

Yazda Annual Report

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Message from Yazda's President

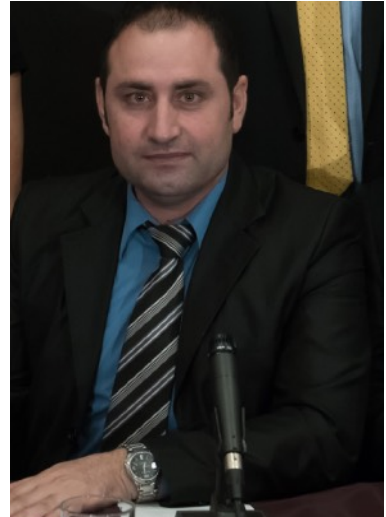
The year 2016 witnessed our community challenged by a number of external factors, including crises in Sinjar and the perpetual occupation of Yazidi homeland by ISIS. Amidst these challenges, Yazda members are increasingly partnering to achieve greater impact and effectiveness, and advocating for our community's ideals with one common voice.

Yazda has continued to serve as a platform for common action, strengthening its role as one of the leading NGOs working to alleviate suffering and increase human dignity for the Yazidi community as one of the world's most poor and vulnerable populations.

In 2016 our organization implemented multiple projects inside and outside of the refugee and IDP camps in the region, such as psychotherapy, health and medical projects, children's program, education and cultural preservation programs, case management for victimized women and female children, and many other temporary projects that were planned and implemented by Yazda staff and volunteers in order to help improve the quality of life of people in most need.

It is only in the intertwining narratives of our staff, the strategic development of our organization, and the changed lives of our beneficiaries that the real picture becomes evident. Yazda has been serving the community with all of its energy, going towards the right approach which is widely accepted and we hope to reach the light at the end of the tunnel.

We are fortunate to have thousands of wonderful supporters, contributors, donors and partners who have been helping us to achieve our mission since the beginning of this genocide. We are also fortunate to have such a dedicated professional team, as Silvia Zunino the country director in Iraq, and Murad Ismael as Yazda Senior Executive Director, and the other Yazda directors, members, volunteers and educators who are working in USA, Canada, Australia, Iraq, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Greece, France and who are willing to travel to remote corners of the world to share the message of Yazidi and improve the quality of life for those in need.



About Yazda

Yazda is a multi-national, non-governmental organization, established in the aftermath of the Yazidi genocide in 2014 to support the Yazidi ethno-religious minority and other vulnerable groups.

Yazda main branch is registered in **the United States** under Article 501 c3. Yazda is also registered as NGO in **Germany, Iraq, Sweden, United Kingdom**, and in the process of registration in **Australia** and **Canada**.

Yazda headquarter is based in Lincoln and Houston in the United States. Yazda-Iraq main office and Yazda woman center are located in the city of Dohuk, Kurdistan Region, northern Iraq, and Yazda Shingal branch in located in Sinone, Sinjar, Iraq. Yazda-Sweden operates out of Malmo city in the south, and Yazda UK and Germany consist of multiple teams located in different cities within Europe.

As of end of 2016, Yazda employed about **90 full time paid full-time employees** and benefits from a network of **hundreds of committed volunteers** from all around the world.

Yazda was designated one of the **Top 10 Most Innovative Companies** in Social Good by *Fast Company* magazine for 2017.



Picture shows Yazda registration numbers and countries where Yazda operates

Yazda Mission & Vision

Yazidi mission is to support victims of genocide and enslavement in various means to ensure their safety and wellbeing in the areas of **humanitarian, community, and advocacy**.

While Yazda was founded to target supporting the Yazidi community, its overall mission is **to support communities facing persecution**.

Our **humanitarian** mission consists of; trauma counseling, case management, health care, aid distribution, livelihood and emergency support.

Yazda's advocacy targets raising awareness, human rights, minorities rights, recognition of genocide and other atrocities, enabling survivors to speak up, documentation of crimes, and legal accountability.

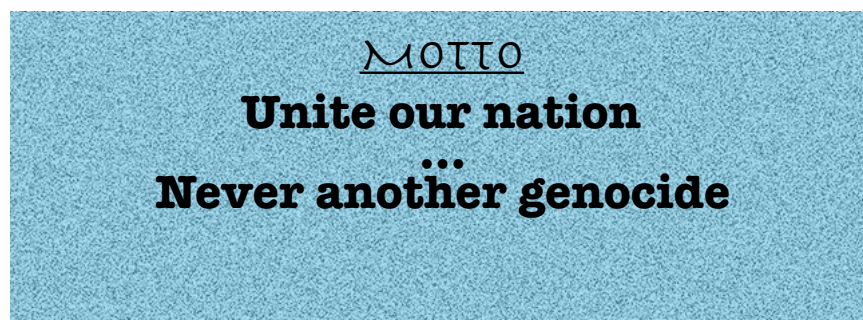
Our **community** mission includes informal educational, skills building through training, small businesses, integration of persecuted individuals in new environments, community development and cultural preservation.

Yazda is dedicated to Yazidi and other communities under **persecution because of their identity or belief**. We believe that no one should be persecuted for who they are, neither anyone **should be treated differently for being different**.

This includes ancient communities, like Yazidi, Christians, and other minorities of Middle east.

Middle east is the home of a mosaic of beliefs. But persecution have created great issues. For Yazidis, today we **asks question of existence**. Our vision, is that much work need to be on many fronts so that these communities can exist.

We belief the world must know what happens, this is why we give victims like **Nadia Murad** a voice. We belief that perpetrators of Genocide and mass enslavement should be brought to justice. This is why we work with world experts like **Amal Clooney and Luis Moreno Ocampo**.

