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The Covid-19 pandemic encourages us to practice social distancing, and war has been raging in Ukraine. At this moment in history, we hereby share with you our research on nuclear victim compensation systems established in different parts of the world, giving heart to the “little people”—to borrow Svetlana Alexievich’s words—who have been sacrificed to development of nuclear weapons.

Our research results are also posted on our website. If you are interested in the issues of compensation for nuclear victims/survivors around the world, please also visit our website <<https://nuclear-justice.net>>.

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