About Nadia's Initiative

Nadia’s Initiative is dedicated to rebuilding communities in crisis and advocating globally for survivors of sexual violence. Nadia’s Initiative’s current work is focused on the sustainable re-development of the Yazidi homeland in Sinjar, where Nadia grew up. When ISIS launched their genocidal campaign, they not only killed and kidnapped Yazidis, but also destroyed the Yazidi homeland to ensure the community could never return.

Nadia’s Initiative works with the local community and a variety of implementing partners on the ground in Sinjar to design and support projects that promote the restoration of education, healthcare, livelihoods, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), and women’s empowerment in the region. All Nadia’s Initiative programs are community-driven and survivor centric, and work to promote long term peace-building. Nadia’s Initiative advocates for governments and international organizations to support efforts to rebuild Sinjar, seek justice for Yazidis, improve security in the region, and support survivors of sexual violence worldwide.
22 Projects Completed

5 Women’s Empowerment Projects
6 Schools Rehabilitated
1 WASH Restoration Project
6 Livelihoods Restoration Projects
4 Healthcare Initiatives
2018 Projects

**LIVELIHOODS**

RESTORATION OF 14 FARMS
Nadia’s Initiative’s first project on the ground in Sinjar provided selected farming beneficiaries with tools and irrigation materials, as well as seeds and plants.
- Beneficiaries: **143** individuals
- Support: Big Heart Foundation
- [Video](#) to learn more about this project

**HEALTHCARE**

REHABILITATION OF SINUNI GENERAL HOSPITAL SUPPLEMENT
Nadia’s Initiative worked with local NGO, Eyzidi Organization for Documentation, to repair Sinuni Hospital supplement, which is a part of Sinuni General Hospital.
- Beneficiaries: **10,000** residents
- Support: Nadia’s Initiative

**WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**

RELOCATION OF VULNERABLE YAZIDI WOMEN AND MINOR CHILDREN
Nadia’s Initiative worked with the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs’ Crisis and Support Centre to relocate vulnerable women and their minor children from Iraq to France over the span of a year and a half.
- Beneficiaries: **100** Yazidi women & **300+** minor Yazidi children
- Support: French Government
- [Video](#) to learn more about this project
2019 Projects

LIVELIHOODS

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSE FOR VULNERABLE FAMILY
Nadia’s Initiative built a new house for a family of nine who survived genocide and displacement only to return home to their destroyed and looted shelter. With local NGO Nabu, Nadia’s Initiative built a new house with electricity and WASH infrastructure and provided the family with needed household supplies.
- Beneficiaries: 9 individuals
- Support: Government of Flanders
- Video to learn more about this project

RESTORATION OF 32 FARMS
Nadia’s Initiative worked with implementing partner Dutch NGO Dorcas Aid International to rehabilitate 32 farms throughout the Sinjar region. The work of this project included repairing electricity connections and irrigation capacities and providing rain fed and irrigated agricultural inputs, such as seeds, fertilizers, cash for land preparation, and simple tools. Additionally, tailored training to enhance efficient production was provided.
- Beneficiaries: 250 individuals
- Support: Government of ROC (Taiwan)
- Video to learn more about this project
EDUCATION

REHABILITATION OF AL QURTABA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Nadia’s Initiative worked with local NGO Sunrise to rehabilitate Al Qurtaba Primary School in Dogri Complex, Sinjar. The school was rebuilt, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) infrastructure was restored, electricity was restored, and furniture and playground equipment were provided. The school is now completely operational.

- Beneficiaries: 550 students
- Support: Government of Flanders
- Video to learn more about this project

REHABILITATION OF HATIMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Nadia’s Initiative worked with local NGO Sunrise to rehabilitate Hatimia Primary School in Hatimia village, Sinjar. The school was rebuilt, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) infrastructure was restored, electricity was restored, and furniture and playground equipment were provided. The school is now completely operational.

- Beneficiaries: 80 students
- Support: Government of Flanders
- Video to learn more about this project

REHABILITATION OF TEL QASAB PRIMARY SCHOOL
Nadia’s Initiative worked with local NGO Nabu to rehabilitate Tel Qasab Primary School in Tel Qasab village, Sinjar. The school was rebuilt, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) infrastructure was restored, electricity was restored, and furniture and playground equipment were provided. The school is now completely operational.

- Beneficiaries: 14 students
- Support: Government of Flanders
- Video to learn more about this project

REHABILITATION OF WARDIYA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Nadia’s Initiative worked with local NGO Youth Bridge Organization and USAID to rehabilitate Wardiya Primary School in Wardiya village, Sinjar. The school was rebuilt, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) infrastructure was restored, electricity was restored, and furniture and playground equipment were provided. The school is now completely operational.

