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CENTRE FOR WAR REPARATIONS



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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Reflecting on a year of new cases, voices and recognition.



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By Irma Van Den Berg

A year of cases, voices, and recognition.



Irma van den Berg
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

2025 was an important year for the Nuhanovic Foundation. We solidified and expanded our role as specialized, survivor-centered legal actor in the Dutch context, but we also explored new avenues.

Across the three pillars that the Foundation works on – litigation support, advice and information, and research and impact measurement – significant work was done and meaningful progress was made, as is detailed in this annual report.

A few developments are visible. While litigation is the basis and the core of the work of the Foundation, we have been increasingly focusing on supporting victims and survivors in other ways, through public engagement, storytelling and awareness raising initiatives. The ongoing digitalisation of our work is obvious, ensuring that important data is stored and shared with interested parties and the larger public. And our approach is becoming more and more proactive: we want to actively set in motion – together with our partners - investigations, research and survivor support, while actively engaging with survivor communities.

> *Access to justice is not only dependent on procedures, but also on guidance, information, coordination and perseverance.*

All things considered, in 2025 cases became more complex, but also more visible. The Foundation played a pivotal role in increasing that visibility.

– IRMA VAN DEN BERG, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

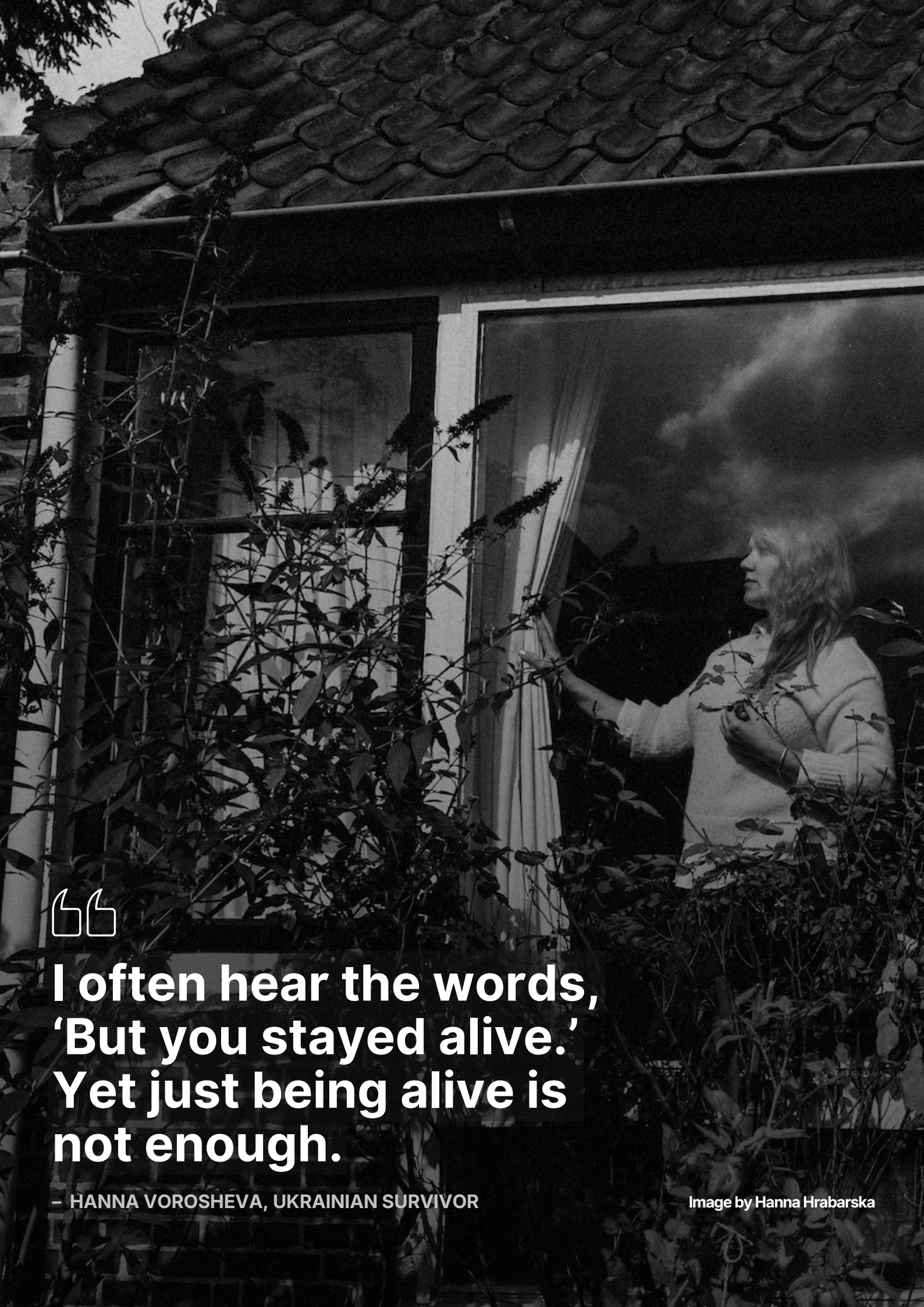
Two new initiatives, that underscore these developments, were launched in 2025. First, we developed the **Litigation Tracker**, which monitored and reported on every ongoing Dutch trial regarding allegations of war crimes, crimes against humanity or related grave abuses. Second, we launched **'Justice: From War to Democracy and Freedom'**, a public storytelling and awareness raising campaign running from September 2025 to May 2026. Featuring survivors Hanna Vorosheva, Hasan and Nasiha Nuhanovic, Alaa Abdel Qader and Fawziya Zandinan, this campaign aims to bring their lived experiences and testimonies to the centre of public discussions regarding international crimes. Their stories demonstrate how important accountability is and make tangible what holistic survivor support can do.

