**Jira Comment for User Story 1: Monorepo & Initial Project Setup**

**Status:** Done ✅

**Summary of Work Done:**

This task focused on establishing the "Day Zero" foundation of our project. We successfully initialized the entire monorepo structure, ensuring a clean and logical separation for all future work.

* A new, empty remote repository was created on GitHub.
* The project was cloned locally, establishing the link between the local and remote environments.
* The complete top-level directory structure was created as specified in the master plan, including /Backend, /Frontend, /Infra, /Docs, and /.github. Placeholder .gitkeep files were added to ensure Git tracks the empty directories.
* A robust .gitignore file was created, configured specifically for a project containing both a Python/FastAPI backend and a Node.js/React frontend, preventing common artifacts and environment files from being committed.
* A foundational README.md was added to the root, providing a high-level project description and placeholder setup instructions for both backend and frontend.
* All changes were committed and pushed to the main branch, making the repository ready for the team to clone and begin development.

**Deliverables:**

* **GitHub Repository:** turkish-diaspora-app is live and accessible.
* **Directory Structure:** All specified directories are in place.
* **Core Config Files:** README.md and .gitignore are present and correctly configured in the project root.

**Vibe Check:**

The foundation is solid. We have a clean, organized workspace that aligns perfectly with our architectural plan. This structured start will pay dividends by keeping everything tidy as the project grows.