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WORLDWIDE DISASTER RELIEF

Annual Report

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WHO WE ARE

NATAN, founded 19 years ago, is an Israeli-based, all-volunteer NGO that helps people, worldwide, rebuild their lives with dignity following natural and human-made disasters. Our professional and experienced volunteers go where they are needed in a moment's notice to provide crucial medical, dental, psychosocial and education aid.



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From the Chairs

Dear Members and Supporters of NATAN



I am thrilled to report that in 2022, NATAN has tripled its humanitarian efforts, becoming a prominent actor in the global humanitarian community. Our work in Ukraine, where we have deployed more than 200 professionals to offer assistance to those in need, has demonstrated the best of Israel to the world. NATAN is one of the brightest faces of Israel, showcasing the Israeli society that everyone wants to see—one that is open to the world and responsible towards others, whoever and wherever they may be.

In addition to our humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, NATAN has also focused on capacity building initiatives in Nepal. Through these efforts, we are empowering communities to take charge of their own disaster preparedness and response efforts, and to build a more sustainable and resilient future. We have provided training in disaster preparedness, search and rescue, first aid, and psychosocial support, as well as supporting the development of community and local networks.

None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, as well as the support of our partners and donors. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of those affected by disasters and conflicts around the world.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission of providing humanitarian aid and support to those in need. We will continue to innovate and adapt to the changing needs of disaster-affected communities, while upholding our core values of compassion, integrity, and collaboration.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and for joining us in our efforts to make the world a better place.

Danny Kahn, NATAN Chair, Tel Aviv



While we surely pray that no new tragedies occur—natural disasters, wars, refugee crises—NATAN stands ready, and when disaster strikes, NATAN will respond when and where we are needed. Our governing board has a keen sense of which disasters require NATAN's unique capabilities and where we can make a real difference. NATAN's size and agility enable us to respond quickly and effectively. Driven by only the ideals that guide us, and with extremely low overhead, there is no pressure to "keep busy" or create promotional photo ops. Instead, NATAN identifies crucial needs in the world – and sets about meeting them.

In 2022, American donors generously contributed \$609,000 to support NATAN's operations. This includes \$280,000 from Jewish Federations, the JDC, and synagogue congregations; \$186,000 in individual donations; and \$142,000 from foundations. (The average personal gift was under \$400.) Ultimately, all this money derives from individuals whose hearts were touched by the needs NATAN addresses, and who recognize that their gifts are used with great effect and great efficiency.

Our goal for 2023 is to increase awareness of NATAN's ongoing work and enlarge the circle of friends we can call upon when disaster strikes. Not every event to which NATAN responds generates the high-profile awareness and outrage as the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine and resulting refugee tragedy. Yet desperate need persists, far from television cameras and political agendas. NATAN plans to work hard to publicize all of our missions and connect with people willing and able to support our work.

We are grateful to the generous donors, funders and organizations that recognize our potential and support our work, and we aim to build on that strong foundation with new relationships in Israel, the US and around the world.

Alan M. Silberstein, NATAN Advisory Board Chair, New Jersey

NATAN: Our Core Values

- Respect and dignity for every human being
- Respect for the culture and values of others
- Respect for the local environment where the mission is deployed
- Reflect Israeli society's commitment to global social justice
- Continue to recruit multicultural, multi-ethnic, multifaith volunteers from Israel and around the world
- Commitment to volunteering, social action, human rights and professionalism



Awards and Recognitions

Recipient of the Genesis Prize 2023

The most prestigious humanitarian award in the Jewish world, known as the Jewish Nobel Prize (Time Magazine), the Genesis Prize is awarded to "Jewish Activists Working to Uphold Ukraine's Independence and Alleviate the Suffering of the People of Ukraine." NATAN is among the 20 organizations and individuals sharing the 2023 prize.

Official Recognition from the Israeli President's House

Israel's First Lady, Mme. Michal Herzog, met NATAN leaders and, building on that strong relationship, recommended NATAN to the Ukrainian First Lady, Olena Zelenska.

