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## Thousands in Mississippi's capital without water after treatment plant fails

Aug 30 (Reuters) - The state of Mississippi on Tuesday was scrambling to bring a long-neglected water treatment plant in its capital city back on line a day after it broke down, leaving about 180,000 residents without potable running water, possibly for days.

Governor Tate Reeves on Monday evening declared a state of emergency for Jackson, with 150,000 residents, and surrounding communities where 30,000 more people live, warning residents not to drink the water.

"Until it is fixed, it means we do not have reliable running water at scale. It means the city cannot produce enough water to fight fires, to reliably flush toilets, and to meet other critical needs," Reeves said, referring to the treatment plant.

Jackson, whose residents are more than 80% Black or African American, according to U.S. Census data, was already on a boiled water alert for a month.

Jeff Good, 58, owns a bakery, a pizza parlor and an Italian restaurant in Jackson. All three establishments were closed on Tuesday because of a lack of water pressure.

He had to tell his 210 employees to stay home, and in the restaurant business, he said, that means they don't get paid.

"Their hours are canceled," he said. "It's a struggle and extremely stressful."

The governor, a Republican, said state officials on Tuesday were to establish an incident command center at the O.B. Curtis Water Plant, which had been operating with smaller back-up pumps after the facility's main pumps were severely damaged.

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Reeves said he learned on Friday that it was only a matter of time before the plant would fail to produce running water after years of poor operations and maintenance.

"Unfortunately, that failure appears to have begun," he said, noting that state officials were working to fix the plant.

The state's emergency management agency was in charge of distribution of bottled drinking water and tanker trucks for other water needs, he said, calling the operation a "massively complicated logistical task."

Jackson Public Schools were closed on Tuesday as classes were moved online.

Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, a Democrat, declared a water system emergency on Monday, saying the issue was caused by complications from recent Pearl River flooding.



The floods created complications at the water treatment plant, which sits next to a reservoir that drains into the river just north of town, the city said in a statement. The water shortage was likely to last the next couple of days, it said.

In addition to the O.B. Curtis plant, which treats 50 million gallons (227,300 cubic meters) per day, the city operates the Fewell plant, whose normal production of 20 million was increased to 30 million gallons due to the situation.

The current crisis follows several episodes of disruption to the city's water supply in recent years. In February, a pair of winter storms caused most residents in Jackson to briefly lose running water.

In 2016, customers were told of high lead levels in the city's water supply caused by recurring faulty water treatment techniques. A year ago the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued an emergency order saying the water supply could contain E. Coli, according to Mississippi Today.

A view shows a flooded road near Pearl River following water discharges from Barnett Reservoir over the weekend, in Ridgeland, Mississippi, U.S. in this screen grab taken from a video August 29, 2022. REUTERS TV/via REUTERS



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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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## Artemis I Is On An Historic Lunar Journey



NASA's Artemis I mission, if the weather permits, with the space launch system rocket and Orion spacecraft, will lift off from Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Monday.

But the uncrewed mission is part of an inspiring program as well as a very critical mission.

NASA administrator Bill Nelson said, "We're going back to the moon in preparation to go to Mars. That is the difference. Fifty years ago we went to the moon for a day, a few hours, three days max. Now we're going back to the moon to stay, to live and to learn to build."

Instead of the Soviet Union, the U.S. now is in a space race with China. Nelson said, "We must be very concerned that China is landing on the moon and now cooperating with Russia and has plans to build a new space station there."

If the 42-day uncrewed mission around the moon and back is a success, it will keep NASA on track to meet its goal to return again to the moon in 2025. China is also planning to land its astronauts on the moon in 2030.



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## Uvalde Families In Austin, Texas

A group of Uvalde family members was in front of Governor Abbott in his office at the Texas state capitol in Austin demanding him to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to raise the age to purchase some weapons from 18 to 21.

One of the leaders of the group asked the governor, "How much more blood will stain your hands?" Several families attended the meeting from both Uvalde and Santa Fe where a 17-year-old murdered 10 classmates in 2018.

Abbott was not in Austin and has so far rejected calls for a special session. Instead, he is focused on school safety and mental health initiatives.



It is very sad that all of these families have to suffer with all of these tragedies. We all hope the leaders of government along with community leaders can come to agreement on a workable solution.



