



ONLINE SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR YAZIDI COMMUNITY



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The Yazidi Community

- Religion
- Mostly agrarian community from Iraq

The Yazidi Genocide

- 2014
- Thousands killed or taken into captivity
- Genocide is ongoing



JIAS's Work with Refugees

- 2017
- SAH (Sponsorship Agreement Holder)
- Private sponsorship model



Yazidi Community in the GTA

- 250 people
- 50-60 kids in grades 1-9
- Little or no prior access to education
- Growing educational gap with virtual school

JIAS Virtual School Support Program



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- Flexibility made it happen!

Overcoming Perceived Barriers to Services

- Providing online program to largely illiterate population
- Limited ability to access technology
- Learned more about the capabilities of individuals

Benefits of Online Format

- Built trust with the community
- Increased computer literacy
- Opportunities for further programming
- Increased rate of participation

Literacy Acquisition

- From Individual to Community level lens
- Informed JIAS programming priorities



Set Foundation for Future Programming

- Literacy Tutoring Program
- Parent Group

Summary of Lessons Learned

- Overcoming perceived barriers
- Built trust with the community
- Shift in lens from individual challenges to community issues
- Set foundation for future programming