



# The Rome Declaration of Children's Palliative Care in Ukraine

We believe that the relief of serious health-related suffering is the right of every child.

As members of the global children's palliative care (CPC) community we are committed to working together for all children with serious health conditions to have access to quality palliative care provided by knowledgeable and skilled multidisciplinary teams, including in humanitarian settings.

We are appalled by the devastating loss of life, displacement, and the cruel impact of war on patients, personnel, facilities and health resources in Ukraine.

We recognize that children's palliative care is not acknowledged as a priority by health services in humanitarian crises. Therefore, we take responsibility for doing all we can to help relieve the suffering of those affected and vulnerable children and to support our colleagues who care for them.

Collaborating as organizations and individuals we are a rich resource of knowledge and skills. Guided by our colleagues inside Ukraine we are committed to do all we can to:

- relieve the suffering of children in Ukraine needing palliative care and their families
- promote CPC as a child's right
- collaborate with colleagues inside Ukraine to support existing services
- advocate for policy makers and donors to allocate resources to CPC during the crisis and when rebuilding services
- advocate for adequate palliative medicine supplies, including opioids
- promote spiritual and psycho-social support for children, their families and our colleagues who care for them
- assess the effectiveness of our interventions to improve the quality of support.

To our colleagues in Ukraine, you are not alone.  
We stand with you. We will not forget you.

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