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1. Elle Magazine: The Warriors

Mission:

“The Warriors’ is a year-long reporting project by ELLE and the Fuller Project for International Reporting, funded by the European Journalism Centre via its Innovation in Development Reporting Grant Programme.”

Website: <https://www.elle.com/uk/life-and-culture/longform/a41179/the-warriors/>

2. Yazda: Global Yazidi Organization

Mission:

“Victims of the 2014 genocide need an ongoing medical, humanitarian and psychological support which Yazda commits to provide through its administrative support program. Since June 2016, Yazda has provided administrative support to over 1,600 individuals, mainly in assisting in administrative processes.”

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3. The Global Justice Center

Mission:

“GJC believes in a global rule of law based on gender equality. We know gender inequality is often the root cause of conflict and instability around the world. To combat this we work to dismantle embedded patriarchal structures in legal and political systems globally.

We brainstorm, incubate, develop and publish groundbreaking international law analyses to generate global consensus and achieve radical change. We choose legal initiatives that we believe will have the biggest impact on structural and normative changes: women’s access to justice and women’s access to power. These legal initiatives can then serve as models and precedents for women and democracy leaders.”

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4. Free Yezidi Foundation

Mission:

“The Free Yezidi Foundation is a politically independent non-profit organisation designed to assist Yezidis in need. It was founded shortly after terrorists attempted to eradicate the Yezidi people in August 2014 in Iraq. The Free Yezidi Foundation seeks to implement projects to protect and support the most vulnerable members of the Yezidi community. It also tries to create international awareness of the plight of the Yezidis and how to ethically address their concerns.”

The Free Yezidi Foundation Justice Project

“Our project has a long-term goal of combating impunity for war crimes, including rape, torture and trafficking in persons and countering violent extremism. There is a critical need to collect evidence of these crimes in a timely manner, using a victim-centric approach, and to build those cases in collaboration with relevant European and Iraqi/Kurdish authorities.

Our approach is designed to empower the Yezidi survivors in their quest for justice. Beneficiaries of the program include the women and girls who survived ISIS, the broader

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Yezidi community, and other survivors of conflict-related sexual and gender based violence.”

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5. Nadia’s Initiative, Nonprofit

Mission:

“Founded in September of 2016, Nadia’s Initiative is dedicated to rebuilding communities in crisis and advocating for victims of sexual violence. Through its two initiatives, Sinjar Action Fund (SAF) and Survivors Action Response (SAR), Nadia’s Initiative challenges world leaders to act – to make “never again” a reality, not an empty promise. Words without action inflict the same harm and suffering as the perpetrators of mass atrocities and sexual violence.”

Nadia’s Bio:

“When Nadia was just twenty-one years old... Islamic State militants massacred the people of her village, executing men who refused to convert to Islam and women too old to become sex slaves. Six of Nadia’s brothers were killed, and her mother soon after, their bodies swept into mass graves. Nadia was taken to Mosul and forced, along with thousands of other Yazidi girls, into the ISIS slave trade.

Nadia would be held captive by several militants and repeatedly raped and beaten. Finally, she managed a narrow escape through the streets of Mosul, finding shelter in the home of a Sunni Muslim family whose eldest son risked his life to smuggle her to safety.”

Survivors Action Response (SAR):

“Sexual violence knows no geographic boundaries and occurs with disturbing frequency – not just as a weapon of war. Nadia’s Initiative supports and develops initiatives that focus on justice for survivors – both formally and informally. Programs developed and supported by Nadia’s Initiative are survivor centric and put the well-being of survivors and communities at the forefront of all initiatives.”

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