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On the Frontlines Against Genocide

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SECTION 01

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Yazda supporters, donors, friends, and staff,

2024 marked ten years since ISIL's genocide against the Yazidi people. It was also a year of transition for Yazda: in February 2024, following Haider Elias's resignation, I was honoured to be appointed Executive Director, and I want to begin by thanking him, our Board, and every member of the Yazda team for their trust and for keeping our work moving through that change.

Ten years on, the needs of survivors have not diminished. Our Mobile Medical Unit delivered 14,819 primary-care, non-communicable-disease and mental-health consultations across 14 hard-to-reach villages in Sinjar and Sinuni, with 97% of patients reporting satisfaction with the care they received. Our legal and psychosocial teams continued to support survivors seeking reparations under the Yazidi Survivors Law, and our researchers surveyed 601 survivors and 34 civil society organisations to understand what a survivor-led transitional justice process should look like — work that would shape our 2025 publication on implementing the Law. Alongside IOM and with the generous support of the Marla Fund, we continued to support the return and reintegration of displaced families to Sinjar.

2024 also brought a serious setback for accountability: the closure of UNITAD, the only international mechanism able to investigate ISIL's crimes. Yazda stepped up to help fill that gap — continuing our documentation work, supporting the exhumation of mass graves in Hardan and Tel Afer, and standing behind survivors testifying in universal-jurisdiction trials in Germany, France, the Netherlands and the United States, including the case that saw Hasna A. sentenced to ten years for crimes against a Yazidi woman.

The ten-year commemoration in August 2024 was followed almost immediately by a troubling wave of hate speech against our community, which pushed many families back out of IDP camps and into an already-strained Sinjar. We documented this in our December 2024 report, *Under Constant Threat*, and in a joint open letter with Human Rights Watch, because the root causes of the genocide have still not been addressed. At the same time, we carried survivor voices to the world: to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, to President Higgins of Ireland, to the Peace Palace in The Hague, and to the Palace of Luxembourg — and in December 2024, Switzerland became the latest country to formally recognise the Yazidi genocide.

None of this would have been possible without the German Federal Foreign Office, the United States Government, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), Stichting Vluchteling, IOM Iraq and the Marla Fund, our institutional partners, and every individual donor who stood with us. Thank you for helping Yazda mark ten years of survival, resistance and pursuit of justice — and for staying with us as we look toward the next ten.

With gratitude,

Natia Navrouzov

Executive Director, Yazda

SECTION 02

About Yazda

Yazda is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation established in 2014 in response to the genocide committed by the self-declared Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) against Yazidis and other minorities in Iraq. Yazda's work is survivor-centred and community-led, spanning humanitarian assistance, sustainable recovery, justice and accountability, advocacy, and cultural preservation.

Yazda works to prevent future genocides against Yazidi and other minority groups, and to support the recovery of communities affected by the 2014 genocide committed by ISIS/ISIL through direct services, survivor leadership, legal assistance, evidence-based advocacy, and partnerships with local, national, and international actors. In December 2023 the Executive Team finalised Yazda's Strategic Plan 2024–2027, which guided programming decisions throughout the year.

VISION

A future in which genocide against Yazidis and other indigenous minority communities in Iraq is never repeated, and where communities affected by mass atrocities can rebuild their lives with dignity, safety, rights, and meaningful representation.

MISSION

To prevent future genocides and to support the recovery of communities affected by the Yazidi genocide through humanitarian assistance, medical care, protection and MHPSS services, legal support, transitional justice, advocacy, and cultural preservation.

CORE VALUES

1

Honesty, transparency, and accountability in decision-making and reporting.

2

Integrity, professionalism, and survivor-centred practice.

3

Respect for dignity, diversity, and community agency.

4

Commitment to justice, non-discrimination, and human rights.

5

Excellence through evidence-based programming, learning, and continuous improvement.

6

Collaboration with survivors, communities, authorities, donors, and partners.

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BRANCH OFFICE

Sinjar, Nineveh, Iraq

SECTION 03

2024 at a Glance

The figures below summarise Yazda's 2024 reach across health, mental health and psychosocial support, transitional-justice research, humanitarian assistance, and documentation.

