Locations: Cebu and Davao Oriental

Following repeated earthquakes, communities faced collective trauma, overwhelmed social services, and neglected health needs. In partnership with Operation Blessing Philippines, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and Airlink, NATAN deployed mobile medical clinics, rapidly shifting toward capacity building and training teachers, youth leaders, municipal staff, and students in psychosocial first aid and resilience.



*Dr. Vitali Alpir, NATAN Volunteer, treating a child in the Philippines*



# DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS 2025

## **MEXICO Flood Response Mission (Rapid Deployment)**

Period: October 2025  
Location: Hidalgo State

In collaboration with CADENA Mexico, NATAN established mobile field clinics in remote villages affected by flooding, delivering triage, emergency and pediatric care, and pharmacy services. Close civil-military cooperation enabled Mexican Army medics to work alongside NATAN physicians.



*Dr. Ashe Musar, NATAN volunteer, treating a patient in Mexico.*

# DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS 2025

## JAMAICA Hurricane Melissa Response (Rapid Deployment Stabilization)

Period: October–December 2025  
(three delegations)

Hurricane Melissa devastated rural communities, leaving villages without electricity, clean water, or access to healthcare. Across three successive missions, working in partnership with the Jewish Federation of New York (UJA), Operation Blessing, MedCords (Medic Corps), the Jamaican Ministry of Health, Airlink, and the Israeli Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, NATAN transitioned from assessment to stabilization, operating pop-up clinics, managing field pharmacies, and addressing complex medical and psychosocial cases.

“We came not only with medicine, but with presence — and that mattered.” – mission lead



*Dr. Neal Richmond (American NATAN volunteer) boarding a helicopter provided by Medic Corps to reach disconnected communities*

# DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS 2025

## GAZA Dignity Kits for Women

Period: November 2025

Location: Khan Younis, Gaza

In 2025, NATAN launched a humanitarian initiative to address critical menstrual hygiene needs among women and girls in Gaza, where displacement, overcrowding, and restricted access to sanitation severely undermine health and personal dignity. In collaboration with Gaza Children Village (GCV), NATAN distributed 2,000 dignity kits containing reusable menstrual pads to women caregivers connected to GCV academies. The program prioritizes sustainability and independence in a context where import restrictions make availability of disposable supplies scarce. In addition, waste management is minimal. Distribution was carried out through a culturally sensitive, discreet process, offering detailed written instructions in Arabic, and a token-based invitation system via GCV students. Following positive feedback from women who received the kits, NATAN is delivering subsequent shipments for all GCV academies across Gaza, providing a long-term, cost-effective solution that restores dignity, mobility, and autonomy under extremely challenging conditions.



# ISRAEL RECOVERY & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

## **OFAKIM** **Restoring the Spirit** **(Programmatic Crisis Response)**

What began as an emergency response after October 7 evolved in 2025 into a city-wide resilience partnership with the Municipality of Ofakim and JDC. NATAN supported therapeutic gardening, mobile municipal services, community gathering spaces, senior service-year volunteers, and city-wide remembrance and cultural events.

Thousands of children and adults in Ofakim benefitted from the wide variety of programs supporting the city's resilience.



*Flower arrangement therapy workshop:*



# ISRAEL RECOVERY & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

## MISHOR HAGEFEN Community Resilience Center

Operating daily, the center became a trusted community hub combining psychosocial support, youth programming, outreach, complementary therapies, and leadership development. The model emphasized presence, trust-building, and gradual transfer of ownership to residents and municipal systems.

After two years of NATAN's leadership of the Mishor Hagefen Community Resilience Center, responsibility for its management has been formally transferred to the Ofakim Municipality, marking the successful completion of NATAN's direct operational role.

## OFAKIM October 7 Children's Book

In response to the October 7, 2023, attacks on Ofakim, NATAN supported a therapeutic creative project culminating in the publication of a children's book documenting the emotional and creative journey of local children who experienced the events firsthand. Developed through guided workshops held at the Mishor Hagefen Community Resilience Center, the project used writing, drawing, and imagination as safe tools for emotional processing, meaning-making, and collective storytelling.

Led by educator and artist Dr. Adir Leiba and created by children from the affected neighborhood, the book offers a sensitive reflection on trauma, resilience, and hope, preserving the children's voices while contributing to community healing. NATAN recognizes the generous support of Alison and Marty Bell, whose contribution enabled the children's work to be brought to publication. The project was implemented in close partnership with the Ofakim Municipality and formed part of NATAN's broader commitment to building resilience in the very places where trauma was experienced.