As an organization, the Foundation has grown considerably as well. The team expanded in 2025, and two new members joined the board, Selim Faroque and myself. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank our director, Hope Rikkelman, and her team for their work in 2025. We also thank Tosca Urbanus and Kate Clark, who served as chair and member of the board for many years, and left in 2025. They have both contributed in many ways to the Foundation. A final thank you goes to our partners, donors, collaborators and supporters, without whom the Foundation's work would not be possible.

In 2026, we will continue to underscore that having access to justice is not only dependent on procedures, but also on guidance, information, coordination and perseverance. We will initiate new cases, and continue to support and monitor existing ones. As is evident in the cases that follow in this report – from Hawija to Srebrenica, from Kerkrade to Chalatenango – cases like these are not abstractions. They are decades-long pursuits by survivors who have refused to let injustice settle into silence.

Our work is to walk alongside them.

Irma van den Berg
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



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I often hear the words, ‘But you stayed alive.’ Yet just being alive is not enough.

– HANNA VOROSHEVA, UKRAINIAN SURVIVOR

Image by Hanna Hrabarska

A SHORT NOTE ON WHO WE ARE

A future in which survivors are not sidelined

The Foundation was established in the wake of the landmark Srebrenica litigation initiated by Hasan Nuhanovic and Alma Mustafic against the Dutch State. Their pursuit of truth, accountability and redress demonstrated both the importance of legal action and the burden often placed on survivors who seek justice.



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Since 2012, the Foundation has supported survivors of conflict and atrocity through litigation, legal knowledge and survivor-centred advocacy. Over time, this work has expanded into a broader infrastructure for justice, including legal networks for affected communities and partnerships with lawyers, researchers and civil society organisations in the Netherlands and beyond.

Today, the Foundation works with survivor communities connected to cases relating to, among others, Bosnia, Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Ukraine, Suriname, Afghanistan, Rwanda and El Salvador. Our work is grounded in one central principle: justice processes should be more accessible, better informed by survivors, and more responsive to the harm they have suffered.

01

Mission

To support survivors of international crimes and grave human rights violations with a link to the Netherlands in accessing justice, accountability and reparation, and in exercising their right to seek redress.

02

Vision

A future in which survivors of international crimes are not sidelined within justice processes, but can participate in them meaningfully and pursue recognition, accountability and redress.

03

Strategy

Three connected pillars – litigation support, advice & information, and research & impact – reinforced in 2025 by two new initiatives: the Litigation Tracker, and storytelling-led public engagement.

Three pillars, two new initiatives

In 2025, two activities further strengthened the Foundation's three-pillar model. The ***Litigation Tracker*** expanded independent trial-monitoring, while the campaign ***Justice: From War to Democracy and Freedom*** invested more directly in public understanding of justice.

I. **Litigation Support:** Supporting strategic civil and criminal cases, helping remove practical and financial barriers, and strengthening survivor participation.

II. **Advice & Information Centre:** Providing survivors and communities with access to legal information, referrals and practical pathways to support.

III. **Research & Impact Measurement.** Building knowledge on reparations, litigation and survivor experience to strengthen both legal strategy and institutional practice.

\+ **Litigation Tracker (new, 2025):** Independent monitoring of all ongoing Dutch trials concerning war crimes, crimes against humanity, and grave abuses.

\+ **Justice: From War to Democracy and Freedom (new, 2025–2026):** A public storytelling campaign placing survivors at the centre of how international justice is discussed and resourced.

Where we work

Countries connected to ongoing or past cases supported by the Foundation.



- Afghanistan
- Bosnia
- Colombia
- El Salvador
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Kurdistan
- Netherlands
- Palestine
- Rwanda
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Syria
- Ukraine


Support
our work
This year, The Nuhanovic Foundation is raising €2
to expand the Nuhanovic Fund for Legal Action.
From civil claims against the Dutch State to evide
based accountability for war criminals on Dutch s
help survivors access the justice they deserve.
Donate today.
Help us ensure that survivors pursuin
and accountability are not left to do i
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ULN UKRAINE LEGAL NETWORK
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fonds
Allemansrecht
HAELLA foundation
Know more
Justice Dialogue #1 – Ukraine: Just Peace
Dr. Anya Neistat (L), President of Interjust, in conversation with
Hope Rlkkelman (R), Director of the Nuhanovic Foundation.

2025, at a glance

A year of new cases, growing networks and expanded reach.

Six measures of the Foundation's work 2025 – across litigation support, research, survivor networks, and the storytelling campaign.

