



## **AEG is Against War and Authoritarian Leadership**

AEG stands with global geologists to condemn acts of war and unprovoked violence in countries, including most recently in Ukraine. As scientists, we rely on the freedom of speech to collaborate, share scientific research and knowledge, and communicate with the public regarding mitigation of risk. When the people of a country are uprooted from their homes, cities destroyed, citizens forced to physically protect themselves from unlawful invasions of authoritarian regimes, and denied the right to earn an education, we all suffer. Scientific progress suffers. The global economy suffers. As global citizens, we must act to support our international colleagues. AEG supports our members' efforts to support our global colleagues impacted by acts of war.

### **How to help the citizens of Ukraine**

If you're interested in providing financial assistance, the following organizations are actively assisting in Ukraine. Some suggestions include:

**UNICEF:** Supports health, nutrition, education, safe drinking water, sanitation, and protection for children and families <https://www.unicefusa.org>

**Doctors without Borders:** Works with local volunteers, organizations, health care professionals, and authorities to help people access health care and prescribed medications <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/countries/ukraine>

**World Central Kitchen:** Has opened a kitchen and food supply depot in Poland- capable of cooking 100,000 meals per day, established food warehouses in Lviv, Ukraine to deliver fresh meals to 50 locations in the city, and distributing hot meals to evacuating citizens at all eight border crossings. <https://wck.org/news/1-million-meals-served-with-chefsforukraine>

There are many more organizations directly helping the over 2 million citizens who have fled their homes and the approximately 39 million citizens who remain within the country.

When donating funds to any organization – AEG recommends performing a background check. Steps to vet a charitable organization<sup>1</sup> include identifying the organization's mission, reviewing their IRS Form 990, reading the annual report and any audits, ensure that the majority of funds are directly funding their mission- rule of thumb is at least 70%<sup>2</sup>, and finally, for specific questions, speak to a representative of the charitable organization.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/articles/how-to-vet-a-charity>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cnet.com/personal-finance/your-money/before-you-give-how-to-vet-a-charity/>