*Book cover: Ofek sends balloons of hope*



*Travelers together with NATAN volunteers*

## **INDIA** **Supporting Israeli Travelers Affected by Trauma**

In 2025, NATAN expanded its programmatic crisis response in India in partnership with HaMakom, addressing the mental-health needs of Israeli travelers—many recently discharged reservists and survivors of October 7—seeking distance and recovery following prolonged exposure to trauma. NATAN deployed trained volunteer professionals, including social workers and trauma-informed facilitators, to Dharamsala throughout the April–October season.

Over the course of the season, NATAN volunteers supported approximately 30,000 visits to the safe community space, facilitated structured group workshops and dialogue circles, and provided dozens of acute crisis interventions, including emotional first aid and stabilization in cases of severe distress. NATAN's involvement focused on professional oversight, volunteer recruitment and supervision, and the delivery of evidence-based, community-centered psychosocial support, enabling early intervention while avoiding unnecessary hospitalization and supporting safe returns to Israel when required.

# Programmatic Crisis Response

## NIFLA

### Pediatric Rehabilitation for children with disabilities in Syria

In partnership with ALYN Hospital's PELE Center, NATAN delivered customized rehabilitation solutions for children with disabilities in underserved, war-ridden communities through telemedicine-guided assessment, rapid production, and field delivery of adaptive devices. The program was initiated in November 2025; to date, eight children have received life-changing personalized equipment.



*A 1.5-year-old baby with Hypotonia receives a NIFLA corset which allows her to sit upright for the first time in her life.*

# Dental Clinics in Israel

In 2025, NATAN strengthened its domestic humanitarian dental program with the establishment of a permanent clinic in Tel Aviv, alongside continued operations in Haifa. The clinics were operated in collaboration with Lo Omdot Mineged and the Ve'Ahavata Clinic, and were further supported by the Shen Zen company, which provided free dentures for NATAN patients. Together, the clinics delivered high-quality, free dental care to asylum seekers, refugees, women at risk, and individuals who are largely excluded from the public health system, resulting in extremely-limited access to welfare and social services. Operating through volunteer dentists and staff, and supported by a cultural mediator, the clinics provided urgent, preventive, and restorative dental treatment with dignity and at zero cost to patients, restoring health, basic functioning, and human dignity.



*Next page: Dr. Viktoria Glinkin and Liora Lahav (dental assistant) NATAN volunteers, treating an Eritrean refugee patient in the Tel Aviv Dental Clinic.*



# Our Volunteers

## The Force Multiplier Behind NATAN's Impact

At the heart of NATAN's work is a global network of approximately 1,800 volunteer medical, mental-health, dental, and logistics professionals, whose in-kind contributions make large-scale humanitarian impact possible through a deliberately lean operating model. These practicing clinicians bring current clinical expertise, ethical standards, and real-world experience into crisis settings.

In 2025, NATAN's volunteers contributed an estimated \$972,000 in in-kind program value—well over half of the total value of our humanitarian operations, allowing donor funding to be spent on readiness, safe deployment, medical supplies, logistics, and governance rather than fixed staffing costs.

This volunteer-driven model enables NATAN to deploy actively practicing medical professionals who bring the most current clinical knowledge and techniques from their daily work into crisis settings. Volunteers serve in short, rotating missions that allow continuity of care in the field. Beyond direct service delivery, they support telemedicine, train local professionals, strengthen community-based responses, and transfer knowledge that continues after NATAN's exit.

NATAN's volunteer model is a strategic strength, enabling rapid, responsible, and high-quality humanitarian healthcare at moments when local systems are under the greatest strain.



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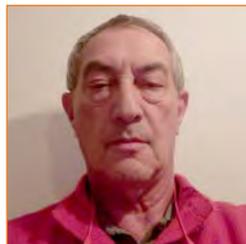
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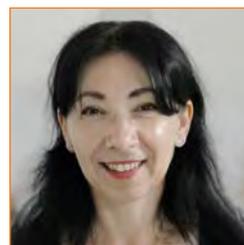
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## Funding

NATAN's operating model is intentionally lean and highly leveraged. Still, we could not accomplish our work, without donations from our generous funders. In 2024, we raised \$440,000, 74% from American donors and 25% from Israelis. About 80% of total donations were received from foundations, religious institutions, municipalities and businesses; 20% from individuals. These funds were used to provide administrative and logistical support to our volunteers, as well as medical supplies, to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve.



# Donors

NATAN is blessed with generous donors who have been supporting NATAN for many years. Nothing could happen without your gracious support.

**Thank you!**

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