STRATEGIC CASES SUPPORTED **10+** Civil and criminal proceedings across Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Suriname, Afghanistan, Ukraine, the Yazidi community and El Salvador.	TRIALS MONITORED VIA LITIGATION TRACKER **5** All ongoing Dutch proceedings concerning war crimes, crimes against humanity, and grave abuses.	ACTIVE SURVIVOR-LED LEGAL NETWORKS **3** Syria Legal Network (2016), Yazidi Legal Network (2019), Ukraine Legal Network (2023).
PUBLIC EVENTS & CAMPAIGN PORTRAITS **4 + 3** Four Justice Journeys survivor portraits and three Justice Dialogues across the campaign window.	CAMPAIGN VIEWS – DIGITAL **170k+** During the campaign period, September 2025 → April 2026.	FUNDS RAISED DURING CAMPAIGN **€10k+** Across 100+ donations toward a €20,000 target – funding legal consultations, translation, investigations, and survivor support sessions.

Eight moments that defined the year

01. **Growing partnership with the Dutch War Crimes Unit:** The Foundation consolidated its role in the Dutch international crimes landscape and deepened its partnership with the Dutch War Crimes Unit – including contributions to its victim-support protocol.

02. **Continued litigation support:** Continued support for a broad portfolio of strategic civil and criminal cases involving international crimes, war crimes and reparations.

03. **Litigation milestones:** The verdict in the Kerkrade case was upheld, victims in the Hawija case received an apology from the Dutch state for the 2015 airstrike, and the verdict in the IKON case delivered accountability after four decades of impunity.

04. **Supporting survivors every step of the way:** Sustained survivor-centred support in work relating to Syria, the Yazidi community, Palestine, Ukraine, Iraq, Suriname, Afghanistan and El Salvador.

05. **Launch of Litigation Tracker:** The Foundation bridged the gap between courtroom proceedings and public understanding by monitoring and reporting on all ongoing Dutch trials concerning international crimes.

06. **Closing the information gap:** The Foundation expanded its Advice & Information Centre and continued the growth of its survivor-led legal networks, including the Ukraine Legal Network.

07. **Growth of research pillar:** New research partnerships with universities and law clinics focused on survivor perspectives, domestic prosecution and accountability pathways.

08. **Launch of *Justice: From War to Democracy and Freedom*:** A six-month public campaign combining survivor-led storytelling, public events and fundraising, placing survivors' experiences at the centre of how international justice is understood and discussed.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Litigation Support

Strategic civil and criminal cases – and the survivor participation, coordination and legal support that make them possible.

FEATURING CASES CONCERNING CRIMES COMMITTED IN

Palestine
Syria
Iraq
Afghanistan
Suriname
El Salvador
Ukraine



LITIGATION SUPPORT

A specialist position in the Dutch international crimes landscape

Litigation remains at the core of the Foundation's work. In 2025, we continued to support survivors and legal teams in a wide range of civil and criminal proceedings, while strengthening the systems that allow survivors to participate meaningfully.

A key development has been the Foundation's role as an official civil-society partner of the Dutch War Crimes Unit, and a central civil-society partner within its victim support structure. Since 2024, we have contributed expertise to the Unit's victim-support work and to the development of its victim-support protocol.

Survivor-centred approach

The Nuhanovic Foundation’s institutional position reflects its distinctive profile: a survivor-centred legal actor with specialist knowledge of international crimes proceedings in the Dutch context.

INCOMING REQUESTS

50+

Requests received for legal advice and litigation support, financial support, or referrals.

In 2025, the Foundation supported or followed work connected to cases concerning Palestine, Iraq, Suriname, Syria, Afghanistan, the Yazidi community, Ukraine and El Salvador.

Some cases remained in long-running procedural phases; others moved into more public or substantive stages.

Across these proceedings, the Foundation's role went beyond funding alone – it included survivor outreach, logistical coordination, trial monitoring, translation and accessibility work, legal referrals, media support, and cooperation and collaboration with practitioners and institutions. This integrated model remains central to how the Foundation works.

Litigation must be treated not as an isolated legal process, but as part of a broader ecosystem of survivor support, public accountability and institutional learning.

– THE NUHANOVIC FOUNDATION, 2025

Selected case developments

The following cases were selected to illustrate the range and depth of the Foundation's litigation support in 2025. Each case represents months or years of survivor-centred legal, logistical and coordination work.



PALESTINE

Ziada Case

Following the dismissal of the case by the Dutch Supreme Court, the matter is now before the European Court of Human Rights. In 2025, the Dutch government submitted further observations and the claimant's response was filed.



PALESTINE

Corporate accountability cases

The Foundation continued to support confidential investigations and pre-trial work concerning alleged corporate complicity in violations of international humanitarian law, including the Booking.com complaint and other Palestine-related matters.



IRAQ

Hawija Case

The Foundation continued supporting victims and survivor participation in the civil proceedings. In 2025, the Dutch government apologised for the civilian harm caused by the 2015 airstrike, following the findings of the Sorgdrager Commission.



Access to justice is the only thing that Palestinians can hope for after all the violations they have suffered.

– **FRANCESCA ALBANESE,**

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES,
SPEAKING AT AN EVENT CO-ORGANISED BY THE NUHANOVIC FOUNDATION



SYRIA

Kerkrade, Arkel and Shildon Cases

The Foundation continued survivor and witness support, monitoring and public outreach across all three Syria-related cases. In August 2025, the Hague Court of Appeal upheld the conviction in the Kerkrade case (Mustafa A. / Liwa al-Quds) and increased the sentence to 13 years. The case is likely to proceed to the Supreme Court in 2026. The Arkel and Shildon cases remain in pre-trial stages, with substantive hearings expected in 2026.



