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Ukraine Crisis Support Statement to SIE

We, the Federation of the South East Asia Pacific, Directors, Federation Team and all member clubs, fully support SIE's statement to protect civilians as a top priority. We agree that women and girls in all their diversity always are among those that suffer the most in any disaster, including armed conflict.

We deplore the denial of their human rights to safety and shelter and are appalled by events in any homeland that undermine their rights to peace, justice and the non-discriminatory rule of law in a culture they cherish. We note that choice is no longer a possibility for those forced to flee destruction and violence to an unknown and possibly unsustainable future. We also fear for the education and health of the children.

Our world is facing the saddest human crisis since the Second World War. It is especially distressing when we are all just coming to terms with Covid being endemic in all our countries. The consequence of the crisis in Ukraine and the global impact remains fluid and unknown.

Our hearts go out to all those who are displaced, injured or separated from their families. We pray that they do not lose their homes, their land and their livelihood.

The Sorooptimist members of the South West Pacific stand in solidarity with Sorooptimist members in Europe and believe that your words will give hope to those who are suffering and lift up their spirits so that they remain strong and determined.

In the name of humanity, peace and security, we pray to end of all forms of humanitarian crisis and suffering.