ACT Alliance statement on Ukraine

ACT Alliance is deeply saddened and gravely concerned by the war in Ukraine.

We stand united as ACT members in different countries, and we call for an immediate end to the violence in Ukraine. Any and every use of deadly armed force to resolve disputes is unacceptable and must stop immediately. Peace, and respect for international law and established national borders, must be restored without delay.

We call on all parties to increase diplomatic efforts and de-escalate tensions in order to prevent a humanitarian disaster which could affect millions of innocent people. In particular, ACT Alliance is calling on all parties to abide by international humanitarian law and protect civilians and avoid the loss of life. Failure to do so will have disastrous consequences leading to massive displacement.

We call on all parties to respect humanitarian operations and their humanitarian obligations, to protect all human lives and communities threatened by this violence, and to keep borders open, create safe pathways and provide refuge for those expected to flee the conflict.

ACT Alliance members are monitoring the humanitarian situation closely, and are preparing to scale up their response inside Ukraine and in neighbouring countries to support those impacted by the current armed hostilities.

Together with the World Council of Churches, we urge all member churches and organisations, as well as all people of good will around the world to join us in prayer for peace for the people of Ukraine and the region.