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## Editor's Choice



Serena Williams of the U.S. celebrates winning her first round match against Montenegro's Danka Kovinic at the U.S. Open in New York. REUTERS/Mike Segar



A member of Sadr's Peace Brigades fighters fires his weapon during clashes with Iraqi security forces near the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq. REUTERS/Thaier Al-Sudani



A tricycle is seen near the scene of a mass shooting at a Fourth of July parade route, in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park, Illinois, July 4. REUTERS/Max Herman



A flood victim takes refuge along a road in a makeshift tent, following rains and floods during the monsoon season in Mehar, Pakistan. REUTERS/Akhtar Soomro



Alexander Shulga with his dog next to him reacts in front of his and his neighbor's home destroyed by a strike, amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine, in Mykolaiv, Ukraine. REUTERS/Umit Bektas



Revellers take part in the Notting Hill Carnival in London, Britain. REUTERS/Maja Smiejkowska

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More Than 70 Organizations Have Signed, Calling To Fund Refugee Efforts In Ukraine And Globally

“Stand Up For Ukraine” - An Open Letter Calls On World Leaders To Take Urgent Action for Refugees

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Since Russia began its invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, more than 10 million people in the country have been forcibly displaced... leading to the fastest growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.



UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has reported a \$10 billion funding gap of to address the global refugee crisis. Displacement caused by war, persecution, climate change, and human rights violations require immediate attention...

refugee efforts in Ukraine and globally, and it is our hope that you will show your support by committing to the humanitarian agencies, organizations on the ground and to local authorities at the frontline that need it the most.

What does the open letter hope to achieve?

More than 6.5 million people are displaced within Ukraine, while more than 4 million refugees have fled across borders, according to data from the UNHCR. An estimated 12 million people are currently in need of assistance as a result of the conflict.

You can read the full letter here below.



Who has signed the letter so far? Aable, aable Lending Services AG, Accelerate Global, LLC, Action for Sustainable Development,

American Security Project, Arctic Basecamp, Association « Russie-Libertés », Athena Impact, Australians for Mental Health, Balaklava Blues, Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens, Beney, Blind Media Inc., Charlie Dent, CIVICUS, Co-founder AfterWEVote, DevryBV Sustainable Strategies, Direct Relief, Donor Tracker, Douglas Alexander, Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, e2=equitable energy, EcoVision, Elijah Interfaith Institute, European Food Banks Federation, Focus 2030, Folk Songs of Ukraine, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,



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What is Stand Up For Ukraine?

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy began the call to Stand Up For Ukraine on March 26 in a video address, which implored politicians, business leaders, actors, musicians, and more to show their support for Ukraine. In response, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in partnership with Global Citizen, announced a pledging event on Saturday, April 9, in Warsaw, Poland.

And we will further step up," von der Leyen said in a statement. "But so much is needed — and the brave people of Ukraine deserve solidarity from citizens and governments around the globe. Together, we can give them a safe home and bring some light in their lives at this dark hour."



Ahead of the pledging event, a global social media rally is taking place on Friday, April 8, amplifying the voices of advocates and further calling on world leaders to pledge financial support on Saturday. Musicians, artists, actors, and activists are taking to Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube to show their support with the hashtag #StandUpForUkraine.

World Leaders Responded To The Calls Of Advocates To Support Refugees In Ukraine And Around The World. Inspiring Quotes From World Leaders Show Their Support For 'Stand Up For Ukraine'



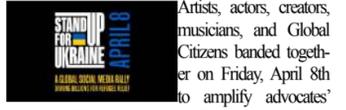
Leaders, advocates, and more met at the Stand Up for Ukraine pledging summit in Warsaw, Poland on Saturday, April 9 which saw \$10.1 billion pledged in new grants and loans to support refugees from Ukraine and around the world.

It started with a call to action, grew into a movement, and now world leaders are making new commitments and reaffirming pledges to deliver humanitarian aid to support refugees and displaced people from Ukraine and all around the world.

More than 40 world leaders from Germany to Qatar and Switzerland to Slovakia made and renewed their commitments to Ukraine and all global refugees on Saturday, April 9, as part of a pledging event in Warsaw, Poland for the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign. The campaign, inspired by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's call to action, and launched by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in partnership with Global Citizen, brought together organizations, businesses, artists, actors, advocates, and Global Citizens, to call on world leaders to pledge humanitarian aid to refugees from Ukraine and around the world — to help fill the UN Refugee Agency's \$10 billion funding gap.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began on Feb. 24, thousands of lives have been taken while more than 10 million people have been forced to leave their

homes and families behind. With an estimated 13 million people in Ukraine in need of urgent assistance and at least 82 million refugees worldwide in need of aid, humanitarian efforts are struggling to reach all those who need help.



Artists, actors, creators, musicians, and Global Citizens banded together on Friday, April 8th to amplify advocates' voices on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and TikTok in a social media rally piling pressure on world leaders ahead of Saturday's pledging event.