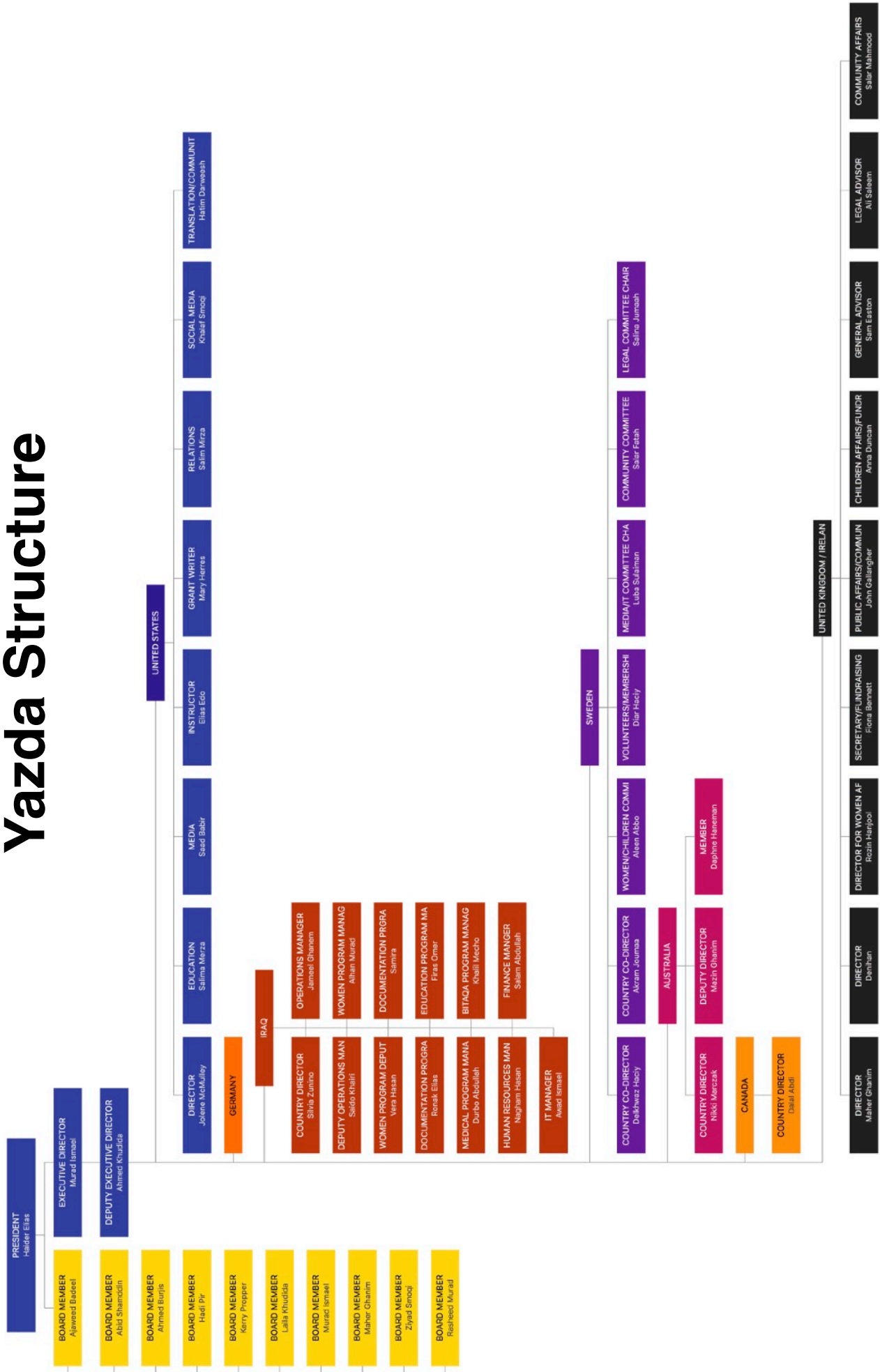


Yazda Partners

Yazda works (or have worked) in partnership with numerous high profile organizations or experts:, including:

- Ms Amal Clooney, International and human rights Lawyer.
- Aegis Trust
- Afya Foundation
- and Fundamental Rights
- Baden-Württemberg State Government, Germany
- Ibtisam Foundation
- CAP International
- Center for Global Engagement
- Chobani- Tent Foundation
- European Observatory for Non-discrimination and Fundamental Rights
- Forensic Architecture Team at Goldsmiths, University of London
- Global Center for R2P
- Global Citizens
- Google Zeitgeist
- Ministry of Immigration - Canada
- Health Directorate of Dohuk
- Help Iraq Organization
- Human Rights Watch
- Yezidische Jugend Oldenburg
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Medeor Action
- Jiyan Foundation
- IAHV
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Iraq Ministry of Social Affairs
- Ministry of Immigration, Australia
- Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo
- Local doctors and psychologists in Dohuk and Erbil
- Norwegian Church Aid
- Preemptive Love
- It's On U
- Red Cross
- Road to Peace
- Samalia Foundation
- Samaritan Purse
- Sewa International
- Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Program/ Department of State-US
- Thomas Reuters Foundation
- TrustLaw
- Uncommon Union
- Vital Voices
- Walk Free/ Freedom United
- Watchers of the Sky
- Watchers of the Sky
- WHO
- Women in the World
- The FMLY Store

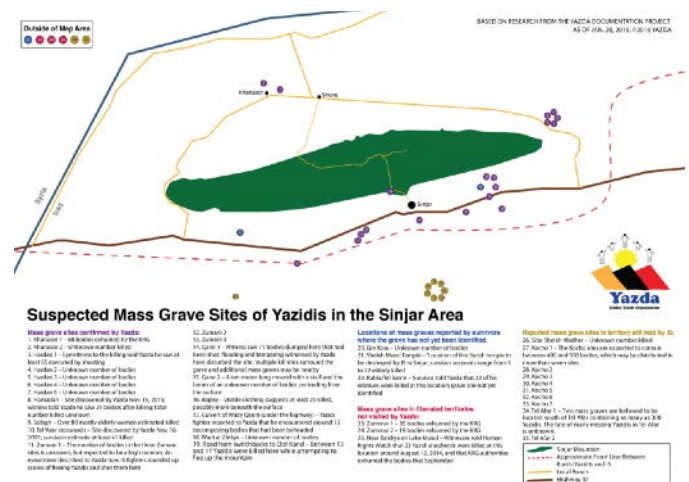
Yazda Structure



1. Documentation Center

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Through the Documentation Centre, our goal is to build a database where victim's interviews are collected together with remembered details of perpetrators, dates, numbers, and other pertinent facts which may be forgotten over time. The work involves extensive interviews with survivors of ethnic cleansing, forced conversion, and enslavement. Our staff record eyewitness testimonies of the ISIS genocidal campaign as well as locate and investigate the mass graves of victims. Sites of destruction are documented and filmed in detail, and all interviews are currently being transcribed and translated in order to produce written reports.



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This project was funded for the past 2 years by 331 Roses, Chardan Financial, ICMP and some private donors. Yazda currently needs additional funding to support the expanding range of work being carried out by our documentation team, illustrated by the reports below:

- [Yazda Report on Mass graves in Sinjar areas](#)
- [Yazda and FYF submit report to the ICC](#)



Yazda documentation Center

2. Women's Center

In August 2014, the Islamic State abducted thousands of Yazidi women and girls, who were subjected to rape, violence, forced conversions to Islam, and married to ISIS militants. These atrocious acts were part of an attempt of the Islamic State to eliminate Yazidi identity. More than 3000 women have now been released or escaped while others remain in the hands of ISIS.

