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Introduction

The Tigray Data Repository (TDR) is an online, open-source repository that documents Tigray's history and the experiences of Tigrayan communities in Tigray and the Diaspora. The TDR, which was established in May 2024 and went live in April 2025, is a digital archive of the life, struggles, and experiences of Tigrayans. The repository documents various datasets that provide an overview of the Tigrayan community and their experiences. From digital, humanitarian, and socio-economic aspects to cultural, political, and educational experiences, the TDR captures every facet of the Tigrayan lifestyle— providing us with a general database for Tigray.
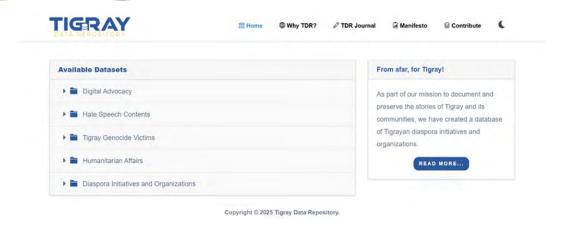
The TDR is a valuable resource for education and research that will promote accountability for the genocide committed during the Tigray war (2020–2022) and benefit future generations. Guided by the motto: *"Data for Tigray, Knowledge for Generations!"*, the TDR will play a pivotal role in creating awareness and advocating for humanitarian actions for Tigray.

Moreover, by demonstrating the past struggles and current journeys of the Tigrayan people, TDR illuminates the community's resilience, history, and identity. Our team aims to preserve data for research and insight generation. This data will form the foundation for reformations and empower the community with the knowledge to thrive and live harmoniously.

Confidentiality and Privacy

TDR is dedicated to safeguarding the confidence and trust of our users by adhering to strict standards of confidentiality and privacy. We ensure that our datasets comply with the safety standards per the international data protection rules and regulations and take full responsibility for their maintenance. As our user, you can confidently explore and engage with our platform freely and be assured that your contributions will be preserved responsibly.

Why TDR?

The Tigray Data Repository is more than just a hosting site. The TDR serves as:

♦ **A Bridge Between Generations**: TDR preserves Tigray's history through data, ensuring that its stories remain accessible to future generations.

♦ **A Tool for Advocacy and Research:** TDR contributes to advocacy, education, policymaking, and disaster response by collecting and analyzing data about the Tigrayan communities, locally and in the Diaspora.

♦ **An accountability Tool:** During the Tigray war, TDR documented the hate speech, disinformation campaigns, and dehumanizing narratives that targeted Tigrayans. Our records provide transparency for international justice investigations and accountability mechanisms.

♦ **TDR's Data Analysis Journal:** The TDR journal is committed to connecting Tigray with the global community by disseminating research findings from our extensive datasets. We are an essential platform for publishing special issues, with each publication highlighting the data we have meticulously archived in our repository.

Our aspiration, as outlined in our motto: *"Data for Tigray, Knowledge for Generations!"* is to create a long-lasting impact by sharing knowledge and collaborating for insights.

Scope and Focus: Preserving Tigray's History and Practices

The scope of TDR encompasses a broad range of data documenting various aspects of the Tigrayan communities, such as their digital, humanitarian, socio-economic, cultural, and historical progress. Consequently, we highlight significant events such as the wars and genocides faced by the people of Tigray, archiving the complex interplay between war crimes and the community's struggle for social justice. Thus, by recognizing Tigray's vast history, including positive and traumatic experiences, our repository aims to ensure comprehensive coverage and impactful documentation of Tigray's evolution.

Project Focus: For the initial phase, we will focus our data collection on the digital advocacy efforts of Tigrayan communities living in the Diaspora from November 2020 to November 2022, as well as on humanitarian affairs. We will also develop guidelines and standards for creating a complete profile of the victims of the Tigray Genocide, using the Axum Massacre as a case study. Over time, we plan on expanding our database from sectors such as education, agriculture, healthcare, and tourism to more categories. We plan to collaborate with the community, government and non-government agencies, and other committed individuals to record accurate data and make it accessible to the people.

Tigrayan Diaspora Experience: For the longest time, the Tigrayan communities in the Diaspora have played a significant role in international advocacy and in supporting the rebuilding efforts of the people of Tigray. As such, a key part of TDR's mission is to examine earlier historical periods, including the Diaspora's response to the war in Tigray during the Derg regime (1974-1991) and its effects. While our main focus will be on the recent advocacy efforts of the Diaspora communities, this historical perspective is crucial for understanding the broader context of their contributions. The interventions and efforts played by the Diaspora communities on various stages are a testimony to their devotion and resilience to creating a better Tigray.