14,819

Mobile Medical Unit health consultations

Sept 2023 – Aug 2024 project year

12,000+

People reached by the Mobile Medical Unit

3,400

NCD patients enrolled in Mobile Medical Unit care

97%

Mobile Medical Unit beneficiary satisfaction rate

618

Individual mental-health counselling sessions

NCD – mental health integration

601

Survivors surveyed for the Yazidi Survivors Law review

34

Civil-society organisations consulted for the review

250

Individuals reached through humanitarian assistance

50 vulnerable households

41

Genocide victims' remains identified and returned to families

January 2024

SECTION 04

From Support to Impact: Program Highlights 2024

Our Direct Assistance to Affected Communities in 2024

Mobile Medical Unit (MMU)

Supported by Stichting Vluchteling · operating since 2016

Primary healthcare, non-communicable disease (NCD) care and mental health support to 14 hard-to-reach villages in Sinjar and Sinuni. Over the September 2023 – August 2024 project year the MMU conducted 14,819 consultations (5,426 male, 9,393 female — 64% women) and reached roughly 12,000 people, with 4,712 community health sessions delivered alongside clinical care.

Transitional Justice & Rehabilitation (TJR) and Legal Support

Supported by the United States Government

Legal assistance, psychosocial support and community outreach so survivors could pursue reparations under the Yazidi Survivors Law (YSL) and take part in advocacy. In 2024 Yazda's researchers surveyed 601 survivors and 34 civil society organisations on their transitional-justice priorities — a bottom-up review that fed directly into the 2025 publication *Implementing the Yazidi Survivors Law: A Review by and for Yazidi Survivors*.

Support for the Return of Displaced Victims of War to Sinjar

With IOM Iraq · generous support from the Marla Fund

Ran from 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024 with a total budget of USD 450,000. Psychosocial support and case management served as an entry point to specialised mental-health care for returnees and IDPs in Sinjar, including referrals to GBV and protection services and community activities that reduced stigma around mental health.

Direct Humanitarian Assistance for Survivors of ISIS Atrocities in Sinjar

Supported by Stand Speak Rise Up

Reached 50 vulnerable families (250 individuals) in Sinjar with comprehensive aid packages including food, non-food items and cash assistance.

SECTION 05

Advancing Transitional Justice in Iraq

2024 marked ten years since ISIL's attack on Sinjar. More than a decade on, survivors' demands for truth, accountability, reparations and guarantees of non-repetition remain only partially addressed — and 2024 brought a major setback with the closure of UNITAD, the only international mechanism able to investigate and help prosecute ISIL's crimes.

01 Criminal Accountability & Truth-Telling

• **Filling the gap.** With UNITAD's closure, Yazda stepped up to fill the evidence and case-building gap, continuing to document ISIL crimes, mass graves and destroyed cultural heritage sites across Sinjar and Nineveh Province since the documentation project launched in October 2015.

• **Universal jurisdiction** remained the only justice avenue for most Yazidi survivors. Yazda supported, monitored and reported on cases against ISIL members in Germany, the Netherlands, France and the United States.

• **A landmark ruling.** Hasna A. was sentenced to 10 years in prison for enslaving a Yazidi woman, membership of a terrorist organisation, promoting terrorist crimes, and endangering her minor son. Yazda supported the two witnesses through the trial, including coordination with the defence team, translation support, and liaison with police and judicial authorities.

MASS GRAVE EXHUMATIONS · 2024

12 Jan	24 Jan	22 May	30 Jul	Nov
Hardan village mass grave exhumed	Medico-Legal Directorate identifies 41 victims' remains, returned to families	Alu-Antar grave, Tel Afer: first phase exhumed	Sinjar City grave reassessed for the 2025 schedule	Alu-Antar grave, Tel Afer: second phase exhumed

02 Reparations

Reparations remain a cornerstone of transitional justice, providing pensions, healthcare, education and housing support under the Yazidi Survivors Law and Law 20. Yazda's 2024 survey of 601 survivors and 34 civil society organisations on implementation gaps directly shaped the 2025 report *Implementing the Yazidi Survivors Law: A Review by and for Yazidi Survivors*.