These survivors of captivity and enslavement require a significant amount of psychological and humanitarian support and care. In early 2015, Yazda established a **Women's Centre** and run a **case management program to assist survivors, Bataqa Program or administrative support for survivors.**



Yazda Women's Centre

The Women's Center runs weekly support groups, baking classes, handicraft classes, gives one-on-one psychological support, and provides material aid. A case manager is assigned to each woman, who tracks her individual progress and monitors her needs as she recovers from her ordeal.

To date, Yazda has assisted over 1500 survivors of enslavement and captivity. Yazda also maintains one of the largest databases of women held by ISIS/ISIL.

Through this database, women are tracked and offered services, which are provided both by Yazda and government authorities.



Yazda and ICRC provide financial support to 500 women survivors of ISIS enslavement

* Video Link: Yazda supporting women survivors <https://youtu.be/1UO04y9Ac3I>

This case management platform achieves five key objectives for Yazda:

A. Provides urgent humanitarian aid to victims upon rescue, including but not limited to food, clothing, and medical needs.

B. Improves rescue services by compiling data on key locations, victim demographics, and networks of victim enslavement in Iraq in efforts to more effectively assist the Iraqi government. Through this platform Yazda has been able to compile information gathered during interviews, including the key demographics of victims (age, nationality, fluency in English, etc.) and identify gaps in service needs based on data. Furthermore, Yazda also strives to collect data on the locations where victims were held. Through this information, Yazda hopes to better understand the physical and emotional needs of each victim it serves, as well as target locations and provide coordinated and detailed intel to the Iraqi government to increase rescue efforts.



Distribution of aid on newly rescued/freed survivors by Yazda's team

C. Identifies areas for improvement regarding Yazda's rehabilitative program that will lead to making data driven decisions. Itemizing services is more manageable on this platform, i.e. the number of services which provide psychological support in a given

period of time. This information will drive critical decisions at Yazda, which will improve the quality of treatment over the entire duration of the program.

D. Builds capacity and infrastructure within the organization by streamlining the process to report required data/outcomes to third party funders, and allows for data utility in order to demonstrate the efficacy of Yazda's programming, in turn increasing our funding sources. That is to say, through managing data electronically, Yazda is able to quickly calculate key statistics that are required by third party funders, such as the number of meals served to victims, the number of victims in the base camps, and the number of referrals for support services. This allows us to assess and report the efficacy of the programming to additional funders to expand and build capacity/infrastructure. For example, Yazda utilizes this comprehensive database to work with the Iraqi government to issue monthly stipends for survivors. Approximately 700 applications have been submitted, 250 of which were authorized and the remainder of which are in progress. Yazda has also leveraged this database in working with the Red Cross to provide one-time financial support of 300,000 Iraqi Dinars per survivor to 500 survivors. Yazda is now in the process with Iraqi government to provide one-time financial support of one million Iraqi Dinars per survivor for 1300 survivors.

E. Enhances coordinated care for victims post rescue by creating a readily accessible database system that integrates all personal client data, including intake information, case notes, location, legal documents, medical records, appointments, and incident reports. By creating a readily accessible database system that integrates all of the survivors' personal data, this platform enables survivors to receive specialized care. For instance, how one victim handles emotional counseling will differ from another victim. Similarly, although a victim is able to successfully integrate in one aspect, she may still struggle in another area. Since each victim copes with trauma differently, so their rehabilitation program is equally tailored to their needs. Integrating the intake information, case notes, medical records, appointments, and incident reports of survivors on to a single database is crucial to understanding this dynamic. As such, with the case management platform, Yazda is able to tailor its services to the unique needs and circumstances of survivors because all information is centralized and accessible.

3. WOMEN'S PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Yazda supports a vast number of women who suffered imprisonment, abuse, physical and psychological trauma at the hands of ISIS and who now find themselves unable to cope, isolated, and without means for a dignified life. Following the 2014 assault on Yazidi villages in Sinjar, many found shelter in refugee/IDP camps around Dohuk while many others, after falling captive, have gradually

escaped and reached Dohuk in desperate conditions.

The opening of the Women's Centre in June 2015 attracted vast numbers of women from the IDP camps. As survivors found freedom and reached Dohuk, they came to know about Yazda's activities and began to join.



Yazidi survivors and Yazda Team meeting the Yazidi Pope, Baba Shikh Kherto in Lalish Temple, Shekhan District.

Yazda, through its Women's Centre, offers a range of activities aimed at the psychological support of victims and vulnerable women and their children, as well as activities to recreate community bonds and promote support groups.

Pilgrimages to the sacred site of Lalish are included as a journey of reintegration in the community. Here Yazidi religious and spiritual leaders, offering their welcome to the victims, assist with the process of healing, particularly feelings of guilt and shame. Material aid is also provided through the distribution of blankets, clothes, food, and livelihood (goats, chickens, sewing machines..) to survivors that reach Yazda.

Yazda staff engaged in this project include 1 project manager, 4 case managers, and drivers with minivans and cars.

THE ACTIVITIES IN 2016 REACHED A TOTAL OF 1500 WOMEN:

- A. COUNSELLING and one-to-one psychological support is offered to approximately 20 women/month over several sessions according to need. Referral to specialized services when necessary
- B. SUPPORT GROUPS to address psychologically challenging issues: groups of 35 women meet in cycles of 8 weekly sessions.
- C. HANDICRAFTS as a therapeutic and social space, and baking classes as part of the socialising and empowering process. Groups of 35 women meet in cycles of 8 weekly sessions for these activities. Children are welcome at Yazda's Children Program.

Beneficiaries Reached per Activity	
COUNSELLING	240
SUPPORT GROUPS	210
HANDICRAFT	120
LALISH PILGRIMAGE	800
TRAININGS	80
DIRECT ASSISTANCE	192
PENSIONS and admin support	383
RESETTLEMENT AUSTRALIA (with families)	400

- E. SELF RELIANCE PROGRAM: Distribution of livelihood items to 16 families with average size of 12 people each.