From Afar, For Tigray – Diaspora Initiatives and Organizations

As part of our mission to document and preserve the stories of Tigray and its communities, we have created a database of Tigrayan Diaspora initiatives and organizations. This database showcases organizations founded before, during, and after the Tigray war (2020-2022) that have been actively responding to the disaster and contributing to community rebuilding efforts.

Interactive Dashboards

Below, you will find interactive dashboards presenting data about these diaspora-led initiatives and/or organizations, their distribution, and other key measures.

- *Data will be loaded on the website.*

Submit Your Initiative and/or Organization Info

If your initiative or organization is not yet registered, please submit this *short survey form* to be included in our growing database and bring your story to light!

Manifesto

Title:

Building the Future Through Our Stories

Introduction:

The Tigray Data Repository is more than just an archive; it is a movement born out of necessity, dedicated to documenting, preserving, and sharing the rich history, culture, and experiences of Tigrayans with the world. Our platform is an essential tool for data-based knowledge that can be used to advocate for change and raise awareness on Tigray-related issues. We seek to empower future generations with the tools to understand their past, shape their present, and build their future.

Vision:

At TDR, we envision a future where the rich history, culture, and experiences of the Tigrayan communities are methodically preserved and readily accessible to both the community and future generations.

Mission:

We are dedicated to documenting, preserving, and making data related to Tigray's history, culture, and economic and socio-political contexts widely accessible. As such, we strive to create a comprehensive archive that provides invaluable resources for researchers, educators, and advocates.

Core Values:

- **Integrity:** We are committed to ethical data collection and management practices.

- **Collaboration:** We work alongside stakeholders, committed individuals, and other local and global partners to enhance TDR's resources and expand our outreach and impact.

- **Empowerment:** Our focus is to provide Tigrayans and the global community with the data they need to make informed choices about matters related to Tigray and its community.

- **Accountability:** Through the data we collect and archive, along with the insights shared in our journal, we strive to tell truths, combat misinformation, and promote justice and accountability.

Objectives:

- To create and maintain open and reliable datasets on Tigray and its Diaspora.

- Provide detailed and accurate records of critical occurrences, such as the Tigray Genocide, to preserve history and promote accountability.

- To help maintain and enhance the active participation of the Tigrayan Diaspora in international advocacy and awareness efforts related to their communities.

- To utilize modern technologies to gather real-time data and insights about Tigray and its Diaspora.

- Making it easier for people to understand and use data by providing interactive dashboards, holding workshops, and creating publications.

- Integrate TDR resources in education and policy by collaborating with government agencies, stakeholders and international organizations.

Methodology:

At TDR, we employ various data collection and analysis methods, including historical records, surveys, digital campaigns, and reports from government and non-governmental agencies, as well as other organizations and dedicated individuals. All our data is structured, anonymized, and thoroughly checked before use to ensure proper and practical application.

Impact:

The Tigray Data Repository (TDR) will serve as a living memory of Tigray's history and resilience, preserving its data and sharing knowledge for future generations. In this way, we will help lay the groundwork for justice, act as an instrument of accountability, and symbolize hope for the future.

Call to Action: Join us in Shaping the Future

Given the significant nature of this initiative, it necessitates strong institutional commitments, resources, and collaborative efforts. We strongly believe that our collective efforts and individual commitments allow us to achieve far greater outcomes. Therefore, we would be honored to have you as part of our ecosystem in achieving our goals for a better Tigray! You can help us achieve this by sharing any datasets, volunteering your skills, or providing financial support to our cause. Together, we can ensure that Tigray's story is preserved and its future is built on truth and resilience!

Contact Information:

Explore, contribute, and connect: info@datafortigray.org.

Closing:

The Tigray Data Repository is a beacon of resilience and a hope for a better, informed future. As guardians of the data of Tigray and its people, we relish in preserving and sharing the history and experience of Tigrayans to empower the next generation. Together, we can stand united in our commitment to honor the past, enrich the present, and illuminate a brighter future for Tigray.

Contribute

We at TDR strongly believe in the power of teamwork, collaboration, innovation, and data-driven community work. We invite you to contribute and make a significant impact on our collective change in the society:

1. Share Your Insights

Contribute any datasets you may have related to our community. Or dive deep into our open datasets, identify patterns or insights, and send your analysis to our email at *info@datafortigray.org*. Your datasets will be available in our repository, and your work will be featured in the TDR Journal, advancing discoveries that enhance our collective understanding.

2. Support Our Mission and Vision

Our work encompasses various elements and we would greatly appreciate any financial contribution towards our initiative to keep our work going. You can help fund data-driven community projects for better service delivery and ensure our history has a living memory through these valuable projects.

Your engagement—whether through intellectual exploration or financial support—brings us closer to documenting and preserving our collective history

Let's build this legacy together: Data for Tigray, knowledge for generations!