NATAN is prioritized by the Ukraine government and Mme. Zalenska's office to be one of the leading organizations in a national rehabilitation project.

Medal of the Polish Red Cross

NATAN received the medal of honor from the Polish Red Cross in recognition of our work at the Przemyśl refugee center in 2022. Early on, NATAN was entrusted by the Polish Red Cross to run the medical clinic at the Przemyśl refugee center which aided 30,000 refugees over six months of 24/7 operation.

WHO (UN World Health Organization) Invites NATAN to train local professionals

WHO-Poland is funding NATAN's 2023 training of caregivers of Ukrainian refugees.

Changing the World Award

NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief was given the Changing the World Award by the Israeli Parliament. NATAN Chair Danny Kahn accepted the award from Israel's Minister of Welfare in a ceremony at the Israel Parliament in Jerusalem held May 30, 2022.

NATAN 2022

A MACRO PERSPECTIVE

Throughout the year's ongoing emergency events and urgent crises, we could clearly see the intersection between the world of aid, which deals with disasters, and the world of development, which seeks long-term answers to global ills. In 2022, catastrophes (natural or human-made), required not only immediate and urgent efforts to save lives but made evermore explicit the challenge to provide long-term solutions to ongoing and complex needs encompassing disparate fields and communities around the world.



NATAN responded to this global call and took action. Natan responded to this year of immense global challenges with meaningful actions that made significant differences in the very lives people lead, both short and long term, from urgent acute care to long-term community restoration projects.



This report presents the 2022 activities, operations and achievements of **NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief**. We have accomplished much but know full well that there is and will be much more to do. Looking back with pride, we here summarize relief operations, rehabilitation projects and life-saving trainings in Israel, Nepal, Ukraine, and Colombia.

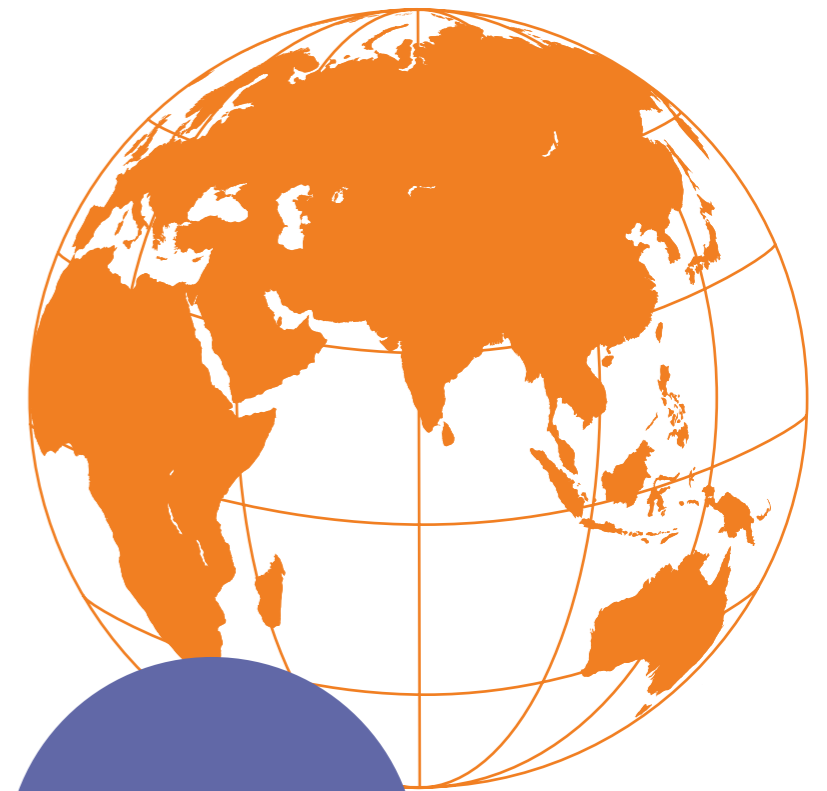


We are grateful for the support of our many individual and organizational partners and funders, and acknowledge our shared commitment to saving—and improving—lives, wherever disaster strikes.