4. Bataqa Program or Administrative Support for Survivors

Yazda works with the Iraqi government to provide ongoing financial support to the survivors. Yazda worked with the Baghdad's Directorate of Women's Protection (part of the Ministry of Social Affairs) to create a "bataqa" card (similar to a government issued card that provides regular income to IDPs and refugees). This card is specifically for female survivors of IS enslavement and will provide a small monthly stipend to each woman for the rest of her life. Yazda uses our database to complete applications and provide them to the government; after they are processed, the cards are issued to the women at the Yazda office. So far, hundreds of Bataqa cards have been given to the survivors, and this project is ongoing.

In addition, Yazda identifies survivors trapped in Kurdistan Region/Northern Iraq or in refugee camps in neighbouring countries, and has carried out pre-screening to assist the resettlement process for countries like Canada and Australia that offer asylum.



Survivors at Yazda Centre/Duhok to get their salary cards.

5. Health and Medical Services

A. PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE (PHC):

This project was in partnership with [Norwegian Church Aid](#), [Kurdistan Region's Health Directorate of Dohuk](#), [German Action Medeor](#), and other international and local partners, Yazda provided free medical services to a community of 15,000 Essyan IDP Camp, Dohuk Province for 2 years. This project was Completed in December 2016 and another organization replaced Yazda.




Services offered to the community increased in 2016, when the team of medical staff expanded to include a gynecologist, and a dentist, bringing the total staff to 24 people. In 2016 Yazda bought an ultrasound scan to add to its diverse equipment. Medicines were supplied regularly by the local government with whom e enjoyed a collaborative relation. Every month the PCH saw close to 6,000 patients, whose details were managed through a professional database.

B. MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS(UNITS):

This project founded by [Tent Foundation](#). From our Sinuni office, a [Mobile Medical Unit](#) was deployed to provide basic health to 35 villages. Staffed by a medic and a nurse/ pharmacist, it assisted close to 2,000 patients per month, in areas where no other medical service is available. Equipped with a IT database, it keeps track of each patient through the multiple visits. It can count on medicines provided in part by the government and in part by private donors. The service also offers emergency transport to larger local hospitals when

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Patient Activity Report

Yazda Primary Health Care Center in Essyan Camp

Time Period: from 15/11/2015 to 16/07/2016 (8 months)

Total Patient Breakdown for Period by Age

Minors: 6,071

Adults: 5747

Males: 5,673

Females: 6145

Total Number of Patients: 11,818

Males		Females		Total	
Age Group	Number	% of total patients	Number	% of total patients	
Infancy to 3 year	155	%0.31	138	%0.17	293
1 year to 3 years	838	%4.54	438	%3.68	1276
3 years to 11 years	1414	%11.90	1303	%11.03	2717
11 years to 18 years	351	%2.85	288	%2.44	639
18 years to 25 years	724	%6.13	704	%6.06	1428
25 years to 35 years	231	%1.93	810	%6.85	1041
35 years to 45 years	493	%4.14	766	%6.51	1259
45 years to 60 years	234	%1.95	603	%5.10	837
60 years and up	341	%2.89	472	%4.01	813
	712	%5.96	276	%2.33	988

Total Visits Breakdown by Age

Minors: 17,074

Adults: 19,286

Males: 16,740

Females: 19,620

Total Number of Visits: 36,360

Males		Females		Total	
Age Group	Number	% of total visits	Number	% of total visits	
Infancy to 3 year	641	%0.23	382	%0.05	1023
1 year to 3 years	1931	%6.31	1471	%4.05	3402
3 years to 11 years	1748	%10.30	1613	%4.44	3361
11 years to 18 years	710	%4.17	740	%2.04	1450
18 years to 25 years	1802	%10.45	2234	%6.14	4036
25 years to 35 years	2157	%10.93	2789	%7.67	4946
35 years to 45 years	1890	%10.47	2186	%6.04	4076
45 years to 60 years	1025	%5.47	2186	%6.04	3211
60 years and up	1163	%6.20	1786	%4.91	2949
	991	%5.73	1192	%3.28	2183



needed.

Our current mobile medical clinics provides free health care to remote areas in Sinjar Mountain. The local people in these areas are either displaced, or returnees trying to rebuild their homes and lives, and do not have access to medical care.



The mission of the Yazda mobile clinic is to address the need for accessible, cost-effective primary health care by bringing the doctor to the people. Our ability to deliver services directly into mountain villages difficult to access helps us respond to the needs of people who may otherwise have been left undiagnosed and untreated.



Yazda mobile clinic on the Sinjar Mountain

The mobile clinic provides full-time, 5 days a week, medical coverage. Since our inception, we have been serving more than 2,100 patients per month in about 35 locations on the north side of Sinjar Mountain. Yazda is grateful for the powerful collaboration of like-minded individuals who have aligned with us to ensure that health care for the people of Mount Sinjar is available. We are especially

MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT

SECTOR	Health
DONOR	Private Donor
DURATION	JUN 2015 - Ongoing
BUDGET	\$ 2,500 / month - FUNDING NEEDED
LOCATION	Villages in the Sinjar area
TARGET GROUP	35 villages with no health services
TEAM	Yazda medical team

DESCRIPTION

Activities include:

1. Diagnosis, treatment and database management
2. Transport and referral to hospital of urgent cases
3. Gynaecological treatments

Deployed from the Sinjar Yazda base in Sinjar, the mobile clinic regularly tours 35 villages, completing the whole round every 15-20 days. The team composed of 2 medical staff and a female nurse, keeps a data base of patients and follows up cases as needed. Treatments and medicines are provided, as well as transport by ambulance to larger facilities when needed. The team also assesses the need for material aid for survivors (winterising materials for tents, food, fuel...) and distribution is coordinated with our logistics team.



appreciative to the Central Council of Yazidis in Germany who provided us our mobile clinic vehicle.

Nearly \$2,700, or a little over half of our monthly operating budget, has been kindly donated to cover year one. We are hopeful that other donors will partner with us to ensure the continuation of our mobile medical services, amounting to \$4,200 per month. These primary expenses include clinic facilities, medical equipment and supplies, as well as clinic worker salaries. Moreover, while

The Department of Health has generously provided Yazda with several medicines, high-demand medicine that runs out must be paid for through our own budget.