Although the participation of so many around the world showed the powerful strength of unity and collective action, and what we can achieve when we raise our voices together, there's still more that world leaders can do to continue their support for people facing forced displacement, whether due to conflict, climate change, human rights violations, and more.

Before Russian aggression exacerbated the global refugee crisis, people from Afghanistan, Yemen, South Sudan, and many more regions were already being forced to flee their homes and these displaced people deserve global support too. Take action in support of all refugees globally here, and take this action today to urge world leaders to act now to prevent a global crisis being triggered by the conflict in Ukraine.

Musicians, actors, athletes, entertainers, and advocates have shown a powerful display of unity as part of a global social media rally joining forces under the call to Stand Up For Ukraine and for all the world's refugees and displaced people. From heartfelt tweets to impassioned video messages, they've helped amplify the calls of advocates urging world leaders, businesses, governments, and institutions to mobilize funding for refugees from Ukraine and around the world.



The social media rally was held before the Stand Up For Ukraine pledging event on Saturday in Warsaw, Poland, hosted by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in partnership with Global Citizen. The event aims to secure billions of dollars in funding to relieve the urgent refugee crisis worldwide. Zelenskyy first implored the international community to Stand Up For Ukraine in a March 26 video message call to action. "I'm inviting everybody: musicians, actors, athletes, businessmen, politicians, everybody," said Zelenskyy in his address. "Everyone who wants to join this movement and Stand Up For Ukraine."

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Stand Up For Ukraine: An Open Letter Calls On World Leaders To Take Urgent Action for Refugees

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Inspiring Quotes From World Leaders Show Their Support For 'Stand Up For Ukraine' Here below are quotes and pledges from some of the dozens of world leaders that answered the call to action to Stand Up for Ukraine and for all refugees globally.



1.Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia "We might be separated by half an earth but Australia stands with Ukraine," said Morrison. Morrison announced no new pledges but reiterated Australia's commitment to support Ukrainian efforts. He also mentioned that along with prioritizing Ukrainian visa applications, Australia has provided \$65 million toward refugee relief efforts and is working with the UN and UK to provide additional humanitarian assistance. 2. Alexander Schallenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria "In these dark hours, Austria stands with Ukraine. What the Ukrainian people desperately need and what they deserve is peace," Schallenberg said. "So my message to President Putin is simple: Silence the gun, pull back your troops, and end this war." 3. Mustafa Alsayed, Secretary General of The Royal Humanitarian Foundation, Kingdom of Bahrain "We wish the people of Ukraine a safe and quick end to their suffering, and we support all the initiatives taken to provide support and bring peace and stability to this important part of the world," Alsayed said. 4. Alexander de Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium "We're all brokenhearted by what is happening. Everyday we're shocked by the sheer inhumanity," de Croo said. "Homes and hospitals being destroyed. Families torn apart. Grandparents not knowing if their grandchildren are still alive. From the first hour, the first day, people in Belgium have opened their hearts and their homes for families on the run. At this very moment, Belgian trucks are on the road to Ukraine with medical assistance and food. We'll continue our efforts as long as needed," he pledged. "Belgium will not leave anyone behind." 5. Kalina Konstantinova, Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria "We have full confidence that we are capable and prepared to welcome and take care of more people in need," said Konstantinova. "Bulgaria is a small country with a big heart. Bulgaria stands for peace. Bulgaria stands with Ukraine." 6. Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister of Croatia "Croatia pledges another 100 million euros in assisting Ukrainian refugees that we shall be receiving in our country in these dire times for the Ukrainian people," Plenković announced. "We will continue our support,

our solidarity, and our help in these moments when we are standing by Ukraine and the Ukrainians."



7. Carlo Monticelli, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank

"The Council of Europe Development Bank stands passionately behind Ukraine and their people," said Monticelli. "We are proud to be part of the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign and join forces with others to stand up against this war and to contribute for peace in Europe."

On behalf of the Council of Europe Development Bank, Monticelli announced a 1 billion euro loan to member states to support long term needs of refugees and the areas they have evacuated to. 8. Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus "In addition to our commitments so far, which are exceeding 2 million euros, I would like to announce a fresh and symbolic financial commitment of 100,000 euros to support the humanitarian work undertaken in Ukraine and neighboring countries by the relevant entities of the United Nations agencies." 9. Petr Fiala, Prime Minister of Czech Republic

Fiala emphasized the need for more assistance for the 300,000 Ukrainian refugees who have arrived in Czech Republic, most of whom are women and children, and announced that 200 million euros would be released in support of those refugees. "We will also continue to help directly in Ukraine," he said. "You can count on that. The Czech Republic stands behind Ukraine." 10. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark "Our world changed six weeks ago. A brutal aggressor invaded a peaceful and democratic country. We have all seen the horrible pictures from the war. The total lack of humanity. It is heartbreaking," Frederiksen said. "Denmark stands in full solidarity with Ukraine. We support your fight for freedom and peace. And we open our hearts and homes to Ukrainians fleeing the war." Frederiksen added that Denmark has donated \$53 million toward support in Ukraine and neighboring countries along with \$22 million to the World Bank's budget support package for Ukraine. She also stated that her country is "ready to do more."