2022

NATAN IN NUMBERS



45,000
people assisted
globally



22
delegations
worldwide

1376
professional
volunteers
registered and
ready to deploy

- 240 volunteers deployed
- 13 headquarter staff members— all volunteers
- 10 professional/vocational training sessions in 3 countries
- 10 international partners
- 7 global projects
- 4 locations on 4 continents
- 3 comprehensive medical clinics

OUR BOOTS ON THE GROUND



Ukraine

Ukraine Emergency by the Numbers

- Nearly 8 million individual refugees from Ukraine
- Over 15.5 million border crossings from Ukraine
- More than 6.5 million people internally displaced in Ukraine

NATAN's Ukrainian Refugee Relief Operation in Poland

Over six months, from March 3 to August 31, 2022, NATAN provided medical and psychological support to Ukrainian refugees in Poland, at the Tesco-Refugee Humanitarian Aid Center, Przemysl (Poland)—on the western border of Ukraine. NATAN operated the only medical clinic in the Przemysl Transit Center, the largest Transit Center in the region, and provided psychosocial and trauma care.

Delegations: 15

Volunteers: 188 professionals, including 64 social workers, 51 doctors, 35 nurses, 7 educators, 15 translators, and 16 logistics experts, from Israel and abroad.

Target population/patients: **More than 30,000 refugees** received direct care, while many others received counseling. In addition, NATAN organized the donation of two ambulances to local teams inside Ukraine.

Training Caregivers in Ukraine

Since February 2022, 245,000 displaced Ukrainians have fled the war zone and are registered in the Lviv oblast; many reside in the Yaworiw rural region. The 56,000 residents of Yaworiw and nearby villages provide for the newcomers' basic needs. In August, NATAN launched training projects for local professionals and volunteer caregivers, in partnership with the Yaworiw (Ukraine) Regional Council.

Location: Ciesanow, Poland. The participants came from Ukraine, where they reside and work.

NATAN provided intensive training in trauma care and community resilience to three cohorts. Each cohort participated in a 6-day program. NATAN volunteers included eight professional social workers, experts in the Israeli Trauma & Resilience model, with the ultimate goal of training 60 Ukrainian IDP caregivers. Two more sessions—60 participants—are planned for February and March 2023. These two training are endorsed by the WHO (UN/World Health Organization).

Summer Camp for Internally Displaced Ukrainian Children.

NATAN produced a Summer Camp for Ukrainian and Polish children, aimed at improving the children's well-being and reducing stress. Three delegations of young counselors from Hashomer Hatzair and Machanot Ha'Olim Israeli youth movements included six Israelis and seven Ukrainian or Polish youth, who worked with 110 young people, age 6 – 15 years, for a powerful and meaningful summer.

Based on the success of the summer camp, the office of the Ukrainian First Lady Olena Zelenska has invited NATAN to formulate a project to develop a National Resilience Structure, which will adapt the Israeli model to local conditions and culture.



Colombia

Holistic Migrant Center for Venezuelan Refugees in Colombia

Columbia by the Numbers

6.8 million refugees and migrants have left Venezuela worldwide. Close to 2.5 million Venezuelans are living in Colombia, having fled their home country's economic collapse and political crisis. Despite Bogotá's offer of residency rights, many migrants and refugees nevertheless face extreme hardship. NATAN, partnering with HIAS and CADENA, opened the Center for Migrant Women and Children in June, to offer refugees a one-stop, medical and psychosocial care center.

Located in Cucuta, Colombia, near the Venezuelan border, the Center covers basic human needs, aims to improve the health and well-being of migrant women by restoring their dignity and confidence, reducing stress, and strengthening their ability to face their future challenges.