SYRIA / YAZIDI

Hasna A. Case

The December 2024 verdict marked the first Dutch conviction for slavery as a crime against humanity. The defendant was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, exceeding the Prosecutor's request of 8 years. In 2025, the Foundation and the Yazidi Legal Network continued supporting access, legal coordination and community communication ahead of the appeal trial scheduled for February 2026.



SURINAME

December Murders Case

The Foundation remained committed to supporting families of the December killings before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights despite limited procedural movement, following the death of Desi Bouterse in hiding in December 2024.



I am relieved that finally justice has been spoken, after 43 years of waiting and fighting. It feels a bit surreal. May this be a forebode to justice for all victims of the civil war in El Salvador.

– SASKIA TER LAAG, FAMILY MEMBER OF A VICTIM IN IKON CASE

Image Credit
Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken / Nederlandse ambassade voor El Salvador



AFGHANISTAN

Chora Case

The Foundation continued to follow the compensation phase after the 2022 ruling that the Dutch bombing in Chora was unlawful. The court's ruling on compensation is yet to be delivered.



EL SALVADOR

The IKON Case

In June 2025, three former senior officials were convicted for the 1982 killing of four Dutch journalists – Koos Koster, Jan Kuiper, Hans ter Laag and Joop Willemsen – in Chalatenango. Each was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. The Foundation contributed to national and international awareness and supported victims' families during the proceedings together with REDRESS and local partners.



UKRAINE

Sanctions and torture cases

The Foundation continued to support confidential sanctions-related and torture-related matters connected to Ukraine, with a focus on case-building, survivor support, and coordination with partners.



SPOTLIGHT · Event

The Nuhanovic Foundation at ASP24

The Nuhanovic Foundation participated in the 24th session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP24) to the International Criminal Court, engaging in key discussions on accountability, cooperation, and survivor-centred justice alongside States, international organisations, and civil society actors.

Know more

ACTIVITY REPORT

Justice processes, made visible.

A new public-record initiative documenting every ongoing Dutch trial on war crimes, crimes against humanity and related grave abuses.

FEATURED CASES

Pearce Desoto Lincoln Ardech Chico

NEW IN 2025

A public record of all Dutch proceedings concerning international crimes

In 2025, the Foundation further developed its **Litigation Tracker** to make Dutch proceedings on international crimes more visible, understandable and accessible. The tracker does not provide legal representation.

Instead, it focuses on independent observation and public reporting on proceedings of significant relevance to survivor communities and the wider public.

Five linked goals: improving access, strengthening transparency, documenting proceedings, highlighting accountability gaps, and connecting courtrooms to the broader social context.

– **OBJECTIVES OF THE LITIGATION TRACKER**

NEW IN 2025

During 2025, the Foundation monitored all ongoing Dutch trials concerning allegations of war crimes, crimes against humanity, or related grave abuses. Through public summaries and multilingual outreach and communication to affected communities, the tracker helped make these proceedings more legible to audiences that would otherwise have limited access to them.

Monitored cases

Pearce Case / District Court of Zwolle

Case concerning a suspect accused of leading a human smuggling criminal organisation operating in the Netherlands, Italy, and/or Libya.
Judgment scheduled for 27 January 2026.

Desoto Case / District Court of The Hague

Case against an individual suspected of being involved in an attack and looting in Gatobotobo, Rwanda, during the 1994 genocide.
Substantive hearings in June 2026.

Lincoln Case / District Court of Rotterdam

Case concerning a Dutch national currently in detention while facing charges linked to her involvement with ISIS.
Substantive hearings in March 2026.

Ardech Investigation / District Court of The Hague

Case concerning an individual suspected of (co-) perpetrating acts of genocide against Tutsis in Mugina, Rwanda, in 1994.
Substantive trial expected in late 2026.

Chico Case / District Court of The Hague

Case against a Dutch national facing charges related to membership of a terrorist organization and the war crime of pillaging.
Appeal trial in 2026.



Vlnr: Fawziya Zandinan, Saif Mito en Sepan Ajo voor de rechtbank op Schiphol. Foto Bram Petraeus

Reportage Hoger beroep Hasna A.

Yezidi's bij hoger beroep tegen Syriëganger Hasna A. 'Ik ben blij dat de rollen zijn omgekeerd'

Dorien Pels 10 februari 2026, 06:00

Bewaren Delen

SPOTLIGHT · Media Feature

In an article published in Trouw, Yazidi survivors shared why being present for hearings in the landmark Hasna A. case mattered to them: *not as observers, but to be seen and heard.*

Read the full feature on **trouw.nl**

ACTIVITY REPORT

Closing the information gap.

Survivor-led legal networks, referral pathways for survivors, the Access to Justice Toolkit, and a deep-dive on the Ukraine Legal Network.

ADVICE & INFORMATION

A survivor-first information source

Survivors of international crimes often face fragmented information, limited legal guidance, and a lack of clear pathways to support. The Advice & Information Centre exists to reduce those barriers.

Legal Networks

A distinctive feature the Foundation's work is the legal network model, which brings together survivors, community members, lawyers and human rights actors to connect affected communities to legal knowledge, support and justice pathways.

In 2025, the Foundation and its partner networks responded to dozens of requests for support. This included providing legal information, facilitating referrals, helping identify representation, connecting survivors to psychosocial support, and supporting practical engagement with justice mechanisms in the Netherlands and beyond.