11. Odile Renaud-Basso, President of The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development "The invasion and war is a tragedy for the country and its people, and we are determined that we should stand up for Ukraine alongside our many friends and partners," said Renaud-Basso. "Millions of people have been displaced either within Ukraine or forced to live as refugees, and alleviating the impact on them is one of our main priorities." Renaud-Basso and the EBRD announced a pledge of 1 billion euros to support Ukrainian refugees as part of a larger resilience package that will also benefit surrounding countries taking in refugees. The plan also includes investments in municipal infrastructures such as funding companies so that refugees can find work. "I congratulate you on organizing this initiative, and I'm sure that together we can make a difference," Renaud-Basso told Global Citizen.

12. Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank Hoyer announced that the European Investment Bank plans to mobilize 4 billion euros toward investments and refugee assistance by the end of 2023. "As millions of Ukrainians flee their homes seeking safety, we cannot be paralyzed by horror," he said. "We must live up to the exemplary bravery and resilience of the Ukrainian people. We have to support them and those who are hosting them in Poland and elsewhere."

13. Sanna Marin, Prime Minister of Finland "Finland is ready to assume its responsibility in this common effort. There is no time to waste," Marin said, describing the concerted efforts of Finland and the EU. "Our entire society is with the Ukrainian people," she said. "We [will] do our best to help Ukraine and those fleeing from the atrocities of the war." 14. Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of Germany "Only a few hundred meters from here, at Berlin Central Station, trains with Ukrainian refugees are pulling in by the hour. I met with some refugees a few days ago. Their stories are heart wrenching," Scholz said. "I told them that they are welcome here and that in a joint effort, the federal government, our leader, and our local communities are doing all we can to provide shelter, health care, schools, and a safe future." Scholz added that Germany has pledged 425 million euros to humanitarian assistance for Ukraine and its neighbors plus 70 million euros for medical supplies through the European Civil Protection Mechanism. He said: "Germany stands with Ukraine and side by side with all of you." 15. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece "When the war is over, we should rebuild what was destroyed and make it better for the heroic people of Ukraine," said Mitsotakis. "That is why Greece commits to rebuild Mariupol Maternity Hospital as we stand up for Ukraine and lift our sights for the future. What better way to do so than by securing the best conditions for welcoming new life?" 16. Ignacio Galán, Chairman and CEO of Iberdrola "I can announce today a further donation of 1 million euros to international organizations. Iberdrola is and will remain committed to help," Galán said, adding that Iberdrola and its employees have also provided electrical equipment and humanitarian supplies to Ukraine.

17. Micheál Martin Irish Taoiseach "We pledge from within our national resources and in line with the Temporary Protection Directive to provide our state support to them, including social welfare, accommodation and housing support, education, and health care, as we have said to the many thousands of Ukrainians who have fled to Ireland," said Ireland's Taoiseach Micheál Martin. "Our home is your home."

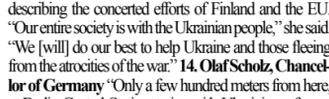
Martin announced a commitment of over 50 million euros for humanitarian aid and pledged ongoing support including 20 million euros to support people in Ukraine and in neighboring countries.

18. Mario Draghi, Prime Minister of Italy "Italians have thrown open the doors of their homes and of their schools. We will not look the other way," said Draghi, alluding to new governmental funding for Ukraine that would come in addition to the 500 million euros that has gone toward assisting refugees in Italy and 110 million euros for the Ukrainian government. 19. Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland "Iceland stands in full solidarity with Ukraine in the face of Russia's brutal military aggression," Jakobsdóttir said. Jakobsdóttir also added that Iceland has welcomed 600 Ukrainian refugees, contributed roughly half a billion Icelandic krona (US\$3.8 million) to humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, and has allocated funds to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), the UN

Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Icelandic Red Cross, and the World Bank's Reconstruction Fund. "I thank the organizers of the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign," she said. "Iceland is ready to do more and the people of Iceland stand with the people of Ukraine." 20. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan "Japan stands with the people of Ukraine who are facing a national crisis," said Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. He announced that Japan will provide a total of \$300 million — including \$200 million in emergency humanitarian assistance through international organizations and NGOs, for example of health and medical care, food assistance, and protection of displaced people, and \$100 million in loans to support Ukraine's economy. "Japan will continue to implement assistance in solidarity with the Ukrainian people," he continued. "Stand up for Ukraine!" For additional statements of support, please go to the following link: https://www.globalcitizen.org

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"We Can Give Them A Safe Home And Bring Some Light Into Their Lives. At This Dark Hour" "Stand Up For Ukraine" Campaign Aims To Drive Billions In Aid For Refugees Worldwide



As the humanitarian crisis caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to grow in urgency, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the success of the "Stand Up for Ukraine" pledging event, that took place on Saturday, April 9, in Warsaw, Poland. The event aimed to mobilize significant funding to help vulnerable civilians impacted by the conflict and to support refugees everywhere. Ahead of the event, a global social media rally supported by Global Citizen took place on Friday, April 8, in response to a new video from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in which he called on the international community to help people affected by the invasion. The rally encouraged citizens to call on governments, institutions, corporations, and individuals to donate to humanitarian efforts for Ukraine and refugees from conflicts worldwide, such as Yemen, South Sudan, and Afghanistan.

Together, the Stand Up for Ukraine pledging event and rally seek to raise billions of dollars to bolster the United Nations' flash funding appeal to assist the more than 3.7 million refugees who have fled Ukraine, the 6.5 million people displaced within the country, and other global humanitarian priorities. "A Ukrainian child has become a refugee almost every single second since the start of the war," von der Leyen said in a statement. "The world must stand up for them. The European Union is catering for the needs of the millions of refugees it hosts. And we will further step up. But so much is needed still — and the brave people of Ukraine deserve solidarity from citizens and governments around the globe," she added. "Together, we can give them a safe home and bring some light in their lives at this dark hour."

More than 12 million people are currently in need of emergency aid — food, water, shelter, health care, and more — as a result of the war. Russia's relentless

bombing campaign has killed more than 1,900 civilians and made entire cities unlivable through the destruction of apartment blocks, key infrastructure, and health care facilities. "Today, our message to the Ukrainian people is this: We are standing with you," Trudeau said. "Whether you need food, water, shelter, or medical aid — we are rallying the world to continue to have your backs and provide critical assistance where it is needed most. When we all work together, we can achieve the best outcomes for those displaced by Putin's illegal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine."

The consequences will only worsen as the conflict drags on and the Russian army seeks to overwhelm additional parts of Ukraine. In his video message, Zelenskyy further described the impact of the war. "Millions of Ukrainians had their own home, had their own dreams, had their own quiet place, had their own world they could close from others or open it to everyone," he said. "They had their own home until Russian missiles, bombs, shells came in. Until the invaders have come, and have destroyed and burned down absolutely everything. City after city, village after village, thousands of houses ruined, thousands of destroyed apartments," he added. "Hundreds of cities and towns are annihilated, some are erased to ashes, burned down completely."

The UN is leading efforts for a ceasefire, and Zelenskyy has been urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to negotiate an end to the conflict — but little progress has been made so far.

Zelenskyy urged people around the world to support the pledging event and social media rally.

"I ask you to support Ukraine, to support Ukrainians with the 'Stand Up for Ukraine' motto," he said. "I'm inviting everybody: musicians, actors, athletes, businessmen, politicians, everybody. Everyone who wants to join this movement and 'Stand Up for Ukraine.'" The surge of refugees from Ukraine adds to a larger crisis worldwide. Globally, 82.4 million people are displaced, and there's a \$10 billion gap in funding for their support. Stand Up for Ukraine aims to mobilize funds to assist with this funding gap to ensure all refugees, everywhere, receive the aid they need.

"History has shown us that conflict and poverty are closely interconnected, resulting in the weakening of the rule of law, a collapse in economic development, and often catastrophic humanitarian situations," said Hugh Evans, CEO of Global Citizen. "There is no doubt that the conflict in Ukraine has led to a humanitarian crisis — members of

Global Citizen saw this ourselves at the Ukrainian-Polish border. More than 3 million refugees have fled their homes, with millions more likely on their way," he said. "Global Citizen has a history of responding rapidly to humanitarian crises, and this is no different. We're calling for an immediate end to this crisis, and the provision of immediate financing to support refugee relief efforts not just in Ukraine but around the world."

For more information about the Stand Up for Ukraine pledging event and social media rally, you can visit ForUkraine.com. (Courtesy globalcitizen.org.)

