

## **ChildFund Alliance Statement of Solidarity with Ukraine** **February 25, 2022**

ChildFund Alliance is gravely concerned about the safety and well-being of children, their families and communities throughout Ukraine in the aftermath of the Russian invasion on 24 February 2022.

The full-scale military attack is the latest in an ongoing conflict that has killed thousands of people in the country since 2014, many of them children. “We are seeing Russian military operations inside the sovereign territory of Ukraine on a scale that Europe has not seen in decades,” states the United Nations Secretary General António Guterres.

ChildFund Alliance’s member organization, ChildFund Deutschland, has been working in Ukraine since 2004 in a variety of programmatic areas and in all major regions of the country. ChildFund Deutschland is acting quickly to provide emergency services to children and their families.

Humanitarian assistance will be guided by the four principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence. ChildFund aims to provide the most vulnerable people with critical humanitarian relief supplies and services, regardless of where they are.

Prioritizing children’s protection, their rights and well-being is urgently needed now more than ever. ChildFund Alliance calls on all parties to respect and uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law and avoid all forms of violence against children.

Your support to our member, ChildFund Deutschland, will help deliver relief services and keep children safe as the crisis unfolds. For more details on how you may donate, please see ChildFund Deutschland’s Emergency aid for Ukraine page at: <https://www.childfund.de/de/weltweit-aktiv/nothilfe/soforthilfe-fuer-die-ukraine.html>.

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### **About ChildFund**

*Eleven child-focused development agencies are part of the global ChildFund Alliance network, which helps children and their families overcome poverty and the underlying conditions that prevent children from reaching their full potential. Together we reach nearly 23 million children and family members in 70 countries. Members work to end violence and exploitation against children; provide expertise in emergencies and disasters to ease the harmful impact on children and their communities; and engage children, families and communities to create lasting change. Our commitment, resources, innovation, knowledge and expertise serve as a powerful force to transform the lives of children around the world.*