Access To Justice Toolkit

The Foundation also continued developing the ***Access to Justice Toolkit***, a survivor-first information platform designed to combine curated expertise with generative AI to make legal and practical information easier to access in survivors' own languages. The aim is not to replace legal advice, but to make trustworthy information easier to find and easier to use.

> *Thank you for helping people like myself who are lost in understanding how to restore documents. I'm grateful for your support, as this is my "second war" and relocation – first from Donetsk to Zaporizhzhia, then from Zaporizhzhia abroad.*
>
> **– SOFIA**
> UKRAINIAN SURVIVOR WHO CONTACTED ULN FOR ADVICE AND LEGAL SUPPORT



PROJECT HIGHLIGHT · UKRAINE LEGAL NETWORK

A survivor-led legal network

Ukraine Legal Network (ULN) remained a major part of the Foundation's survivor support work in 2025. As the war continued, ULN focused on helping survivors in the Netherlands better understand and access available justice mechanisms, while also bringing survivor perspectives into legal and policy debates.

01. **Survivor Support Centre**
ULN responded to questions from Ukrainian survivors and helped them navigate legal and non-legal support options.

02. **Case-building work**
Criminal accountability and sanctions-related cases with a link to the Netherlands.

03. **Engagement with the Register of Damage**
ULN organised events and network meetings to support engagement with the Register of Damage for Ukraine.

04. **Advocacy**
Forums and stakeholder discussions to ensure survivor perspectives were represented in justice debates.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT · UKRAINE LEGAL NETWORK

Victims' Perspective Barometer

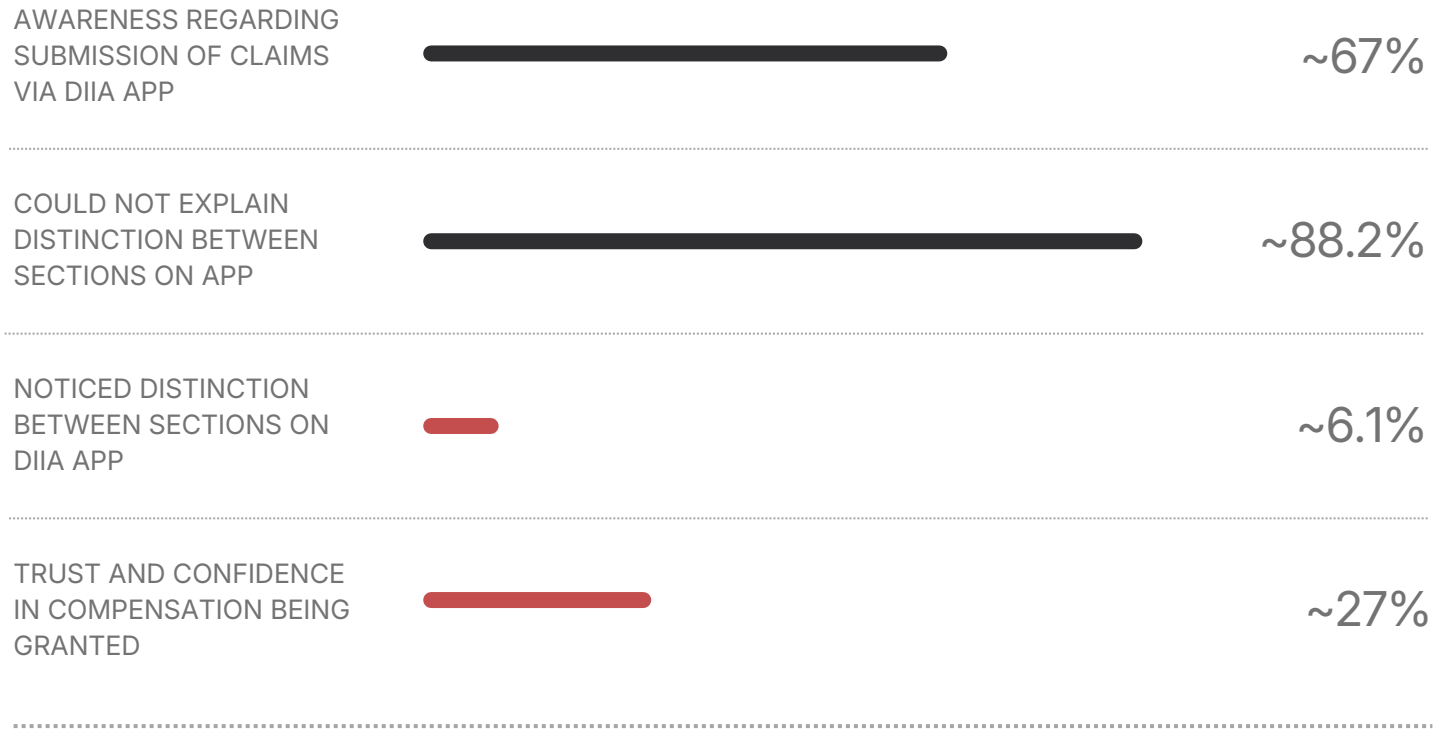
In 2025, ULN concluded its survey on awareness of and engagement with the Register of Damage. The research showed strong general awareness of the right to seek compensation, but also significant confusion around digital pathways and the distinction between national and international mechanisms.

