



# NATAN

## WORLDWIDE DISASTER RELIEF

### **Mike Atkinson**

### **NATAN Board Member**



Mike has been with NATAN for over ten years, serving as an active member of NATAN's Board. In 2019, Mike was part of a joint NATAN – JDC operation in Mozambique following Cyclone Idai. Mike serves as a disaster response consultant to The Joint (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee). In that capacity Mike has traveled to many sites around the world following natural disasters: Nepal, Haiti, Ecuador, The Bahamas, The Philippines, Dominica, Mozambique and Japan. Mike grew up in Staten Island, New York and received a BA in Economics from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He arrived in Israel in 1972 as a volunteer with the Jewish Agency and after the '73 war, stayed in Israel. Mike played and coached basketball in the upper Galilee, worked at Koor Industries. He served in the IDF and then worked at Israel Aircraft Industries. After that, Mike worked for the Israeli government. He took early retirement in 2010 and has been a NATAN volunteer since then. In addition to his work with NATAN and The Joint, Mike also serves as a medic at Magen David Adom, the national ambulance service. Mike holds an MBA from Tel Aviv University and a second master's degree in Public Health and Disaster Management. In March 2022, Mike led a NATAN relief team providing aid to Ukrainian refugees following the invasion of their country.

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