The Mobile Medical Clinic on Mount Sinjar offers:

- Alcohol/drug treatment referral
- Cancer screening
- Asthma treatment
- Cholesterol management
- Diabetes support
- Hypertension care
- Counseling
- Dispensary
- HIV testing and follow-up
- Lab services
- Primary care



Yazda medical staff with patients



Yazda's Pharmacy



First Aid training by Yazda medical staff to IDPs/ Essyan camp

6. Education Projects

A. YAZDA`S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:



- Building a school in Bakra village to offer education for more than 300 children who have had no previous opportunity to learn.
- Informal mobile education program in Sinjar area to minimize the gap for the last three years absence of children from schools,
- Informal education and training for survivors of ISIS enslavement as a part of the Yazda psychological and psychosocial program
- Cultural preservation courses for children to preserve Yazidi religious and cultural tradition.
- Education program for university students and young adults in the camps and at the university of Dohuk and Zaxo to equip them with key knowledge and motivation to deal with the Genocide and succeed in their lives.
- Yazda was able to open Al-Taakhi high schools in support of KRG in Duhok city for more than 1600 students in 2016.
- Yazda was also able to facilitate 10 students to study at university of Milano-Bicocca in 2016.



Temporary learning site on the Sinjar Mountain

B. THE TIREJA ROJE PROGRAM:

run since 2015 and through 2016 providing a learning place for adults and children in IDP camps. Main focus was the cultural and religious identity of the Yazidi community. The importance of this project is that Yazidi tradition is oral, and

traditions are easily forgotten or lost when communities suffer displacement and genocide. 4 religious leaders, gave twice weekly sessions to approximately 100 adults per month. Children participated in groups of 20 to 30 each session.



Teaching children on the Sinjar Mountain

TIREJA ROJE

SECTOR	Education
DONOR	NCA
DURATION	JUN 2015 - JAN 2017
BUDGET	\$ 20,000
LOACTION	IDP Camps in Dohuk area
TARGET GROUP	200 adults and 300 children
TEAM	Yazda staff and Yazidi religious leaders

DESCRIPTION

Activities include:

1. Teaching religious poems and prayers from the oral Yazidi tradition
2. Teaching and discussing cultural, and religious topics

Four Yazidi religious leaders, recognised and approved by the community, run twice weekly workshops to teach sacred songs, poems, and lore to younger and older generations of Yazidis. Groups were organised according to age, separating children from adults. The workshops became an occasion for socialising, learning, and discussing the positive ethical principles on which the Yazidi tradition is built.

C. SCHOLARSHIP:

The university of Milano-Bicocca awarded 10 sponsored scholarships for Yazidis after a request submitted to the university by Nadia Murad, a Yazidi ISIS survivor and human rights activist, and Yazda organisation on May 2016. In a strict screening process, Yazda selected these 10 students out of 120 students who applied for the scholarships.



10 students who won scholarship seats at Milano-Bicocca

D. GOLDEN PEN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

In 2015-2016 Yazda managed an education program in the camps and at the university of Dohuk and Zaxo to equip students with key knowledge and motivation to deal with the Genocide and succeed in their lives. The program was completed in summer 2016. This program also included printing books related to the Genocide.

SECTOR	Education
DONOR	Private donors

DURATION	JUN 2015 - JUN 2016
BUDGET	\$ 20,000
LOACTION	Dohuk University and Yazda Centre
TARGET GROUP	600 University Students
TEAM	Yazda staff and University Professors

DESCRIPTION

Activities include:

1. Conferences and open discussions
2. Workshops and short trainings

Yazda provided twice weekly workshops for young Yazidi students aimed at cultural and intellectual development. Topics included physical health; public speaking; philosophy; public service and altruism; literature; poetry writing; improved written communication skills in Kurdish and Arabic; Yazidi spirituality and tradition; spiritual practice and meditation.

The aim was to fill in student's academical gaps and to communicate a sense of empowerment and dignity through culture.

International and local speakers were chosen for their specific knowledge in each field, contributing to the advancement of the students.

E. EDUCATION FOR SURVIVORS:

This project was funded by Norwegian Church aid to support 200 survivors.

F. AL-TAAKHI HIGH SCHOOLS:

in support of KRG in Duhok city for more than 1600 students in 2016. As a part of Takhli school project, where about 1600 students who are pursuing their education for their senior year in high school after two years of discontinuity as a result of the War and civil unrest in the region, Yazda has taken the initiative to avoid disruption of education because of salaries delay as the teachers have not received any since the beginning of the year. Yazda has funded one month salary for 49 teachers which is equivalent to 15,000 US dollars. Al Takhi school was opened on the advocacy work of Yazda.

EDUCATION FOR SURVIVORS	
SECTOR	Education
DONOR	NCA
DURATION	JUN 2015 - FEB 2017
BUDGET	N/A
LOCATION	Dohuk Women Centre
TARGET GROUP	200 women survivors
TEAM	Yazda Staff and trainers
DESCRIPTION	
Activities include:	
1. Teaching Arabic basic literacy	
2. Teaching skills including knitting, sewing, baking, handicrafts	
3. Workshop on GBV	
Survivors coming to Yazda Centre, were offered 8 week courses on activities with aim of socialising and learning new skills that can become income generating. The follow up was usually for 3 months. Specialised trainers delivered the trainings within the framework of the psycho social support program run by Yazda Staff.	



Yazda board member, Laila Khudeda, Yazda Iraq director, Mathew Barber and Yazda operations manager Jamel Ghanem with some students and teacher of Al-Taakhi High School

G. EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN(ESASFC)

Often forgotten about during periods of crisis, children are greatly affected by conflict and displacement. They endure the hardship of fleeing from their homes, living in camps or deteriorating urban settings, and often bear witness to gross violence or the death of family members. These children have a right to safe spaces and healing care, but resources can be limited.

In Iraq, thousands of Yazidi children have been



Teaching IDP children by Yazda Education Staff/Duhok

orphaned since the ISIS attacks of 2014, while others have been held in captivity and forced to participate in violent acts. Many of the children who avoided capture by ISIS still live in camps without access to education and proper care. Their childhoods are being stolen from them.

One of Yazda's primary goals is to provide direct humanitarian and education support for Yazidi youth. Currently, Yazda is only able to assist children who visit our Women's Center located in Duhok. This limits the number we are able to reach, therefore we are hopeful to acquire funding to expand these services to also help children living in IDP camps and the Sinjar region.

Our present education goals include

- Documentation and identification of those children who need sponsorship or adoption.
- Mobilization of resources to provide direct humanitarian aid
- Establishing educational programming to ensure that children continue to receive the education they deserve, as well providing trauma and medical support



The educational side of this program has not been initiated because of lack of funds.

7. Global Advocacy Campaign

A. RAISE AWARENESS & RECOGNITION OF GENOCIDE:

Yazda believes that in order to prevent future atrocities against a community there must be a wide **acknowledgment and recognition**.

Yazda team worked jointly with survivors and out international partners to raise awareness and bring international attention to the Genocide.

