

APPEAL FROM THE GLOBAL SOCIETY ON MIGRATION, ETHNICITY, RACE AND HEALTH

BRING THE INVASION TO AN END; CARE FOR ALL FORCED TO FLEE AND ALL REMAINING IN UKRAINE

As the world emerges from the natural disaster of the COVID 19 pandemic we are now faced with a catastrophic man-made disaster – the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Within a few days, millions of people living in Ukraine have found they are facing death, injury and deprivation of all their basic rights and needs. Unprecedented numbers are fleeing to friendly neighboring countries. While there is universal agreement on the protection of refugees, the practicalities of assisting such vast numbers is hugely challenging. The large majority of 44 million Ukrainians are unable or unwilling to leave and must also be helped as far as possible where they are.

GSMERH APPEALS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO

- Make every effort to compel Putin to stop all military action, to prevent further loss of life, forced displacement and destruction.
- Provide immediate and ongoing assistance including healthcare in friendly countries to all people fleeing Ukraine, regardless of their origins or citizenship and for as long as is needed.
- Provide every possible assistance including essential health care to people remaining in Ukraine and protection of health care workers.
- Ensure that those in most need of immediate and urgent care are provided for without hindrance.
- Prevent ethnic discrimination of persons forcibly displaced by the crisis.
- Prevent discrimination against people of Russian origin living in other countries

GSMERH remains committed to our core values of solidarity and unity, anti-discrimination and inclusion of all migrant, ethnic minority and indigenous groups.

We fully support the [EUPHA](#) and [ASPHER](#) Statements. .