Advocacy Overview
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.
Nadia’s Initiative is on a mission to create a world where women are able to live peacefully, and where communities that have experienced trauma and suffering are supported and redeveloped.

Nadia’s Initiative advocates globally on behalf of survivors of sexual violence and women in conflict-settings. We work to end the use of women and girls as weapons of war and to ensure survivors’ voices are heard. We seek justice by fighting to hold perpetrators accountable for their crimes and enabling survivors to heal and rebuild their lives. Nadia’s Initiative also advocates to ensure that communities in crisis are not forgotten by working to restore basic resources, services, and security.
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SECURITY

DEMINING OF SINJAR, IRAQ
In 2014, ISIS deployed improved explosive devices and landmines on an industrial scale in Iraq. ISIS targeted vast areas of agricultural lands around villages, as well as key infrastructure. Explosives were placed in peoples’ homes, schools, and medical facilities. Nadia’s Initiative works with the Mine’s Advisory Group (MAG) to de-mine more than 2.6 million square meters of land in Sinjar, Iraq.

JUSTICE

UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2379
Nadia Murad and the Nadia’s Initiative team were instrumental in drafting and passing of UN Security Council Resolution 2379. The resolution called for the creation of an Investigative Team, headed by a Special Adviser, to support domestic efforts to hold ISIL (Da’esh) accountable by collecting, preserving, and storing evidence in Iraq of acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed by the terrorist group ISIL (Da’esh) in Iraq.
- **Watch** Nadia Murad’s UN speech calling to bring ISIS to justice
2019 Advocacy

JUSTICE

PROSECUTION OF ISIS MILITANT’S WIFE IN GERMANY
Nadia’s Initiative is working with Barrister Amal Clooney to represent the mother of a Yazidi child who was held as an ISIS slave and killed. The wife of the ISIS militant is on trial in Germany for letting the child die of thirst in the scorching heat. The trial is part of Nadia’s Initiative’s ongoing work with Amal Clooney and her legal team to hold ISIS perpetrators accountable.

- Read more about the trial

EVIDENCE COLLECTION OF ISIS CRIMES
Nadia’s Initiative is working closely with the UNITAD team to push for the exhumation of mass graves in Sinjar, Iraq to collect evidence of ISIS’s crimes against the Yazidi people. While over 82 mass graves have been discovered in Sinjar so far, only 14 have been exhumed. Nadia’s Initiative advocates for the ongoing and expedited exhumation of the graves.
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UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2467
Nadia’s Initiative’s worked with the German Mission to the UN to help draft and pass UN Security Council Resolution 2467 in April 2019. The resolution expands the UN’s commitments to end sexual violence in conflict and emphasizes a survivor-centric approach to justice and accountability.

- Watch Nadia Murad’s UN speech in support of the resolution

SURVIVORS OF CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE
Nadia’s Initiative worked with the Mukwege Foundation to establish the Global Survivors Fund, of which both Nadia Murad and Dr. Denis Mukwege are co-founders and board members. The Fund, which was officially launched in October 2019, works to ensure the survivors of conflict-related sexual violence globally have access to reparations and other forms of redress.

- Learn more about the Fund

FRANCE’S GENDER ADVISORY COUNCIL
Nadia Murad is a member of France’s Gender Advisory Council. Nadia, with the support of the Nadia’s Initiative team, advocates G7 member states to adopt legislation that protects and promotes women’s rights.

- Learn more about the GEAC
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MURAD CODE
Nadia’s Initiative worked with the Institute for International Criminal Investigations and the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative of the UK government to establish the Murad Code, named after Nadia Murad. The Code is a global consultative initiative aimed at building and supporting a community of better practice for, with, and concerning survivors of conflict-related sexual violence. Its key objective is to respect and support survivors’ rights and to ensure work with survivors to investigate, document, and record their experiences is safer, more ethical, and more effective in upholding their human rights.

- Learn more about the Murad Code
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