Yazda is sponsoring and supporting the work of the Genocide survivor and **UNODC Goodwill Ambassador, Nadia Murad**. For more information about Nadia's work please visit: www.nadiamurad.org.

In addition, Yazda is supporting Farida Abbas, Samia Suleman, Shireen Jirido and other Genocide survivors to uncover ISIS crimes and allow their voices to be heard the world over. Yazda have advocated in **more than 20 countries so far**



Sep 15, 2016 | Nadia Murad and Yazda director of government relations, Abid Shamdeen, and Amal Clooney met the Ambassador of the European Union to the United Nations.



August 2016, Nadia Murad, Yazda Deputy Executive Director met with Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop

Yazda and Nadia Murad had a primary role in recognition of Genocide by the following international bodies:

- Canada
- Scottish Parliament
- United Nations
- European Union
- United Kingdom
- United States
- France



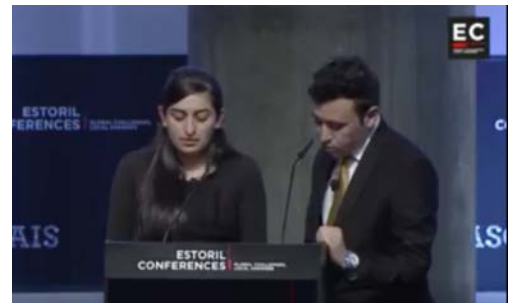
Yazda President in a conference on May 16 2016 with Douglas M. Padgett, foreign affairs officer in the Office of International Religious Freedom with the U.S. Iraqi Father Gewargis Sulaiman, a priest of the Assyrian Church of the East; journalist Eliza Griswold; and Sarhang Hamasaeed, senior program officer at the U.S. Institute for Peace. (CNS photo/Leo Sore , Fordham University)

B. LEGAL CASE OF THE YAZIDI GENOCIDE:

Yazda have dedicated much resources to bring justice to victims of Genocide and held criminals accountable.

Yazda have worked with dedicated legal team and law experts to find ways toward justice. Yazda have the following legal projects:

- **Amal Clooney, Yazda Counsel**, continued an international campaign and taped on international legal systems to held ISIS accountable for its crimes. For more information about Amal Clooney's work for Yazidi cause click here https://www.yazda.org/?page_id=8413
- **Survivors testimonies through Yazda documentation team** and Yazda Counsel Amal Clooney and her team have been conducted throughout 2016 and hundreds of video hours have been done.
- **Advocacy and facilitation of international justice** working with partners internationally to held foreign fighters accountable.
- Yazda have worked with Washington University law school students to produce a report on **legal options for the survivors** in light of international treaty.



Yazda Germany's members Ms Farida Abbas and Saeed Suliman in Estoril Conferences in Portugal.



Yazda Deputy Director Ahmed Khudida and UNGWA Nadia Murad met with UN SG Ban Ki-moon

C. YAZDA REPORTS:

- Yazda and the Free Yezidi Foundation (FYF) with the support of Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq (KRG) submit a request to the Prosecutor of the ICC [.ISIL- committing-genocide-against-the-Yazidis](#)
- Yazda reports on Mass graves. Full report: [Yazda-Report-on-Mass-Graves-Jan-28-2016-2 – Copy.](#)
- Yazda Report about Yazidi refugees in Greece, Turkey and Syria. October 2015. [Report about Yazidi Refugees\(survivours of genocide\) in Turkey and Syria.](#)

D. MEDIA CAMPAIGNING:

- Join Yazda member in UK, Rozen Khalil, and ask UK government to take action and help Yazidi women <https://www.change.org/p/uk-government-help-the-yazidi-women-and-girls-kidnapped-by-isis-yazidigirls>
- Join Yazda USA and request the US government to assist in liberating the thousands of women and children kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery by ISIS <https://www.change.org/p/barack-obama-help-the-yazidi-women-and-girls-enslaved-by-isis>
- Join **Yazda** and **Freedom United** and Call on Members of the UN Security Council to refer the slavery case in Iraq to the International Criminal Court. <https://www.freedomunited.org/advocate/iraq-slavery-icc/>
- Join Yazda, Global Citizen and Its On U to call JUSTICE for Yazidi people who faced genocide <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/action/set/yazidi-justice/>
- Join Yazda, Global Citizen and Its On U and demand justice and support Yazidis <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/action/set/justice-for-yazidis/>
- Join Yazda, Global Citizen, CHIME and Its On U and speak out for the women of the Yazidi community <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/action/justice-for-yazidis-tweet/>
- Join Yazda, Global Citizen, CHIME and Its On U and call Sweden to bring justice to the Yazidi community <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/action/yazidi-genocide-sweden/>
- Call on the UN Human Rights Commissioner to Establish a Commission of Inquiry That Collects Evidence https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/action/email-the-human-rights-commissioner-for-yazidi/?utm_source=lterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=UK_5_May_2017_womenandgirls_iwd_yazidi_email_all



Yazda Executive director at 2nd Global Forum against crime of genocide



Dalal Abdi, Yazda member in Canada holding meetings with MPs.



Director of Yazda UK, Dr Maher Ghanem, talk about the situation of Yazidis and Ethno-religious minorities in UK parliament



June 3, 2016 Yazda-Sweden members visited the EU parliament in Brussels & met with parliament members (MEP), EEAS (European External Action Service) & European officials & permanent EU countries representatives.

8. Aid Work

A. SINJAR OUTREACH PROJECT:

In partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Yazda provided livelihood support to hundreds of families in Sinjar in 2016-2017. The spent amount budget was **256.454.27USD** and the program was closed in March 2017. For more information click here <https://www.yazda.org/the-expansion-of-shingal-outreach-project/>

B. DIRECT AID ASSISTANCE

In partnership with several Yazidi groups in Germany, Yazda provided several trucks of cloths, food, education supplies and other emergency items since 2014

C. LIVE CHICKENS

One form of support that serves the needs of all who live in Sinjar is live chickens. To date, Yazda has distributed 2,500 chickens to over 500 families. Through egg production, chickens provide an ongoing sustainable food source. Yazda is presently expanding activities in this area to serve a greater amount of families.



D. WATER FILTERS

In 2016, Yazda distributed water filters to 1,000 families in Sinjar to provide access to safe and clean drinking water. The filters were generously donated by one of Yazda's many partners. Presently, an additional 1,800 filters are scheduled to be delivered.



