

The [launch event](#) was designed to bring together diverse actors, including UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Dr. Alice Edwards who provided [keynote remarks](#), to mobilise shared commitment to supporting effective implementation of the YSL. The collaborative efforts and shared insights underscored the commitment to providing rehabilitation for survivors of ISIL crimes.

In light of the increasing mental health crisis among Yazidis, highlighted by Dr. Kizilhan's research, it is imperative that the Iraqi government, civil society organizations and international community work together to put in place a sustainable quality rehabilitation system. Such a system should provide comprehensive mental health care, social support, and economic opportunities to help survivors rebuild their lives.

“Research has shown that the rates of suicidal thoughts and PTSD are high among survivors,” says Suzan Mohammed Hassen, a member of C4JR’s Rehabilitation Working Group. “This indicates that survivors still need support.” Suzan has published research in [the International Journal of Social Psychiatry](#) on post-traumatic stress disorder and gender among the Yazidi population after the traumatic events caused by ISIL, which found a statistically significant association between gender with trauma and PTSD.

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