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Dear Colleagues,

This week, Federations have supported Ukrainian Jews in Ukraine under heavy fighting, on the borders in refugee camps, and in Israel where new *olim* (immigrants) were welcomed home. We commit, together, to this support from a deep belief in our Jewish responsibility to care for our fellow Jews and for all those who suffer. Read more about how our Federations are meeting the needs of Ukrainian Jewry in their hour of need in today's [Ukraine Crisis Update](#).

Together, our Federations have raised \$19.7 million so far to address critical needs resulting from the situation in Ukraine. Our Ukraine Allocations subcommittee met early last week and approved an initial allocation of \$8 million which is already flowing to the field. The subcommittee meets again on Thursday to review priority requests and keep vital dollars moving quickly to help those most in need.

Today Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett [expressed his appreciation](#) and that of the state of Israel for the lifesaving work Federations are supporting in Ukraine.

[View additional updates and resources](#), and [register for tomorrow's webinar](#) at 12pm ET to hear live updates on the situation in Ukraine and along its borders, as well as a synopsis of the geopolitical ramifications of the fighting by Dr. Vera Michlin-Shapir, Visiting Research Fellow, The King's Centre for Strategic Communications.

All the best,
Shira