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## WORLDWIDE DISASTER RELIEF

### **ISRAELI TEAM LED BY FORMER TOP WHO OFFICIAL WILL PROVIDE MEDICAL, TRAUMA CARE TO REFUGEES AT POLAND- UKRAINE BORDER**

**Dr. Dorit Nitzan and NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief volunteer healthcare professionals heading to border area Thursday**

**TEL AVIV, Israel, March 2** – A leading volunteer disaster relief team of doctors, nurses and social workers from Israel are heading to Poland tomorrow to provide medical and trauma care for refugees escaping the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Heading the humanitarian aid team from [NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief](#) is **Dr. Dorit Nitzan**, until recently a World Health Organization regional emergencies director in Europe and representative in Ukraine. Joining her are physicians, nurses, social workers and a logistics expert from hospitals around Israel, all of whom are trained and experienced in disaster and humanitarian relief worldwide.

NATAN, an all-volunteer organization of medical and health professionals from across Israeli society, will partner with the WHO, the US-based aid group Operation Blessing and the Mexico-based aid group CADENA, in coordination with Polish authorities, to also deliver food, hygiene, medical and other relief supplies to some of the estimated 500,000 Ukrainian refugees fleeing the violence.

The team will be agile, working wherever they are needed near the Poland-Ukraine border for at least two months, providing tailored support including primary medical and psycho-social care and determining if further treatments are required.

“We dedicate ourselves to the more than half a million refugees and aim to leave no one behind,” said Dr. Nitzan. “The situation is grave. Many of the refugees are elderly, women and children. They are exhausted, sick, injured and traumatized. Ukraine’s neighbors have opened their hearts and homes to these refugees and we are joining in this enormous and critical undertaking to help those in need.”

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**About NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief:**

NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief is an all-volunteer multi-faith Israeli humanitarian aid organization of doctors, nurses, dentists, social workers and other healthcare experts who are trained to mobilize for human-made and natural disasters worldwide. For more than 18 years, NATAN teams have responded to global crises from earthquakes in Haiti to the Syrian civil war, collaborating strategically with NGOs and local communities. NATAN was inspired by Israel's pioneer humanitarian activist Abie Nathan, a former combat pilot who dedicated his life to helping rather than destroying humanity. For details, please visit <https://natanrelief.org/>.