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To the International Sociological Association

Dear Colleagues,

We are reaching out to you for support during an incredibly challenging time. The Russian army continues its relentless and devastating attacks on Ukrainian cities, including Kharkiv, which is home to one of Ukraine's oldest universities—V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University, now approaching its 220th anniversary.

Since the beginning of the Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Kharkiv University has endured eight strikes on its buildings, causing damages exceeding 115 million USD. The university administration, fellows and students are making every effort to restore the destroyed infrastructure. Members of the Sociological Association of Ukraine continue to actively donate and volunteer to help restore research and educational infrastructure that has been destroyed in many cities by relentless Russian attacks. But our resources are now exhausted, leaving us without the means for timely restoration.

In recent days, several Russian guided aerial bombs struck right near the university, with the most recent impact severely damaging the departments and laboratories of the School of Sociology and jeopardizing the School's ability to operate through the winter.

For over 30 years, the School of Sociology has been at the forefront of sociological education and research in Ukraine, participating actively in international projects, including two under the EU Horizon Europe (HORIZON) program. The School frequently hosts national and international scientific conferences and is a key hub for sociological research and collaboration within Ukraine. Moreover, for the past 17 years, the headquarters of the Sociological Association of Ukraine has been located within the Faculty of Sociology at V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University.

Despite the ongoing danger, the School's dedicated staff have remained in Kharkiv, continuing their vital work with remarkable bravery. Now, they urgently need support to secure the facilities and keep the School functional through the cold winter months.

Given the urgency of this situation, we kindly ask for your help in spreading this message throughout your networks and encouraging anyone who cares about the future of Karazin University to consider making a donation. Contributions can be made here: <https://karazin.foundation/en/pidtrimaty> (Please mark your donation "For the School of Sociology").

We deeply appreciate any support that will help the School of Sociology at V.Karazin Kharkiv National University to recover and continue its mission during these unprecedented times. make these crucial repairs before the coming winter.

Thank you for standing with us.

Yours sincerely,

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