The center is exclusively operated by paid local professionals, due to pressing security concerns.

NATAN provided training to the Cadena team, completed needs assessments, and donated funds to cover six months of the medical team salaries. NATAN's participation concluded in December, but Cadena-Colombia continues this remarkable project.



Nepal

Medical and Community Development

Since the 2015 earthquake, NATAN missions have provided medical aid to communities in remote villages. We identified two crucial challenges: the widespread phenomenon of maternal/fetal mortality and gender-based violence. In response to these concerns, NATAN established a project of training for medical professionals and community leaders, partnering with a local nonprofit, Relief Nepal: <https://reliefnepal.org.np>

NATAN's Training Program

Located in the Dahding District, the project trains local medical staff in sexual and reproductive health care, gynecology ultrasound, and related life-saving skills. In addition, community workers receive the tools to raise awareness of domestic violence via practical projects. In 2022, NATAN conducted 5 workshops of 2 weeks each throughout the year, which included 12 professionals (4 social workers, 1 emergency-medicine doctor, 1 gynecologist, 1 midwife, 2 ultrasound experts, 2 logistics, the local NATAN representative in Nepal). Participants included 90 midwives and 200 community workers.



Israel Mobile Dental Clinics

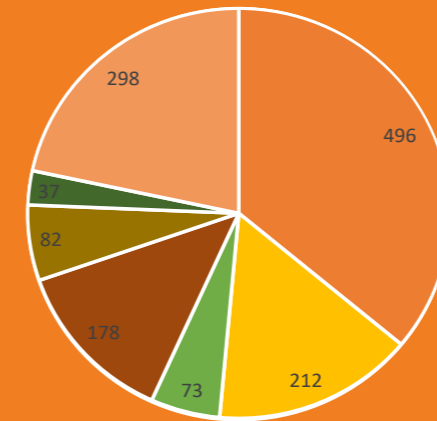
Extreme oral health inequalities exist for the most marginalized and socially excluded groups.

NATAN decided to address this concern in developing countries in 2019. One project in Ethiopia was cancelled due to the COVID lockdown. We then decided to channel our effort to underserved populations in Israel, who cannot access dental services for economic or status reasons..

NATAN currently operates two Mobile Dental Care Units, staffed by 12 volunteer dentists and 3 support staff. Using state-of-the-art portable dental equipment which folds into several rolling cases, the mobile clinic can be set up anywhere. Based in Haifa, mobile dental care teams provide emergency dental care, ongoing follow-up, and, in acute cases, dental reconstruction. Over 100 patients received treatment in 2022.

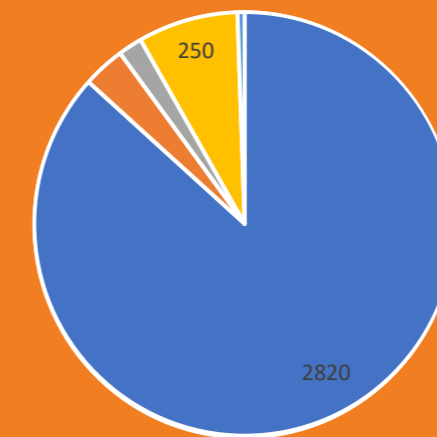
Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are the heart, soul, and brains of NATAN. As of 12/31/22, we had 1,376 volunteers aged 30 to 80, all licensed and experienced professionals—doctors, nurses, dentists, psychosocial workers, educators and logistics experts. When called upon for a relief mission, our volunteers are ready and willing to drop everything, leave their homes, families and workplaces, and head to where their experienced hands are desperately needed. Very often our volunteers are the among the first to reach a disaster site.



