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The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister
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By email

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Disbursement of Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine

Dear Prime Minister,

I continue to watch events in Ukraine with utter horror. A humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in Europe, as civilians are mercilessly targeted as part of Putin's war.

I welcome the UK Government's announcement of £220 million in humanitarian aid for Ukraine, together with further support for the Ukrainian economy, its government budget and helping to reduce Ukraine's dependence upon Russian energy. Given the desperate situation on the ground, the UK's pledges of funds must be disbursed urgently to ensure lifesaving support can reach those in desperate need.

Accordingly, I would be grateful if you could clarify the following:

- How much of the pledged aid package for Ukraine has been disbursed as of 9 March 2022?
- What percentage of that package has been disbursed (i) within Ukraine; (ii) in neighbouring countries?
- What conversations have you had with international partners regarding the disbursement of humanitarian assistance?
- Will the UK's humanitarian support for Ukraine (this year and the next financial year) fall within the UK's 0.5% aid budget, or will it be additional to it?

I would be grateful if you could reply to this letter as quickly as possible, and no later than Wednesday 23 March. The Committee intends to publish this letter, and your response.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Champion MP

Chair of the Committee