03 Guarantees of Non-Repetition

Guarantees of non-repetition address the root causes of mass atrocities — discrimination, hate speech, weak institutions and impunity. In the days following the 10th commemoration in August 2024, the Yazidi community faced a fresh wave of hate speech that caused widespread panic and led thousands of families to leave IDP camps in the Kurdistan Region for Sinjar, an area still facing severe insecurity and inadequate infrastructure. In response, Yazda published:

• *Ten Years After Genocide: The Yazidi Struggle to Recover and Overcome* (July 2024)

• *There Is No Future in Sinjar Without Safety and Agency* (July 2024)

• *Under Constant Threat: Hate Speech Against the Yazidi Community in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq* (December 2024)

• A joint open letter with Human Rights Watch to the Iraqi Government and the Kurdistan Regional Government on hate speech targeting the Yazidi community (December 2024)

17 December 2024: the Swiss Parliament formally recognised the 2014 genocide committed by ISIL against the Yazidi minority.

SECTION 06

Elevating Survivors' Voices in 2024 Through Local and Global Advocacy

2024 was the tenth anniversary of the Yazidi genocide, and Yazda — together with survivors and partner organisations — marked it with commemoration events and sustained advocacy at national and international level throughout the year.

AUGUST 2024

10th Commemoration of the Yazidi Genocide

Yazda and its partners honoured victims, the missing and their families, and reaffirmed their commitment to justice, accountability and preventing future atrocities.

NOVEMBER 2024

16 Days of Activism

An event at Yazda's Duhok office marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, part of the global 16 Days of Activism campaign.

Survivor Voices

With their consent and anonymised to protect their identity, two survivors shared their experiences in 2024.

From Captivity to Reclaiming Her Rights

A Yazidi woman abducted by ISIL with her family was released with her two daughters. Unfamiliar with the documentation and application procedures, she turned to Yazda, whose legal team helped her secure the documents and apply for benefits under the Yazidi Survivors Law.

"I didn't know where to start or how to proceed because I wasn't familiar with the procedures and application process. These services were incredibly helpful to me. Thank you to Yazda for everything you have done for me and my children."

A Survivor's Journey to Healing

Captured by ISIL in August 2014, she endured forced separation from her family, forced marriage, assault, rape and trafficking before being freed in 2017. Through Yazda's mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services she found relief that earlier treatment had not provided.

"I went to many psychotherapists and took a lot of medications, but I never felt any improvement. Now, I feel like I am living a new life — free from nightmares, negative emotions, and intrusive thoughts."

Key International Engagements in 2024

February	Executive Director Natia Navrouzov on the Asymmetric Haircuts podcast, discussing justice for the Yazidi genocide and the potential for an Iraqi court to prosecute ISIL-related crimes.
March	Participation in the Human Rights Watch Festival in London.
May	Online event co-hosted with C4JR, IBAHRI and Amnesty International on the end of UNITAD's mandate and next steps for justice.
June	Keynote at the 4th Congress of the Mukwege International Chair in Angers, France, on the situation of Yazidi child survivors a decade after the genocide.
July	Meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken alongside other Yazidi organisations and activists.
September	A Yazda delegation, including survivor Shireen Khero Khudeeda, welcomed by President Michael D. Higgins of Ireland at Áras an Uachtaráin.
September	Conference at the Peace Palace, The Hague, marking ten years since ISIL's attack on Sinjar and examining obstacles to recovery and justice.
2024	Special advocacy session at the Palace of Luxembourg, where Yazidi survivors addressed senators and human rights leaders.
2024	Podcast interview with the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (GCR2P) on the enduring impact of the genocide and lessons learned in pursuing accountability.

SECTION 07

Organisational Developments in 2024

2024 was a year of significant governance and organisational change for Yazda, alongside its programmatic work.

Leadership transition

Haider Elias resigned as Executive President on 2 February 2024. Laila Khoudeida was appointed acting Chair of the Board and, following board deliberation, Natia Navrouzov — then Yazda's Legal Advocacy Director — was appointed Executive Director on 4 February 2024.

Yazda Cultural Center (Nebraska, USA)

Facing funding shortfalls and limited management capacity, the Board discussed the Center's future through 2024 and planned to wind down its activities from January 2025, while retaining the building as Yazda's registered US address.

Yazda UK

Due to the level of funding raised, Yazda UK carried out a limited number of activities in 2024, focused on advocacy with the UK Government and broader European engagement (see Financial Report).

