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MedGlobal Convenes Groundbreaking Delegation of U.S. Interfaith Leaders and Doctors to Ukraine

Delegates return from high-level meetings with Ukrainian faith leaders, government officials and frontline workers with new assessments of needs.

CHICAGO, IL – U.S. physicians and interfaith leaders are returning home from a week-long mission to Ukraine, where they met with Ukrainian faith leaders and government officials to discuss the ongoing humanitarian crisis and assess how to best coordinate aid efforts to support the people of Ukraine amid the continuing war.

The devastating [Russo-Ukrainian War](#) has killed nearly half a million people so far. More than 200 hospitals have been destroyed, and 120 medical facilities have suffered significant damage.

[MedGlobal](#), a humanitarian NGO that provides emergency response and health programs to build resilience in disaster regions and low-income countries, organized this recent trip. They have provided training in mental health care and practical trauma skills for around 1,630 Ukrainian medical workers from over 130 hospitals. They have also provided Ukraine with over \$6.4 million in humanitarian aid and desperately needed medications and medical equipment. The MedGlobal delegation was able to complement the trip by assessing the region's ongoing needs for the long-term implementation of sustainable relief.

"In the midst of devastation in Ukraine, the cries for healing transcend borders. Through solidarity and medical aid, we strive to mend wounds and bring hope to those in the shadows of adversity, reaffirming that in the face of tragedy, compassion can be a beacon of light," said **Dr. Zaher Sahloul, president and co-founder of MedGlobal**. "The war has been a powerful catalyst for interfaith cooperation in Ukraine, and international interfaith solidarity has great potential to alleviate humanitarian suffering."

During their meetings with Ukrainian officials, delegates learned that traumatic experiences amongst citizens are wide-spread, and the government estimates that 13 million Ukrainians now suffer from PTSD and anxiety. The mental health impact of this war on survivors will be significant and long-lasting, impacting the country for generations to come, and international aid and expertise around rapidly building up mental health infrastructure is paramount.

The delegates also connected with local faith leaders to learn how religious institutions have emerged as crucial humanitarian actors, providing food, shelter, and medical aid to displaced populations. The delegates have opened new lines of communication and cooperation between US and Ukrainian religious and interfaith communities, and will raise awareness of their needs with American civil society and government officials.

The team of physicians and religious leaders **are available for interviews to discuss the on-the-ground situation following their experience in Ukraine**, and where possible, interviews with their Ukrainian counterparts and officials can be arranged as well.

Please contact Courtney Weigal at weigal@medglobal.org or +1 708-692-0101 to arrange an interview with the MedGlobal team.

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