- Beneficiaries: 100 students
- Support: USAID
- Video to learn more about this project
HEALTHCARE

SURGICAL & MATERNITY WARD IN SINJAR HOSPITAL
Nadia’s Initiative worked with French NGO La Chaîne de l’Espoir to construct a new surgical ward and maternity ward in the existing Sinjar Hospital. Construction was coupled with provision of high-end medical equipment for the new facilities, which will now provide much needed emergency and maternal care to residents in the region.
- Beneficiaries: 10,000 residents
- Support: Government of France
- Video to learn more about this project

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOUSE FOR SURVIVORS OF ISIS CAPTIVITY
Nadia’s Initiative built a new house for a mother and daughter who survived ISIS captivity only to return home to their destroyed and looted shelter. With local NGO Nabu, Nadia’s Initiative built a new house with electricity and WASH infrastructure and provided the family with needed household supplies.
- Beneficiaries: 2 individuals
- Support: Government of Flanders
- Video to learn more about this project
Direct Beneficiaries

Since its founding, Nadia's Initiative has implemented numerous new projects each year. From a modest beginning of 3 projects in 2018, we expanded to 8 new projects in 2019 and grew again in 2020, with 11 new projects thus far this year. With each new project, Nadia's Initiative expands both its capacity and impact on the ground in Sinjar. In 2020, our reach expanded exponentially to approximately 65,000 direct beneficiaries.

Despite our increased outreach and impact, the needs in Sinjar remain immense. We at Nadia's Initiative will not rest until all Yazidis living in Sinjar and those still displaced are empowered to lead sustainable and dignified lives in their homeland.
2020 Projects

**WASH**

RESTORATION OF WASH SERVICES TO 6 VILLAGES IN NORTH SINJAR
Nadia’s Initiative is working with Dutch NGO Dorcas Aid International to restore WASH services and improve the potable water supply in six villages in North Sinjar.
- Beneficiaries: **61,437** residents
- Support: UAE Aid

**WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT TO FEMALE SURVIVORS & THEIR FAMILIES
Nadia’s Initiative is working with local NGO Nabu to provide 130 female survivors and their families with household goods, cash, and psychosocial support.
- Beneficiaries: **780** individuals
- Support: Government of Flanders
- Videos to learn more about this project
  - Phase I
  - Phase II
WOMEN’S
EMPOWERMENT

REHABILITATION OF
FEMALE-HEADED FARMING
HOUSEHOLDS

Nadia’s Initiative is working with Dutch NGO Dorcas Aid International to provide 345 female-headed households with tangible support and rehabilitation. Nadia’s initiative is providing beneficiaries with kitchen gardens, open field irrigated vegetable farming supplies, greenhouses, dairy cows, and cash support.

- Beneficiaries: 2,070 individuals
- Support: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)
- Videos to learn more about this project
  - Phase I
  - Phase II

SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING & SET-UP FOR FEMALE SURVIVORS

Nadia’s Initiative is working with IOM Iraq and Danish NGO Mission East to provide small business management training and set up, as well as psychosocial support to 55 female survivors throughout the Sinjar region.

- Beneficiaries: 55 survivors
- Support: Government of Japan
**EDUCATION**

**CONSTRUCTION OF BAHRAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Nadia’s Initiative worked with local NGO Eyzidi Organization for Documentation to build a new primary school in Bahrava village, Sinjar. The school was constructed, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) infrastructure was installed, electricity was installed, and furniture and playground equipment were provided. The school will resume operations in October 2020.
- Beneficiaries: **150** students
- Support: Government of Belgium
- [Video](#) to learn more about this project

**REHABILITATION OF AL'SHAKOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Nadia’s Initiative worked with local NGO Youth Bridge Organization and USAID to build a new primary school in Al'Shakow village, Sinjar. The school was constructed, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) infrastructure was installed, electricity was installed, and furniture and playground equipment were provided. The school will resume operations in October 2020.
- Beneficiaries: **500** students
- Support: USAID
- [Video](#) to learn more about this project
LIVELIHOODS

RESTORATION OF ELECTRICITY IN SINJAR
Nadia’s Initiative worked with USAID to restore electricity by installing 17 transformers in six locations throughout Sinjar, Iraq.
- Beneficiaries: 40,000 residents
- Support: USAID
- Video to learn more about this project

REHABILITATION OF AL’TAAKHI PARK
Nadia’s Initiative worked with USAID to rehabilitate Al’Taakhi park in Sinjar City. The space will provide residents in the area with a safe place to gather.
- Beneficiaries: 18,000 residents
- Support: USAID

PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS TO VULNERABLE FAMILIES
Nadia’s Initiative worked with USAID to rehabilitate Al’Taakhi park in Sinjar City. The space will provide residents in the area with a safe place to gather.
- Beneficiaries: 35,000 residents
- Support: USAID, Nadia’s Initiative, Millie’s Bookshelf
- Video to learn more about this project
HEALTHCARE

NEW SINJAR HOSPITAL
Nadia’s Initiative is working with French NGO Chaîne de l’Espoir to construct and equip an entirely new comprehensive medical center in Sinjar that will provide maternal, pediatric, emergency, surgical, pharmaceutical, mental health, and intensive care to all residents in the region.
- Beneficiaries: 110,000 residents
- Support: French Government
- Video to learn more about this project

PROVISION OF PPE TO HOSPITALS
In response to COVID-19, Nadia’s Initiative worked with the Municipalities of Sinjar and Sinuni to disinfect towns and villages and distribute personal protective equipment for primary health clinics and hospitals.
- Beneficiaries: 10,000 residents
- Support: Nadia’s Initiative
- Video to learn more about this project
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