E. SANITATION

As families have returned to Sinjar, many have moved into tent communities or areas still rebuilding from ISIS attacks. Some of these places lack proper sanitation facilities. To assist, Yazda has constructed outhouses in IDP areas lacking access to toilets.

Both Returnee and IDPs Needs:



On August 3rd, tens of thousands of Yazidis fled to the top of Sinjar Mountain to escape the atrocities of the so called Islamic State. Many remained on the mountain until a corridor could be opened to the safety of Kurdistan. Although the corridor allowed people to flee, some chose to stay behind and protect their ancestral homeland.



Distribution of Food by Yazda outrage team on Yazidis on Sinjar Mountain

Today, thousands of Yazidis still reside on top of the mountain, unable to return to their villages that have been taken by ISIS. These internally displaced persons (IDPs) require

humanitarian aid and assistance to meet their basic human needs. Yazda is working to provide care and relief to this community as well as the thousands of Yazidi returnees who have come back to Sinjar after escaping to Kurdistan.

Restoring the Yazidi community and rebuilding the homeland is paramount to the mission of Yazda. Presently, we are focusing efforts in the foothills of the mountain to serve the vast amount of Yazidis who now reside there.

IDPs Specific Needs: winterization is necessary to help vulnerable IDPs cope with the



Yazidi IDPs on the Sinjar Mountain

harshness of Sinjar's cold seasonal climate. Therefore, Yazda is now working to establish a robust winterization intervention. In Yazda's needs assessment, it was found that families often experience direct exposure to weather conditions due to poor insulation in their shelters. Now nearly three years into the crisis, these shelters and tents have become worn and insufficient for families to survive winter weather. Yazda has been able to provide some with tarp and rope, but additional supplies are needed.



Destruction of houses by ISIS in Sinjar city

***Returnees:** Those who have opted, despite the continued lack of security and services in Sinjar, to leave the camps in Kurdistan and return to their homeland.

***Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):** Those displaced from many areas still under ISIS/ISIL control, who have opted to take up residence on the mountain rather than the Dohuk Governorate IDPs camps.



9. The Voice of Yazidi Women:

Yazda have started a program to help Yazidi women to raise their voices, this program has a local and an international component.

“THE VOICE OF YAZIDI WOMEN”

SECTOR	Advocacy
DONOR	NPA
DURATION	MAR 2017 - OCT 2017
BUDGET	\$40,000
LOCATION	Dohuk and IDP Camps in the area
TARGET GROUP	Survivors of ISIS
TEAM	Yazda Team and Film maker Marga Zambrana

DESCRIPTION

Activities include:

1. The production of a documentary on Yazidi women
2. Screening the documentary
3. Advocacy in Iraq and abroad

The documentary wants to give voice to the Yazidi Women, with a focus on their journey from victims, to survivors to HEROES. The women interviewed endured tremendous suffering yet gave remarkable examples of inner strength and resilience. A documentary looking at the past, with the aim of building a better future for the Yazidi community.

The screening of the documentary will take place in multiple places in Iraq, as well as abroad, and will be included in the events to mark the 3rd anniversary of the Yazidi genocide.



10. Small Businesses

The genocide conducted by the Islamic State in 2014 has devastated the region of Shingal, the Yazidi homeland. Since that time, many areas have become liberated and people have begun to return. However, redevelopment is a slow process requiring significant assistance and attention to potential inhibitors of progress. Specifically, one gap in the redevelopment of Shingal is the need for small businesses in urban centers.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

SECTOR	Economical development
DONOR	Private donor
DURATION	JUN 2017 - DEC 2017
BUDGET	\$ 90,000
LOCATION	Villages in the Sinuri area
TARGET GROUP	Vulnerable households
TEAM	Yazda Staff

DESCRIPTION

Activities include:

1. Selection of 16 beneficiaries with experience in shop keeping
2. Support to start-up, including shop arrangement, rent, and first stock
3. Follow up and ongoing support

The project aims at supporting the small scale economy that can provide basic goods to the returning population in the Sinuri area. After conducting a precise assessment on the number and type of shop before the attacks, the current situation and the forecast number of returnees, key areas of intervention were identified. These include groceries, barber, mobile shops, electricians bakeries and clothes shops. Yazda will support the process with staff experienced in shop keeping and will provide financial backup and advise, as well as mentoring and monitoring for 6 months.



11. Building and Infrastructure

Most NGOs have focused development efforts on the agricultural sector, ignoring economic needs of the collectives. Consequently, the business sector has barely begun to recover from the crisis and external support would be welcome. The presence of more businesses in Shingal may also serve to buttress returnee numbers that have previously remained low due to lack of services and supplies in the region. Therefore, Yazda has designed an intervention to support small business development to meet the needs of the community

BUILDING OF BAKIRA SCHOOL


SECTOR	Building and infrastructure
DONOR	Private Donor
DURATION	MAR 2017 - JUN. 2017
BUDGET	\$ 55,000
LOCATION	Bakira - Sinuri area
TARGET GROUP	500 Children in villages near Bakira
TEAM	Yazda Team

DESCRIPTION

Activities include:

1. Planting and building a 6 classroom school
2. Building a water well and bringing a generator for electricity

The school was much needed in Bakira, as most of the children lived too far to access any education. Three years of displacement worsened the situation, with the risk of generalised illiteracy. Staffed by the Government from September 2017, it will give children the opportunity to get back in education and to socialise. During the summer months, Yazda will conduct informal education workshops to prepare children for the return to school. Yazda is also looking at establishing a small library which will include books in English.



AL-BAKRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Partnership with one of our international donors, we have completed construction of a primary school consistent of 6 classroom in Bakra village. The school will serve more than 120 kids who were unable to access basic education. The project was completed in April 2017 and handed over to education authorities

12. In Front and Behind The Camera

To train youth in journalism, photography, editing and social media management.

2. To offer work opportunities to trained youth at selected companies or NGOs (in Erbil, Dohuk or other locations in Kurdistan), integrating their salaries for 4 months or support them in finding paid work.