Compliance

Yazda progressed its 2024 filings, including the IRS report, Iraq and Kurdistan Regional Government annual reports, and UK Companies House and Charity Commission submissions, and commissioned an external audit of its 2024 financial statements.

SECTION 07 · CONTINUED

Donors, Partners & Supporters

Yazda's 2024 work was made possible through the trust and generosity of institutional donors, partner organisations, government bodies, civil society partners, survivor advocates and individual supporters. Yazda extends its deepest gratitude to all who stood with survivors and affected communities throughout the year.

INSTITUTIONAL DONORS AND GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) — documentation project

United States Government — Transitional Justice & Rehabilitation project

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) — survivor capacity-building, financial literacy and prevention of economic violence

Stichting Vluchteling (The Netherlands Refugee Foundation) — Mobile Medical Unit

IOM Iraq and the Marla Fund — Support for the Return of Displaced Victims of War to Sinjar

UNITAD — support for Yazda's documentation work until May 2024

Government of Ireland — support for a 2024 commemoration and transitional-justice event

Stand Speak Rise Up — Direct Humanitarian Assistance for Survivors of ISIS Atrocities in Sinjar

IMPLEMENTING, LEGAL AND COORDINATION PARTNERS

Iraqi Martyrs Foundation and the Medico-Legal Directorate

C4JR, IBAHRI and Amnesty International

Yazidi Survivors Network and survivor advocates

Upstream — *Nobody's Listening* project, active in 2024

Domestic and international legal partners supporting accountability proceedings in Germany, France, the Netherlands and the United States

SECTION 08

Looking Ahead: 2025 and Beyond

1. Continue and expand survivor-centred MHPSS, case management and protection services, including recovery from the 2025 U.S. funding freeze that disrupted TJR casework.
2. Sustain and strengthen the Mobile Medical Unit in underserved communities in Sinjar and Sinuni.
3. Advance reparations under the Yazidi Survivors Law through the findings of the 2024 survivor-led review, published in 2025.
4. Deepen documentation, truth-telling and evidence-sharing to help close the gap left by UNITAD's closure.
5. Continue monitoring and responding to hate speech and threats to guarantees of non-repetition.
6. Finalise the successor 2025–2030 organisational strategy.
7. Complete the wind-down of the Yazda Cultural Center in Nebraska and the dissolution of Yazda UK.

SECTION 08 · CONTINUED

Get Involved & Contact

Donate

Help provide life-changing services and strengthen survivor-led justice pathways.

Advocate

Share Yazda's reports, campaign messages and survivor-led calls for justice with your networks.

Partner

Institutional partners and donors can engage with Yazda to sustain services in Sinjar, Sinuni, Duhok, Iraq and internationally.

Volunteer

Support Yazda's global network of community, communications and advocacy initiatives.

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SECTION 09

Financial Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024. Yazda's annual reports and accounts are submitted to the relevant authorities in the United States, the United Kingdom, Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq each year. The figures below are the consolidated results across Yazda Iraq, Yazda US and Yazda UK, after intercompany eliminations.

Statement of Revenue & Expenditures (stated in USD)

	2024	2023
Grants and other income	**1,454,680**	**2,101,331**
PROJECT EXPENDITURES		
Personnel costs	556,166	1,065,281
Program costs	300,733	350,518
Office and administration personnel costs	262,061	213,822
Administration costs	220,772	281,649
Subtotal expenditures	**1,339,732**	**1,911,270**
Financial gains / (loss)	(33,709)	(33,709)
Total expenditures	**1,306,023**	**1,877,561**
Net income / (expenditure)	**148,657**	**223,770**
Total funds brought forward	524,348	276,617
Total funds carried forward	**673,004**	**500,387**

Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar, so totals may differ by $1. 2023 figures are as published in the 2023 Annual Report & Accounts.

Statement of Financial Position (stated in USD, as at 31 December 2024)

	2024	2023
Fixed assets	**26,179**	**87,740**
CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts receivable	–	–
Cash in bank and in hand	661,479	434,740
Total current assets	**661,479**	**434,740**
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Other creditors	(14,654)	(22,093)
Net current assets	**646,825**	**412,647**
Total net assets	**673,004**	**500,387**
Total funds	**673,004**	**500,387**

Yazda UK — Branch Accounts (stated in GBP)

Unlike the consolidated accounts, Yazda UK's 2024 statutory accounts were finalised and independently examined. Because of the level of funding raised, Yazda UK's 2024 activity was limited to advocacy support for Yazda Global and the British Yazidi community.

