



**WOMEN'S  
ADVISORY BOARD**  
FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACEBUILDING

## **Declaration of Solidarity in the Context of the Energy Crisis**

We, the members of the Informal Women's Advisory Board (WAB), a group of 14 women activists with diverse and extensive experience in the civil society sector on both banks of the Nistru/Dniester river, express our deep solidarity with all women and their families affected by the consequences of the energy crisis on both the left and right banks.

The Informal Women's Advisory Board was established in 2022, with the aim of advocating for increased women's representation in conflict negotiation and for bringing the voice of women from communities closer to decision-makers. As of the beginning of 2025, we are deeply concerned about the instability and declining accessibility of energy resources in the region, disproportionately affecting socially vulnerable groups.

Women not only bear the responsibility for the safety and well-being of their families but also play an active role in addressing challenges at the community level. In these difficult circumstances, women emerge as leaders, guiding their families and communities toward resilience despite resource constraints.

We recognize that the role of women in crisis response is of critical importance. Women stand at the forefront, ensuring access to essential resources, providing steadfast support to their families in the most challenging times, and organizing aid initiatives that contribute to restoring stability and improving the livelihood of their communities.

### **We call for the collective efforts of civil society, development partners, and government representatives to:**

- **Continue identifying alternative sources of safe and sustainable energy**, ensuring the active consultation of women, including in the promotion of energy-efficient technologies;
- **Develop programs to support women** – whose responsibilities for providing meals and assisting children with schoolwork have increased due to energy shortages or rising costs – in building social and economic resilience;
- **Strengthen cooperation between women and local authorities** to effectively address the consequences of the crisis and enhance community resilience on both banks of the Nistru/Dniester;
- **Facilitate training for women in crisis management**, disaster risk reduction, and the efficient use of limited resources.

**We firmly believe that only through solidarity and the joint efforts of women on both banks can the current challenges be overcome. We remain committed to this cause and welcome further collaboration in this field.**