3. To support those who will remain in camps to build up paid work capacity: to document and report on weddings and other events of the community, and to possibly run the Camp Facebook page or other local social medi

IN FRONT AND BEHIND THE CAMERA

SECTOR:	Referral/refugees
DONOR:	Yazda's Initiative
DURATION:	MAY 2017 - Ongoing
BUDGET:	\$ 1,000 / month FUNDING NEEDED
LOCATION:	Erbil IDP Camp
TARGET GROUP:	25 Teenagers
TEAM:	Yazda Team

DESCRIPTION

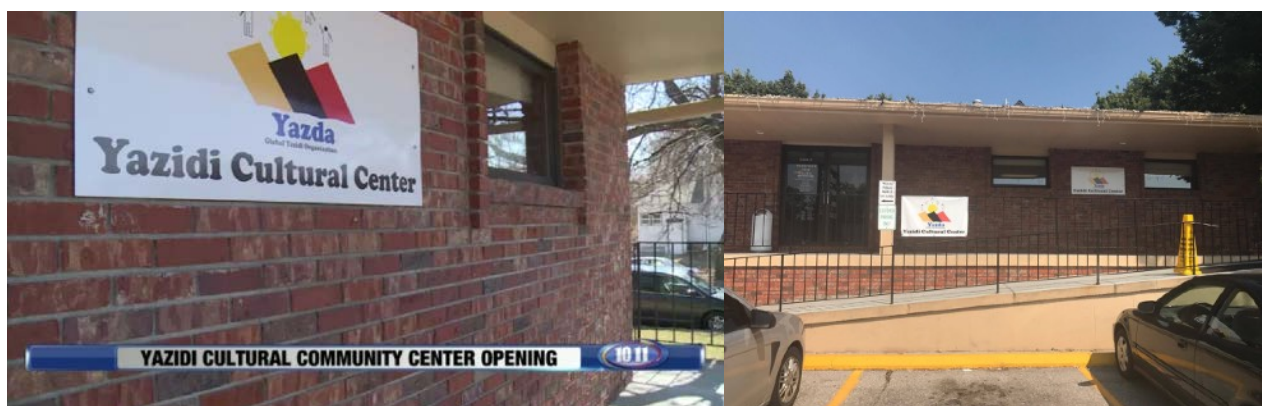
Activities include:

1. Running weekly workshops for teenagers on how to film and edit their videos with mobile phones.
2. Screening of their videos (under June 2017) and selection of teenagers who wish to receive a professional training by providing video editing software and skills.
3. Running a professional training program to teenagers and how to use the software.
4. Support in making news coverage and promotion of special IDP in Erbil Camp and its the future of participants.

The content of interview covers a range of topics, including cultural preservation, resources, and current events. The aim is to create films showcasing issues to capturing values and dreams, as a lasting memory that can strengthen the will. In the training participants will receive guidance on the use of the camera and basic language, organizing content, editing with complex software and managing social media, and possibly starting a self-produced program on Erbil Camp and other events.



13. Yazda Cultural Centre in Nebraska



Yazda Culture Centre in Nebraska/USA

The Yazidi Cultural Center in Lincoln Nebraska provides a communal space where Yazidis feel safe and can promote the preservation of their culture. The main goal of the Yazidi Cultural Center is to Build a stronger Yazidi community, that can socially and culturally integrate into the U.S. and to preserve the Yazidi culture at the same time. This includes providing services that

will help with Integration into American systems, strengthening ties between Yazidis and other ethnic minority groups, preservation of Yazidi language, culture and tradition, further educating, and orientation into Public Safety and legal systems.

English and Kurmanji classes are offered to promote linguistic and culturally appropriate services that advance social and cultural integration.

Social and Cultural preservation services are offered, and include the native language, along with holidays, Yazidi history, cultures and traditions.

Youth Academic Mentor Program also known as (YAMP) provides mentoring program to help students excel academically, meeting weekly with a mentor for individual and group tutoring. YAMP mentors consist of Yazidi youth that have shown leadership skills within the community to mentor younger aged Yazidi youth. This is to ensure their academic success and help them integrate into the U.S education system.

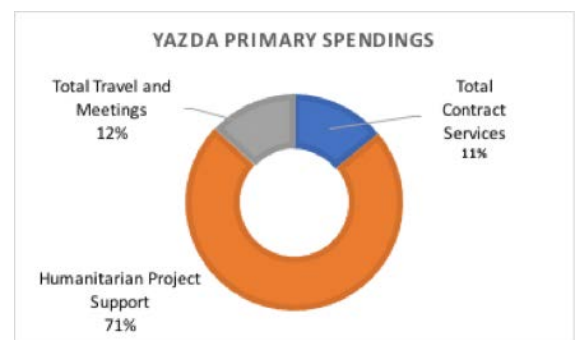
Legal Immigration assistance is offered by the Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (CLIA) for Yazidi refugees to gain knowledge of their rights and responsibilities as members of the U.S society, help obtain legal permanent residency and citizenship. Classes are offered by (CLIA) to teach Yazidi refugees their basic rights, and include information for citizenship preparation. Referrals to local agencies provided as needed, and basic services surrounding integration are also offered

Yazda Financials

income for 2016 was 1,114,519.27 USD. This income was in form of individual and corporate contribution, corporate contribution and direct support. Yazda continue to relay heavily on private donations and grants.

Expenses are shows with a total of 1,114,519.27 USD.

71% of Yazda expenses were direct support for humanitarian projects. while 13% on travel which can be translated into expense for advocacy for human rights.



Ordinary Income/Expense Income		
Direct Public Support		
Corporate Contributions	472,500.00	
Individual & Business Contri.	458,030.93	
Direct Public Support - Other	74,556.02	
Total Direct Public Support		1,005,086.95
United Nations Grant		165,526.25
Total Income		1,170,613.20
Expense		
Auto Expense		1524.86
Bank Service Fee		3,989.58
Contract Services		
Accounting Fees	5,540.00	
Legal Fees	1,225.00	
Outside Contract Services	106,304.99	
Total Contract Services		113,069.99
Credit Card Processing Fees		852.16
Events Support Fees		2,356.72
Facilities and Equipment Rent, Parking, Utilities	3,890.00	
Total Facilities and Equipment		3,890.00
Humanitarian Project Support		588,399.68
Meals and Entertainment		575
Office Expense		5,649.11
Office Supplies		500
Operations		
Postage, Mailing Service	309.33	
Telephone, Telecommunications	571.52	
Total Operations		880.85
Permit and License Fee		1,062.78
Reconciliation Discrepancies		0
Travel and Meetings		
Conference, Convention, Meeting	4,000.00	
Travel, and advocacy for the Yazidi community	97,829.54	
Travel and Meetings - Other	3,417.00	
Total Travel and Meetings		105,246.54
Web Design		882
		1,114,519.27
Net Ordinary Income		56,093.93
Net Income		56,093.93

Summary of Yazda`s income for 2016. For full financial & auditory reports please contact us on info@yazda.org

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For further information about Yazda and Yazidi case, please visit the following websites/pages.

Website: www.yazda.org

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