Volunteers by Profession

Medical	496
Psychosocial	212
Dental	73
Education	178
Logistics	82
Administration	37
Translation, technical support	298



Total Volunteering Days in 2022 3253

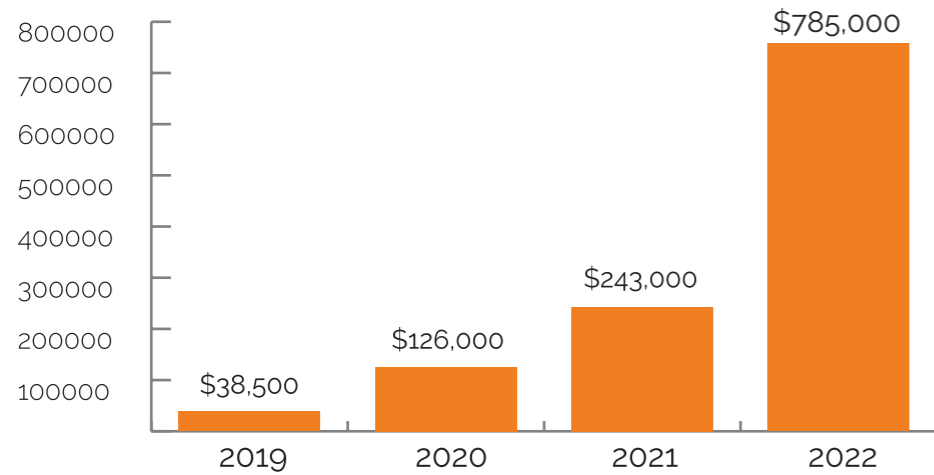
Ukrainian crisis	2820
Nepal	105
Dental	60
Headquarters	250
Venezuelan Refugees	18



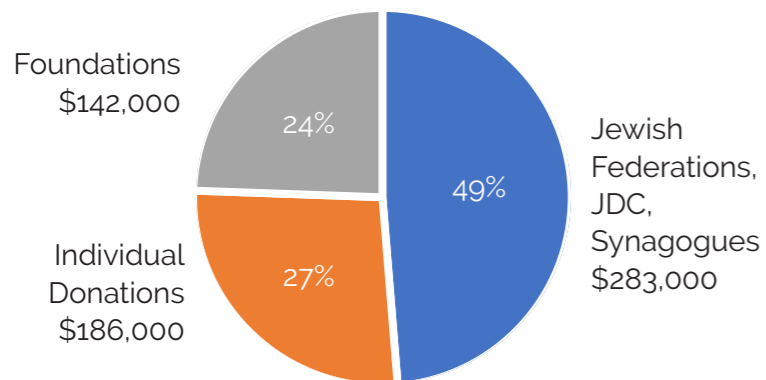
Our Financial Picture

NATAN'S income has grown exponentially in the last three years, enabled by our American and Israeli donors. Our missions are not expensive. We are all volunteers. However, we must still fund equipment, drugs and transportation. Ninety-five cents of every dollar raised goes directly to the mission.

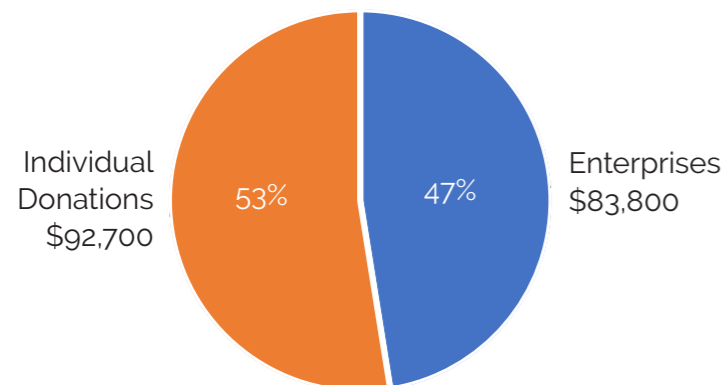
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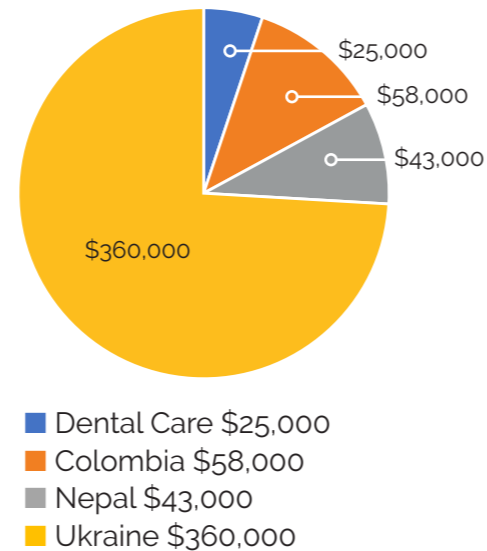
2022 US Financial Support — Total \$609,000



