

Nate Mook

Activist Entrepreneur; Former CEO of World Central Kitchen

A seasoned leader and gifted entrepreneur, Nate Mook knows what it takes to turn words into action and ideas into impact. For five years, Mook was the CEO of World Central Kitchen, working alongside world-renowned activist and humanitarian Chef José Andrés on the frontlines to ensure people in disaster zones have access to fresh meals and building food resilient systems with locally-led solutions. Widely recognized for his expertise in technology, filmmaking, and building nonprofit organizations, Mook brings a Swiss Army knife approach to crafting powerful stories that bring people together and drive change in the world.

Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Mook captures audience members' imaginations from the jump as he takes them around the world, sharing moving stories of people working together in support of causes much greater than themselves. Addressing themes such as leading through crisis or change and environmental, social, and governance principles in business, he outlines how organizations can look within themselves to think bigger, recalibrate to more purpose-driven approaches, and change the world for the better. Mook inspires organizations to uncover why they do what they do and shares new and unique ways for how they can connect people to their mission through storytelling.

Mook's support of World Central Kitchen began in 2012, but it wasn't until 2017 that he formally joined the organization to oversee food relief efforts in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. As CEO, he led the organization's dramatic growth — building WCK from a one employee operation with less than \$1 million per year in revenue to \$400 million generated for global impact in 2022. Under Mook's leadership, WCK became one of the world's largest privately funded nonprofits. He also spearheaded the organization's massive relief efforts in Ukraine. Following his leadership of WCK, Mook continues to support humanitarian work in Ukraine as President of The Ukraine Foundation.

Throughout his career, Mook has harnessed the storytelling power of film to advance conversations around important humanitarian and social causes. He served as the executive producer of the Emmy-nominated film "We Feed the People," which spotlights World Central Kitchen's evolution to becoming one of the world's most highly regarded humanitarian organizations. He was also a consulting producer for the Emmy-nominated HBO documentary "The Slow Hustle," producer for the HBO documentary "Baltimore Rising," and director of "Undiscovered Haiti," a documentary project co-produced with National Geographic and PBS. His career as a filmmaker has taken him all over the world and provided opportunities to collaborate with UN Women, USAID, United Nations Development Programme, World Bank, NGOs and startups of all sizes, and former President Bill Clinton. Mook spent his early career as a tech entrepreneur and co-founded multiple companies, including BetaNews, ConeXware, and Localist.

A true changemaker, Mook was recognized as a "Change Hero" by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for his work growing the TEDx program and elevating voices in underserved communities in Somalia. He serves on the board of March for Our Lives, and remains committed to building a better world through action and storytelling.