



Музейна ініціатива з реагування на збереження культурної спадщини в умовах війни та її пост-кризового відновлення  
Museum task force aimed at responding to cultural heritage in times of warfare and at its post-conflict recovery

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**Dear Colleagues, dear Friends,**

Russia's aggression against Ukraine has caused countless crimes, suffering and victims. In such circumstances, the most important care should be given to the civilian population, which was subjected to barbaric bombings, and Ukrainian soldiers fighting the aggressor.

Each war, however, also means irreparable losses of national heritage and culture. Today, Ukrainian museums and cultural institutions are facing extreme challenges including how to effectively respond to emergencies and threats in times of warfare, how to protect collections, artifact, historical sites and monuments - the heritage of many generations they care about.

Thus, a number of non-governmental organizations and state-run institutions, including the Maidan Museum and Tustan NGO, have initiated the Heritage Rescue Emergency Initiative (HERI). Its purpose is to promote the preservation of cultural heritage in the conditions of war and its post-crisis recovery. Among the priority areas of the Initiative are preparation for rapid response to emergencies in armed conflict; protection of museum collections from losses; carrying out rescue operations; collection and systematization of information on crimes against cultural heritage; coordination of actions between state / municipal authorities, museum institutions, cultural institutions, non-governmental sector and international organizations in the preservation of cultural heritage and its restoration; all possible humanitarian aid.

The HERI activities are coordinated with the Ministry of Culture and Information Police of Ukraine, UNESCO, ICOM, ICOM-DRMC, ICCROM and other institutions and rescue initiatives in Ukraine and the world.

In particular, assistance has already been provided in the evacuation of museum objects from the Kharkiv Literary Museum and private collectors, humanitarian assistance to the staff of the Kharkiv Art Museum, information and coordination support to other cultural institutions and others.

To provide our mission effectively and systematically we would greatly appreciate your kind donations which will be spent to support museums and museum workers from areas where armed conflict is taking place and which are in a zone of humanitarian crisis.

We plan that the funds will be spent on the following, but not limited to this, including and humanitarian aid: assessment of structural damage to determine further priorities, stabilization of buildings and premises, provision of structures and premises, waterproofing of

premises, temporary roofing, overlapping broken windows and doors, emergency storage of (digital) collections, emergency documentation, transporting collections to safer locations and storages, development of emergency storage facilities, tools for proper rescue, security measures etc.

We will report in detail on the funds used.

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Sincerely,

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