



Since February 2022, **thousands of Ukrainian children** have disappeared into Russia

Not using DNA technology can unnecessarily prolong separations

The tragedy for Ukrainian families is the **first global opportunity** to proactively collect the DNA of living family members for urgent reunification, or for eventual reunification for the children who might be separated well into adulthood

DNA Bridge is working toward a DNA-led database strategy for Ukrainian family reunifications

Children removed from Ukraine

- Children who were removed directly from their families
- Children whose parents were killed
- Children who were separated from their parents during “filtration” checkpoints for security of occupied areas
- Whole institutions (e.g., orphanages) that were relocated
- Children who were offered camps for rehabilitation or recreation during the conflict
- Children who were removed under the pretense of medical care

Based on the stories of 387 returned Ukrainian children
 Source: Daria Herasymchuk, Commissioner of the President of Ukraine on Children’s Rights and Child Rehabilitation, speaking at the conference “United for Justice,” 20 Nov 2023, Massey College, Toronto



DNA Bridge partners with non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations to:

- Manage a DNA database
- Connect to family members
- Collect DNA samples

CHILDREN OF WAR

24 February 2022 - 21 May 2024

546 ¹ Dead	1345 ¹ Wounded	2018 ¹ Missing	27065 ¹ Found
19546 ¹ Deported and/or forcibly displaced persons	388 ¹ Returned	15 ¹ Sexually abused	

Source: <https://childrenofwar.gov.ua/en/>