



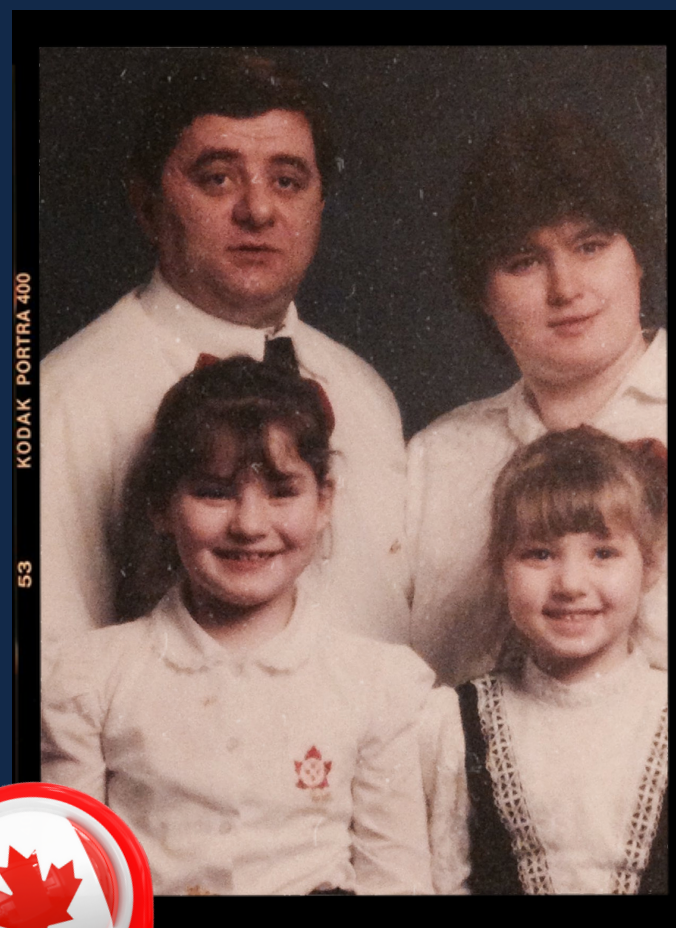
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U N I T E D
STATELESS



1988



1992



1996-present

Ukrainian, Armenian & Georgian nationality laws do not recognize me as their own.

Even though I have lived in Canada, I am not eligible for protections.

After a denied asylum claim I was placed in final removal order at 13 years old, even when married to a U.S. citizen at age 24 years old my statelessness prevented me from adjusting status. I am now 36 years old.



Statelessness is a result of:



