

UN: Secretary-General's remarks to launch the flash appeal for Ukraine [as delivered]

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I am glad to see that multiple groups are to receive additional help.

[United Nations agencies and our partners are now working 24-7 to assess humanitarian needs and scale up aid, particularly to women, children, older people and those with disabilities.](#)

If this additional help is particularly aimed at women, children, the elderly and disabled - as is promised by the UN Secretary-General - it follows that the *relative share* of aid provided to men will be **scaled down**. I am not happy to see that, despite the fact that men are currently dying in situations they would not be in if it wasn't for their sex (i.e. androcides), men are not met with the concern and subsequent support they'd deserve.

Similarly, the pledge against discrimination toward refugees based on race, religion or ethnicity is an important part of ensuring their egalitarian treatment:

I thank the Member States who have welcomed people fleeing Ukraine. It is important that this solidarity is extended without any discrimination based on race, religion or ethnicity.

Once again, however, it was failed to address those who are officially and completely [banned from leaving based on their sex](#) (within the applicable age range). Unless I missed something, there is no other group that is *officially* banned from leaving - even if instances of other forms of discrimination were reported in practice. They are either [prohibited from entering the station and otherwise pulled from trains they are already on](#). If they disobey, [they get shot](#). In this context, it is particularly hard to accept the ignorance and silence toward this issue. Especially given that it is in violation of the self-imposed goals:

We and our partners are committed to supporting all those affected, in accordance with the humanitarian principles of neutrality, impartiality, independence, and humanity.

Well, the committment would've lasted for about 6 sentences... if it wouldn't have been broken in the paragraphs leading up to it itself already. Maybe next time.

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