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## Conflicts, crises remind us why we need the UN

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UN Secretary-General António Guterres made a high-stakes visit to Moscow this week as a “messenger of peace” with a clear objective: help people caught in the conflict.

His visit comes as the UN has been moving fast to help an unprecedented number of people in need of humanitarian assistance. In Ukraine alone, the UN has reached [3.4 million people](#) with emergency food, water, shelter, and medical assistance.

At the same time, the UN has not let up its efforts to address other looming crises that demand urgent attention – from massive [economic stress](#) in developing countries to [increasing numbers of disasters](#) worldwide.



The fact is, the UN is the only body capable of responding at the pace and scale that today's conflicts and crises demand. It's still the only place on Earth where [every country and every person has a voice](#), and [where](#) world leaders from all [193 Member States](#) can come together to work out their differences and find common ground. It's an essential platform for fostering the cooperation we need to overcome our shared challenges.

But UN leaders have been clearer than ever before: it's time for a reset on global cooperation and renewed commitment to the common cause of peace. As Secretary-General António Guterres [said](#), while calling for the values of multilateralism to be kept alive: "The sooner peace is established, the better – for the sake of Ukraine, Russia, and for the world."

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