	2024	2023
Total income (grants, donations & legacies)	16,798	13,380
Total expenditure	20,811	14,716
Net surplus / (deficit)	**(4,013)**	**(1,336)**
Total funds brought forward	6,722	8,058
Total funds carried forward	**2,709**	**6,722**

Independently examined by Brice Musendo FCA, VE Accounting Services Limited, 26 October 2025. Yazda UK's trustees decided in 2025 to dissolve the entity once reporting obligations are complete.

Notes to the Financial Statements

General. Yazda is a not-for-profit organisation registered in multiple jurisdictions. Annual reports and accounts are submitted to the relevant authorities according to applicable laws and internal governance requirements.

Basis of preparation. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Yazda's financial accounting handbook and on the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenue. Income is recognised when the organisation is legally entitled to the income, receipt is reasonably certain, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenses. Expenditures are recorded in the period in which the related activity occurs. Direct project costs are allocated to programme objectives; shared costs are allocated in accordance with Yazda's accounting policies.

Foreign currency transactions. Expenditures paid in currencies other than USD are translated into USD using the exchange-rate methodology approved by Finance.

Property, plant and equipment. Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, using the depreciation rates approved in Yazda's accounting policies.

SECTION 10

Annex: 2024 Statements & Advocacy Engagements

Key public statements issued by Yazda in 2024, with links to the full text at www.yazda.org. The tenth anniversary of the genocide shaped much of the year's communications.

DATE	PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PRESS RELEASES
22 Jan 2024	Statement on the burial ceremonies of 41 Yazidi victims of Hardan, Kocho and Qney villages
14 Mar 2024	Yazda welcomes the C4JR report on criminal accountability for ISIL crimes in Iraq, ahead of the end of UNITAD's mandate
24 Jun 2024	Yazidi genocide survivors demand justice during a special session at the Palace of Luxembourg, Paris
9 Jul 2024	Joint statement on the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Yazidi genocide (Yazda and 47 Yazidi-led organisations)
24 Jul 2024	Yazda and other Yezidi civil society leaders meet U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken
30 Jul 2024	Critical steps for Yazidi security and recovery in Sinjar outlined in new policy paper
8 Aug 2024	Yazda strongly condemns ongoing hate speech targeting Yazidis in Iraq
15 Aug 2024	Yazda statement for the 10th commemoration of the attacks on Kocho village in Sinjar
25 Nov 2024	U.S. Ambassador to Iraq receives Yazda, survivors and advocates for the Nobody's Listening exhibition
9 Dec 2024	Under Constant Threat: Yazda launches report on hate speech targeting the Yazidi community
10 Dec 2024	Joint open letter by Human Rights Watch and Yazda on hate speech targeting the Yazidi community

DATE	ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC COVERAGE
Jun 2024	4th Congress of the Mukwege International Chair, Angers (external report)
Sep 2024	President of Ireland receives members of the Yazidi community (external page)
2024	Expert Voices on Atrocity Prevention, Episode 36: Natia Navrouzov (Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)

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Annex: 2024 Publications

Reports, policy papers and guidance published by Yazda in 2024 and listed on its publications page at www.yazda.org/publications. Several were produced with partners, and most were released around the tenth anniversary of the genocide.

DATE	PUBLICATION
3 Jul 2024	Five requests to the media on the eve of the 10-year commemoration of the Yazidi genocide — ethical engagement with survivors, with Taboo LLC
Jul 2024	Ten Years After Genocide: The Yazidi Struggle to Recover and Overcome — policy paper
30 Jul 2024	There is no future in Sinjar without safety and agency — Part 2 of the Sinjar series, with the Wilson Center and Zovighian Public Office
2 Aug 2024	10 Demands, 10 Years after Genocide
Dec 2024	Under Constant Threat: Hate Speech Against the Yazidi Community in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Illustration marking the Yazidi genocide of 3 August 2014. Image: Yazda

All publications are free to download from www.yazda.org/publications. Yazda's 2025 survivor-led review, *Implementing the Yazidi Survivors Law*, builds on the 2024 survey described on page 6.