Conflicting & Discriminatory Nationality Laws



Wars, Border Disputes, State Succession



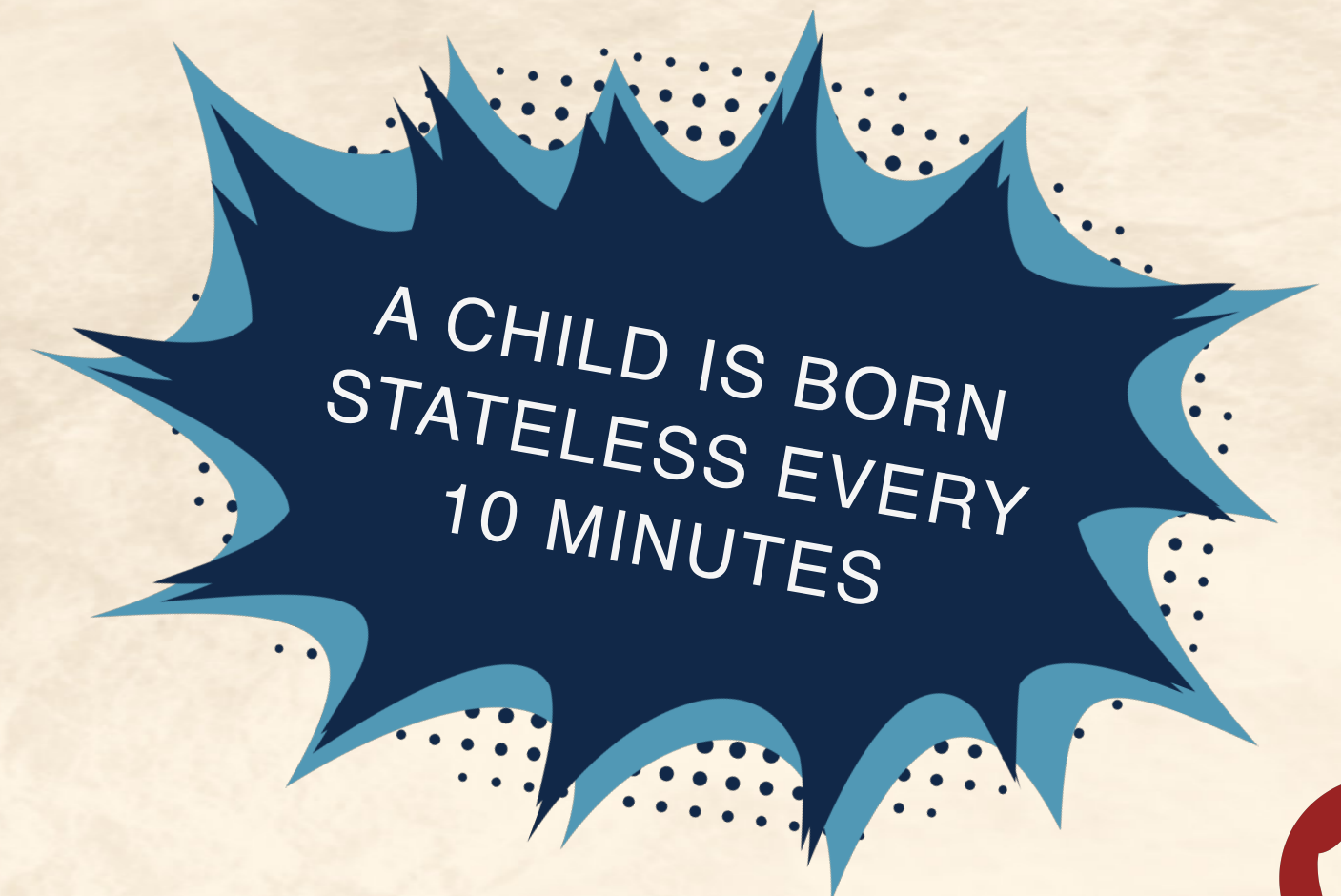
Migration & Genocide



Administrative Obstacles



Climate Change



Statelessness in the is both a **legal** and **psychosocial issue**, impacting every aspect of life, from **access to rights** and **identity** to **mental health** and **community belonging**



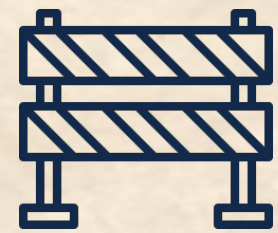
Lack of Identifictation

Inability to retain lawful employment
Housing & food access barriers
Inability to pursue higher education



Family Separation

Often permanently



Mental & Health Access Barriers

Inability to take care of ones body



Inadequate Legal Representations

Unable to adjust status yet unable to leave to live elsewhere



Repeated & Prolonged Incarceration

Under parole for decades



Largely unknown, misunderstood & underreported





What's working?

Late Birth Registration Initiatives



Countries like **Bangladesh** and **Uganda** have introduced **mobile birth registration units** that travel to remote and underserved areas.



In **Kenya**, the government **waived late registration fees for children** born to marginalized communities.

Legal & Policy Reforms

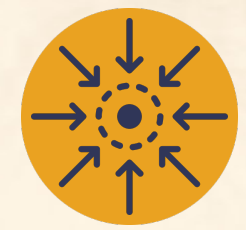


Tunisia and **Nepal** reformed their nationality laws to allow women to pass their citizenship to their children.



Brazil and **Philippines** introduced dedicated procedures to determine statelessness.

Child-Friendly and Accessible Procedures



UNICEF and **partners in South Africa** introduced **child-friendly legal clinics**, where specially trained professionals guide children and families through the process of obtaining documentation



Thailand trained **government officials** on **statelessness and children's rights**, emphasizing fairness and sensitivity when interacting with affected families.



Impact Led Advocacy

Those directly impacted by statelessness are best positioned to be the **first responders** and **advocates for their rights**. Our **lived expertise** and **deep understanding** of these challenges are critical to identifying and implementing **meaningful solutions**. Their voices must not only be heard but **actively included** in crafting and sustaining **effective responses** to statelessness.

NOTHING ABOUT US, WITHOUT US, IS FOR US.



UNITED STATELESS

Founded in 2017, **United Stateless (USL)** is a **national stateless-led organization** with a mission to **build community** among those impacted by **statelessness** and advocate for the **human right to nationality**.





Call to Action



Governments



NGOs



Impact Led Organizations



Funders

Thank you!