212
VALIDATED RESPONSES

94.2%
VALIDATION RATE

88.2%
COULD NOT EXPLAIN DISTINCTION BETWEEN SECTIONS ON APP

6.1%
NOTICED ERESTORATION/ COMPENSATION DISTINCTION



ACTIVITY REPORT

Research & Impact Measurement

Three research collaborations that shaped the Foundation's strategy in 2025 – survivor perspectives, Syrian prosecutions, and the hidden wars of Somalia and Libya.

FEATURED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Qualitative reseach project with VU Amsterdam
- Syrian cases in Dutch courts
- Hidden wars in Africa

RESEARCH & IMPACT MEASUREMENT

Survivor perspectives, Syrian prosecutions, and hidden wars

The Foundation's research work is intended to strengthen both legal practice and survivor-centred strategy.

In 2025, this took shape through collaborations with academic partners, law clinics and researchers working on questions of justice, reparations and survivor participation.

SYRIA

Dutch cases concerning crimes committed in Syria



The Foundation contributed to legal research on the domestic Dutch prosecution of crimes committed in Syria, focusing on recurring legal and evidentiary challenges in these proceedings – including jurisdiction, prosecutorial admissibility, interpretation of crimes such as pillage and outraging personal dignity, and the assessment of witness testimony.

SURVIVOR PERSPECTIVES

Yazidi and Ukrainian survivors on agency, justice, and participation

A qualitative project with students at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam explored how Yazidi and Ukrainian survivors understand justice, agency and participation. A key finding from the project was the importance of agency, with survivors consistently emphasising the importance of defining justice on their own terms.

in partnership with

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

MIGRATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

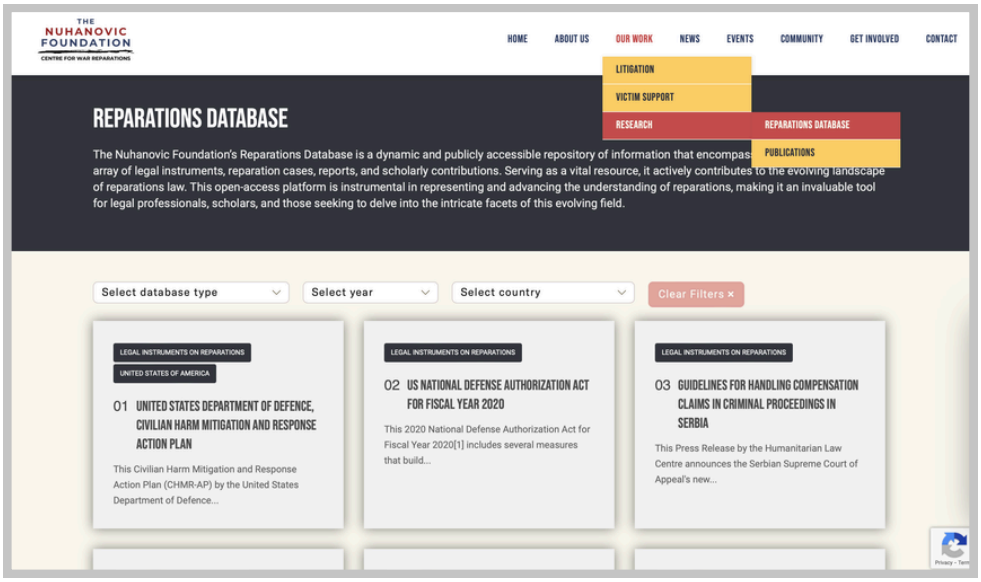
Hidden Wars in Africa

In collaboration with the Radboud Law Clinic, the Foundation supported the *Hidden Wars in Africa* project, examining Somalia and Libya with a focus on human rights violations, migration routes, diaspora communities and potential accountability approaches – informing the Foundation's litigation and advocacy work concerning migration-related international crimes.

in partnership with

Radboud Universiteit

> Research is used not as a parallel track, but as a tool to sharpen litigation, improve referral pathways, and better understand what justice processes mean in practice for those most affected.
>
> **- OUR APPROACH TO RESEARCH**



Reparations Database

The Foundation also continued to maintain and develop its ***Reparations Database*** as a public knowledge resource for lawyers, survivor organisations and others working on questions of remedy, accountability and redress.

STORYTELLING & AWARENESS RAISING

Justice: From War to Democracy and Freedom.

Placing the lived experiences of survivors at the centre of how international justice is understood and discussed.

FEATURED PROFILES

Hanna Vorosheva

Hasan & Nasiha Nuhanovic

Alaa Abdel Qader

Fawziya Zandinan











SEPTEMBER 2025 → APRIL 2026

Placing the lived experiences of survivors at the centre of how international justice is understood and discussed

In September 2025, the Foundation launched ***Justice: From War to Democracy and Freedom***, a six-month public engagement and awareness raising campaign designed to bring the lived experiences of survivors of international crimes to broader public audiences.

ACTIVITY 1

My Journey To Justice

Four visual survivor portraits, each created in collaboration with an acclaimed photographer. Published sequentially between September 2025 and April 2026.

ACTIVITY 2

Justice Dialogues

A programme of three public events combining film, expert discussion and survivor testimony – in partnership with established cultural and academic institutions.

ACTIVITY 3

Legal Network Justice Talks

Five closed, community-focused meetings, providing safe and informal spaces for legal exchange, survivor engagement, and networking.

ACTIVITY 4

Fundraising

A fundraising appeal through the Nuhanovic Fund for Legal Action, targeting €20,000 to support survivors in accessing Dutch and international courts.

