

Who is the next one?

How many children are there in Ukraine, do you know? Seven million or even more. How many of them have suffered from the war? All of them.

There are 243 children who have been killed in the war in Ukraine, they say? It's just a bunch of numbers, in fact, this quantity rises every single day or even every hour. This quantity is rising as you are reading these sentences. Each Ukrainian child has suffered from the war. And we all well know that childhood is the key to the future.

Communication skills in a kindergarten or a school, a working mom, an emotional contact with a loving dad – our children are deprived of these and so many other things. Some of them have suffered in the direct sense, irreversibly losing their parents, home, casual rhythm of life. Other ones, instead of seven million miracles of the world, can only see children's grief and our, their parents, disability instead of giving a happy childhood to the full.

Try to imagine and feel: always tightly closed windows, with no lights on around, because it's extremely dangerous in the dark hours of the day; some kind of completely closed shelter, which you have to go down while air-raide sirens are on, to spend an

*indefinite time – those are pretty unusual conditions for a child.
You do agree with me now, don't you?*

Nobody knows whether they will be alive in the morning. And we, Ukrainian mothers, who have always strived to give the wings of independence to our babies, we write our cell numbers and names straight on the children's backs in case of... Just in case. It's not just a picture but the truth.

Little people cannot play seeing their mommy's sad eyes, they cannot study properly, and most of them have had their school buildings destroyed, you know. All I want is to be heard, in every far corner of the world. Please help Ukrainian children, in any way you can. Do not stay indifferent! Please, never forget that a little magic can take you a long way...