

**RESPONDING TO THE CURRENT SITUATION IN UKRAINE
A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**IMPORTANT UPDATE ON PK-UKRAINE FROM
KARYN GERSHON, PK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

With the widespread violence throughout Ukraine, many of Project Keshet's supporters have been contacting us to ask how women in the Project Keshet network are doing and how they can help.

While much of the news coverage in Ukraine has highlighted Kiev, the unrest is ongoing in cities throughout the country. Thousands of people are in the streets protesting and the train service has been shut down stranding thousands more.

Project Keshet has been in daily contact with leaders across Ukraine to check in and offer our support. They believe, as do we, that the work of Project Keshet-Ukraine is more important now than ever. In many communities throughout the region, Project Keshet-trained leaders are on the frontlines advocating for a peaceful resolution to this violence and demanding that the government represent the best interests of the people.

Leaders in Project Keshet's network believe this is a critical moment in the direction of this region and that the work of people committed to civil society is essential.

Here is why:

TOLERANCE: During times of crisis, xenophobia often takes hold as individuals or groups perceived as "outsiders" can become targets for attack. Project Keshet's tolerance programming is moving full steam ahead in Ukraine - working in schools, throughout communities and in on-line forums.

CIVIL SOCIETY BUILDING: While Project Keshet-Ukraine remains non-political, its civil society building initiatives have never been more needed.

CITIZEN DIPLOMACY: Project Keshet's model believes in the power of citizen diplomacy to create a more peaceful and just society.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Karyn Gershon