Campaign Partners

We are grateful for the generosity and support of our partners who helped us make this campaign a reality.

SURVIVOR PORTRAITS

My Journey To Justice

At the heart of the campaign were four intimate visual and written portraits of survivors. All four profiles were published by March 2026, completing the series as planned. A selected photograph from each was displayed at the Amsterdam Law Hub.



Hanna Vorosheva

Ukrainian survivor

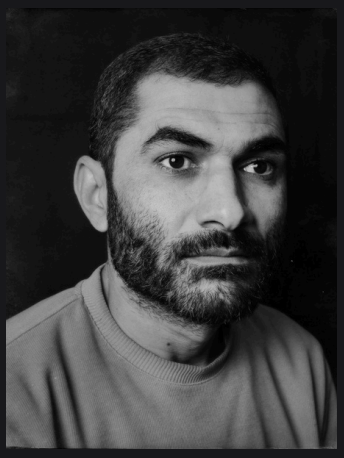
BY
HANNA HRABARSKA



Hasan & Nasiha Nuhanovic

Srebrenica genocide survivors.

BY
FEBE MEIJNEN



Alaa Abdel Qader

Survivor of airstrike on Hawija, Iraq.

BY
SAKIR KHADER



Fawziya Zandinan

Yazidi survivor, Iraq.

BY
MONA VAN DEN BERG

JUSTICE DIALOGUE SERIES

Making justice tangible for wider audiences

The Justice Dialogue series brought together survivors, legal experts, civil society actors and the broader public through film, panel discussion and survivor testimony – in partnership with established cultural and academic institutions.



DIALOGUE #1

Ukraine: Just Peace

IDFA Documentary Pavilion

Co-organised with the Ukraine Legal Network at the IDFA Documentary Pavilion, the event featured a screening of The Cranes Call, followed by a public discussion with Dr. Anya Neistat, President of Interjust.

100+
In Person Participants



DIALOGUE #2

Hawija Victims v. the Dutch State

De Balie, Amsterdam

Marking International Human Rights Day, this discussion featured Liesbeth Zegveld, Lauren Gould, Erin Bijl and Jannie Schipper, with survivor Alaa Abdel Qader at the centre of the discussion.

65+
In Person Participants

~300
Livestream Viewers



DIALOGUE #3

Justice Beyond Borders

Utrecht University

This dialogue brought together students, legal professionals, policymakers, civil society and survivors to discuss the role of the Netherlands in advancing accountability for international crimes.

40+
In Person Participants

> Meaningful access to justice requires the convergence of multiple actors: lawyers, researchers, journalists, civil society – but above all, *survivors themselves.*
>
> – FROM JUSTICE DIALOGUE #02, DE BALIE, DECEMBER 2025



Legal Network Justice Talks

Five closed door, community-focused meetings, provided safe and informal spaces for legal exchange, survivor engagement, and networking.

22 Sep 2025	Legal strategy session on Ukraine and universal jurisdiction.
18 Dec 2025	Community networking meeting at Amsterdam Law Hub.
28 Apr 2026	Informal networking session after the Utrecht closing event.
12 Dec 2025	Online legal support session for Ukrainians affected by war.
09 Feb 2026	Meeting with Yazidi survivors after Hasna A. appeal proceedings.

CAMPAIGN REACH · DIGITAL AND COMMUNICATIONS

Measurable growth across all channels

Across the campaign period, the campaign drove a significant and measurable uplift in the Foundation's digital presence – particularly on Instagram and LinkedIn, where reach grew well beyond its existing audience.

170k+
CAMPAIGN VIEWS & IMPRESSIONS

54k+
ACCOUNTS REACHED

8.6%
LINKEDIN ENGAGEMENT RATE

3,590
CAMPAIGN PAGE VIEWS

INSTAGRAM PERFORMANCE

METRIC	RESULT	VS PRIOR
Views	**93,000**	↑ 1,700%
Accounts Reached	**16,300**	↑ 134.5%
Interactions	**2,000**	↑ 2,700%

NEWSLETTER PERFORMANCE

METRIC	RESULT
Average open rate	**33.6%**
Average click-through rate	**2.7%**

LINKEDIN PERFORMANCE

METRIC	RESULT
Impressions	**73,500**
Members Reached	**38,000**
Clicks	**2,000**
Engagement Rate	**8.6%**

FUNDRAISING · NUHANOVIC FUND FOR LEGAL ACTION

€10,000+ raised through 100+ acts of solidarity

The campaign incorporated a fundraising appeal for the ***Nuhanovic Fund for Legal Action***, with a goal of raising €20,000 to support survivors in accessing Dutch and international courts – covering legal consultations, translation, investigation costs, and survivor support sessions.

€10,800+ raised through more than 100 donations



As of the close of the reporting period, the campaign had raised over €10,000 from more than 100 donations, highlighting meaningful progress towards the target. While the fundraising component remains ongoing, the response demonstrates genuine public and institutional appetite to support the Foundation's work beyond awareness, and provides much-needed resources for the survivor-centred legal action at the core of the Foundation's mission.