2022 Israel Financial Support — Total \$176,500



2022 Operation Cost (unaudited)



Our Plans for 2023

Ukraine

National Resilience Program

Mme. Olena Zelenska, Ukraine's First Lady, leads the national effort to address mental health needs. Following the success of our projects in 2022, NATAN has been selected to develop a model of resilience centers and medical services tailored to the needs of the Ukrainian community.

In Lutsk, Khmelnytskyi, and Bila Tserkva, NATAN will partner shoulder-to-shoulder with the local teams to create Resilience Centers within existing local structures, including the Ministries of Health, Education, Welfare, Municipalities, Emergency Services and NGOs dedicated assisting the population during crisis, emergency, and disasters. Based on the Israeli experience in conflict zones like the Gaza envelope, these Resilience Centers will provide support, treatment, and assistance to the population exposed to war trauma. The pilot project will span 12 months, and 12 months of monitoring. Volunteers will include 15 NATAN experts and trained social workers and 4 permanent coordinators.

The pilot project will give rise to an integrated and holistic interservice solution and define a standard of practice that can be duplicated across Ukraine and become a significant element of the country's rehabilitation.

Yaworiw Rehabilitation Program

Expanding the caregivers training project, NATAN is committed to supporting and strengthening medical and psychosocial services available to the Yaworiw region's refugee population. We are working with the mayor and the local hospitals to develop a program answering the immediate needs. As local medical services are overwhelmed, NATAN's medical volunteers are especially crucial.

Nepal

Community Development

NATAN will create a community development program in the Dhading district, where we have been working in 2022. The project will begin in February when a NATAN assessment team, together with our partner Relief Nepal, study the priorities for a one-year program.

Israel

Dental Care The Tel Aviv NATAN Dental Clinic will open in the city south, a region that includes multiple high-need populations, youth at risk, refugees and the unhoused (notably, 90% of unhoused people in Tel Aviv are Israeli citizens.)



Our Plans for 2023 ...continued

Cambodia

We will launch our international dental program in Cambodia. Teams of volunteer dentists will offer dental care and dental hygiene education to villages identified by the Jewish Agency TEN project, visiting each location three times a year.

Natural Disasters

Emergency Relief Deployment following Natural Disaster is at NATAN's core. Our teams are on call to fly wherever needed; we have upscaled our medical bags with ultrasound, defibrillator and mini-lab portable devices. NATAN is in the process of receiving the EMT1 - Emergency Medical Teams qualification by the WHO.

Volunteer Training

Dedicated to the highest level of professionalism, NATAN launched, in January 2023, a 40-hour course for Field Mission Leaders (FML). The 20 experienced FMLs, most of them having served in 2022 in the Ukraine crisis, gathered to learn lessons from our previous operations. In 2023 we plan a training series for the medical and psychosocial teams.



NATAN: Our Vow

Natan is committed to continue to bring aid, comfort and the possibility of a better future to people who are in the throes of natural or man-made disasters wherever they may be. We don't see it as our obligation as much as it is an honor to do so.

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We greatly appreciate all of our generous donors and partners who have helped to make this year possible, meaningful and valuable to all who received NATAN support. Thank you for helping NATAN fulfil its humanitarian vision.

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