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Abstract:

The invasion of Ukraine unfolds a war in a society with a relatively mature digital economy, a substantial technology sector, and a high rate of adoption of technology and digital platforms. From the perspective of peace and conflict studies, the war in Ukraine can be understood as an information war, a cyberwar, and the first war in which Big Tech has actively taken part. In this quick research, the focus was on the digital transformation of the humanitarian sector and the alternative use of technology by various actors to respond to the humanitarian crisis resulting from the war, for example, the use of platforms such as Airbnb, Telegram, or cryptocurrencies for money transfers. This short piece seeks to articulate and foster a research and policy agenda.

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