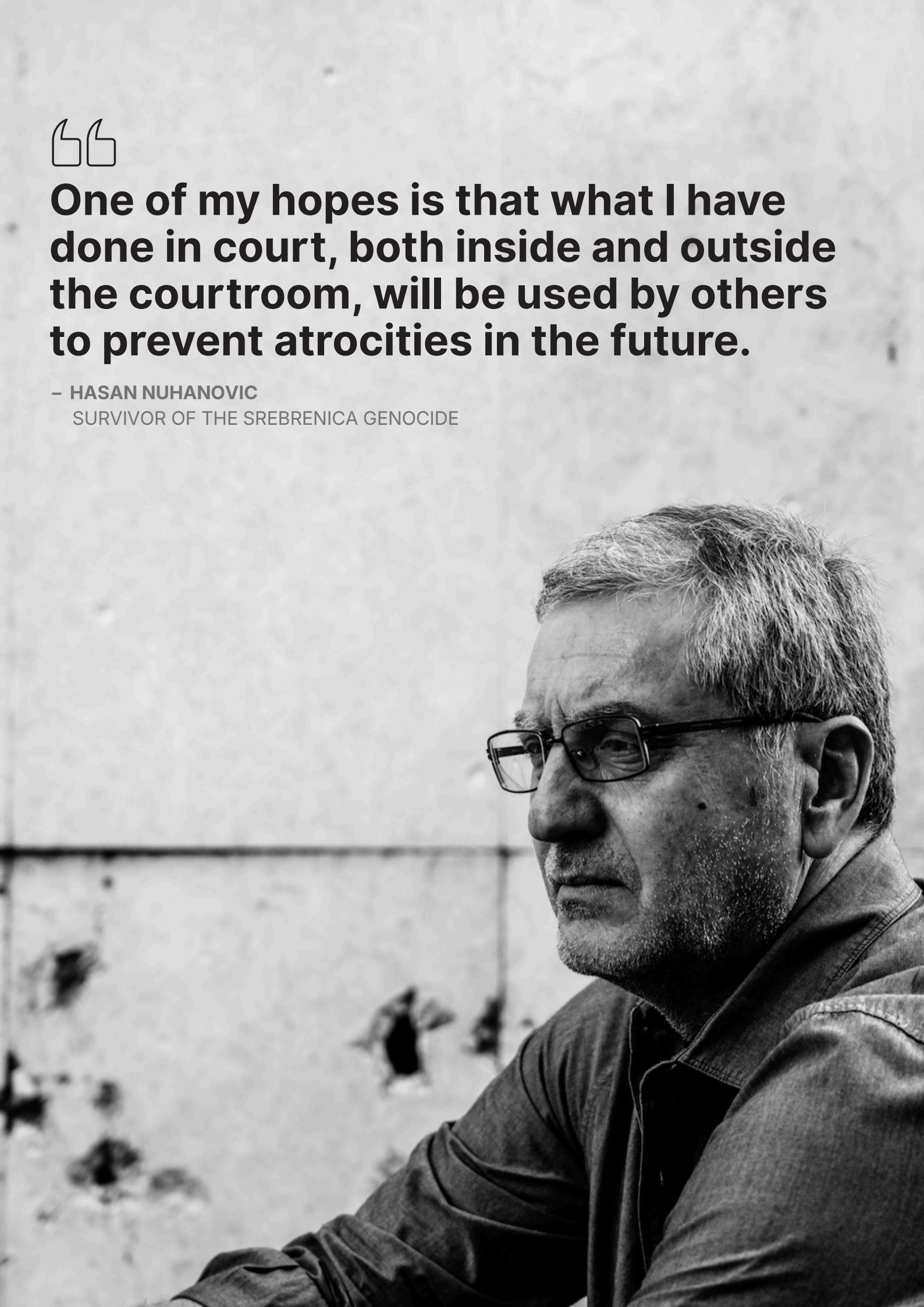
The campaign achieved its core objectives: placing survivors at the centre of public discourse on international justice, demonstrating the human stakes of legal proceedings, and building broader awareness of the Foundation's work among both specialist and general audiences.

Impact & Learning

Key learnings for future iterations include the value of **institutional co-hosting** (De Balie, Utrecht University) in extending reach to new audiences; the strong performance of **survivor-centred visual content** on social media; and the case for **integrating fundraising directly into awareness-raising activities** rather than separating the two.

One of my hopes is that what I have done in court, both inside and outside the courtroom, will be used by others to prevent atrocities in the future.

– **HASAN NUHANOVIC**
SURVIVOR OF THE SREBRENICA GENOCIDE



2026 · FUTURE DIRECTION

Six priorities, one central task

In 2026, the Foundation will continue to deepen its role as a specialised, survivor-centred legal actor within the Dutch context.

The central task remains the same: helping ensure that survivors are better able to access justice, that accountability processes become more meaningful and responsive, and that the Dutch legal landscape plays a stronger role in addressing international crimes.

01. **Sustain strategic cases:** Continued support for ongoing strategic litigation cases and participation in criminal and civil proceedings.

02. **Expanded survivor participation:** Strengthening survivor participation and advocating for expanded survivors' rights in criminal and civil proceedings.

03. **Build and initiate new cases:** Proactively identify and support new cases and avenues for accountability.

04. **Deepen advice infrastructure:** Further develop the Advice & Information Centre and the Access to Justice Toolkit.

05. **Consolidate the Tracker:** Continue to build the Litigation Tracker as a public infrastructure for trial monitoring.

06. **Extend research partnerships:** Build collaborations that improve both legal practice and public understanding.

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