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Introduction

The Tigray Data Repository (TDR) is an online, open-source repository of datasets documenting Tigray's history and the experiences of the Tigray communities living in other countries. The TDR was established in May 2024 and went live in January 2025. It is an archive created to document the digital, humanitarian, socio-economic, cultural, political, educational, historical, and many other types of data related to the community, serving as a resource for education and research for the benefit of future generations. As such, it is best described by its motto: *"Data for Tigray, Knowledge for Generations!"*.

TDR represents the resilience, history, and identity of the Tigrayan people, demonstrating their journey from the past into the future. This initiative is driven by a dedicated team that aims to create a society that is skilled in using data effectively. Their goal is to shift from simply keeping archives to generating meaningful awareness that can help the community thrive.

Confidentiality and Privacy

TDR is dedicated to the confidence and trust of our users by adhering to strict standards of confidentiality and privacy. Built according to the best international rules and regulations on data protection, it ensures that the datasets are cared for with full responsibility. Strong measures against sensitive information ensure that users confidently explore, contribute, and engage in safety.

Why TDR?

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

- **A Bridge Between Generations**: TDR preserves history for Tigray, so its stories are also available to future generations.

- **A Resource for Advocacy and Research:** TDR contributes to education, policy-making, and disaster responses through its collection and analysis of datasets.

- **Accountability Tool**: The repository records hate speech, disinformation campaigns, and dehumanizing narratives that targeted Tigrayans during the active fighting of the Tigray War (2020–2022). This informs international justice investigations and accountability mechanisms.

- **TDR's Data Analysis Journal**: TDR's data analysis publication connects Tigray with the rest of the world through its publications and serves as a center for knowledge sharing, community engagement, innovation and collaboration.

Scope and Focus

The historical coverage by TDR includes various types of datasets about the community, such as digital, humanitarian, socio-economic, cultural, and political data. It also focuses on important events like shifts, wars, and conflicts. The aim is to bridge the gaps that have existed between war crimes and social justice so that the coverage is complete. Since the topics cover long periods and many different aspects, the effort has been made to maintain clarity and specific details throughout the coverage.

Project Focus: In the initial phase of the project, data collection will focus on the digital advocacy efforts of the Tigrayan communities living in other countries from November 2020 to November 2022. It will also focus on developing a complete profile of the Tigray Genocide victims, using the Axum Massacre as a case study. In course of time, the expansion of databases from sectors such as education, health, humanitarian affairs and many more will be facilitated in collaboration with the community and government agencies.

Tigrayan Diaspora Experience: The repository acknowledges the major role of the diaspora communities over several decades. Although the recent advocacy efforts are a major focus, TDR will also look into earlier historical periods, including the diaspora's response to the war on Tigray during the Derg regime and its effects.

Through investigating these major turning points, TDR strives for an understanding of Tigray's larger history and social context: *"Data for Tigray, Knowledge for Generations!"*

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 includes organizations founded both before, during and after the Tigray war (2020-2022), which 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 in 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.

Manifesto

Title:

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Introduction:

The Tigray Data Repository is more than a repository; it's a movement toward the documentation, preservation, and sharing with the world of the rich history, culture, and experiences of Tigray and its diaspora. The TDR was created out of necessity. It is an initiative that focuses on building a data-based platform where data is transformed into knowledge and actionable insights. This platform also transforms history into a tool to advocate for change and raise awareness about Tigray-related issues. It seeks to empower future generations with the tools to understand their past, shape their present, and build their future.

Vision:

It is the main protector of data about Tigray, ensuring it will be preserved and available for future generations. At the same time, it raises awareness and promotes this cause around the world.

Mission:

TDR is committed to documenting, preserving, and making available data related to Tigray's history, culture, and socio-political contexts. Through making this data available to everyone, we are creating opportunities for researchers, educators, and advocates all over the world. They can use this information to take action in areas like research, education, innovation, and justice.

Core Values:

- **Integrity:** Demonstrating precision and ethical behavior in how we collect and manage data.

- **Collaboration:** Working alongside partners across the world to enhance TDR's resources and expand our outreach.

- **Empowerment:** Providing Tigrayans and the worldwide community with the knowledge they need for informed choices.

- Accountability: Using data helps us to reveal truths, fight against misinformation, and promote justice.

Objectives:

- Open, reliable and centralized datasets about Tigray.

- Make note of significant occurrences like the Tigray Genocide in detail and with accuracy.

- Help to maintain and enhance the involvement of Tigrayan diaspora individuals in international awareness.

- 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:

TDR employs diverse data collection and analysis methods, including historical records, surveys, digital campaigns, and reports from government agencies, stakeholders, and other organizations. All data is structured, anonymized, and checked before use to be used both properly and with effect.

Impact:

The TDR will be a living memory of the history and resilience of Tigray, passed on through generations for the purpose of awareness, research, and education. It forms a foundation for justice, an instrument of accountability, and serves as a sign of hope.

Call to Action:

Join us in this great undertaking: donate your data, volunteer skills, or financial support to our cause. Together, we can make sure Tigray's story will never be forgotten and that its future is built on a basis of truth and resilience.

Contact Information:

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

Closing:

The Tigray Data Repository serves an important role beyond data preservation; it safeguards not only data but also a community, its culture, and its heritage. Together, let's unite in the cause: Empowering Tigray with data, great knowledge for future generations!

Contribute

We, at TDR, strongly believe in the power of teamwork, collaboration, innovation and data-driven community work. To this end, here's how you can contribute and make a bigger impact on our collective change in the society:

1. Share Your Insights

Dive into our open datasets, identify patterns or insights, and send your analysis to our email: *info@datagray.org*. The work will be featured in the TDR Journal, and will boost the discoveries that are improving our collective understanding.

2. Support Our Mission and Vision

Help keep this important work going at TDR through your financial contribution. This helps fund data-driven community projects for better service delivery and making sure that 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 story.

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