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Dear Colleagues,

During the 9th European Summit of Regions and Cities, on 3rd and 4th March 2022 in Marseille, local and regional leaders from across Europe unanimously supported Ukraine. The Marseille Manifesto condemns Russian military aggression against the sovereignty of Ukraine, its territorial integrity and its people.

More than 10 million Ukrainians are currently displaced. Among them, 90% are women and children. We decided all together to quickly respond to the emergency of this humanitarian crisis.

Together we have launched the "Call from the South for Ukraine". Thus, 242 regions across Europe have pledged to support the humanitarian action implemented by NGOs in the field, including ACTED.

ACTED is the second French international NGO and one of the 15 largest NGOs in the world. It operates in 40 countries and supports 20 million people with emergency relief and development programs. ACTED is a member of "Alliance 2015", a network of 7 European NGOs (Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, and Switzerland).

Working in close collaboration with local authorities, ACTED has been engaged in Ukraine since 2015 and is active in Moldova, Poland and Romania.

Since February, ACTED has provided emergency humanitarian aid to 36,000 people in Ukraine, launched in-kind and in-cash collection operations, set up its own humanitarian supply chains through its 5 warehouses in Ukraine.

Today, it is reported from the ground that local authorities and population in Ukraine need "in cash" and not "in kind", this is the reason why it is more crucial than ever to implement the "Call from the South for Ukraine" and make a donation to ACTED.
We therefore invite you to contribute to the humanitarian actions implemented to provide assistance and protection to displaced persons in Ukraine as well as to refugees in neighbouring European countries.

The European Union is united to provide a common response and we should demonstrate that our Regions are the strength of Europe: alongside Ukraine, the Regions will not give in to fear, nor will they waive their responsibility or their commitment to solidarity.

We trust that together we can make a difference.

We invite you to visit the European Committee of the Regions’ website page dedicated to the Ukrainian crisis: Help Ukraine: Info-Support Hub (europa.eu)

For further questions about ACTED’s humanitarian action, please contact: Camille Fourre camille.fouvre@acted.org - + 33 1 42 65 61 29.

Knowing that we can count on your mobilisation and your full support for the people of Ukraine, please receive, Dear colleagues, our best regards.

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