



# Generation Amazing **Human Impact Stories**

# Mahmod Dagher

**From a refugee camp in Jordan to being a professional footballer and  
GA Youth Advocate**

**[started GA journey in 2021]**

Mahmoud Dager is currently living in Jordan's Zaatari camp, he studied until grade 11 and then left school because of the low quality of education.

Mahmoud started volunteering within the camp to teach kids how to play football and other sport activities. He loves football because it is the only thing that makes him feel that he is outside of the camp. His dream of being professional football player came true when he joined the Lusail Football Club. Besides Fawzi, Mahmoud is also the main character of Captains of Zaatari documentary, which documents the journey of two wide-eyed teenagers who are now adults and role models to hundreds of thousands of young people who live in and around refugee camps.

During Ajyal Film Festival, Mahmoud was selected as a Youth Advocate alongside his friend Fawzi and also attended the GA Festival in 2021. He believes he has a responsibility towards refugees, especially youth who look up to him and Fawzi as role models.



# Fawzi Galtesh

**From a refugee camp in Jordan to being a professional footballer and  
GA Youth Advocate**

**[started GA journey in 2021]**

Fawzi Galtesh is currently living in Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan. He is outgoing person who loves horse riding and passionate about football. Fawzi has always dreamt of becoming a professional soccer player. In 2017, Fawzi was selected to be part of a football team that Aspire Academy selected to participate in a youth football tournament. At the same time, his journey was screened to become the "Captains of Zaatari" documentary. The film follows the thrilling experience of Fawzi and his friend Mahmoud who are dreaming of becoming professional football players. In November 2021, Captains of Zaatari won Hilal Best Feature Film Award during Ajyal Film Festival and also attended the GA Festival in 2021. After the announcement of the award Fawzi was selected as Youth Advocate to present his story to inspire and is now also a professional player at the Lusail Football Club.





# Tahmina Herawie

**Making an impact on the lives of the Afghan community**

**[started GA journey in 2021]**

Tahmina first learned about Generation Amazing through her sister, a member of the Afghan evacuee compound in Doha, before moving to the U.S. They were both evacuated from Afghanistan. Tahmina quickly took it upon herself to become involved in all of the activities at the compound, from football to helping the children learn and play to translating and breaking language barriers. "I'm immensely grateful for GA's activities, as it gave me a reason to make myself valuable to my people. In addition, the sporting and recreational activities have helped me and the children around me continue to develop before we move onto different parts of the world."

Tahmina has also participated in a The Hague International Model United Nations conference (THIMUN). She spoke about Generation Amazing programming in the Afghan evacuee compound and how this has helped her cope with difficult times.





# Sayed Alam

**Afghan evacuee continues his journey as a GA Youth Advocate**

**[started GA journey in 2021]**

Sayed first learnt about Generation Amazing while transiting through Qatar as an evacuee from Afghanistan, before moving to Virginia in the United States. He now works as a translator and journalist and is studying for his master's degree. Sayed quickly involved himself in many activities that were held at the compound. As a result, he learnt more about football for development and was selected later selected to join the Generation Amazing Youth Advocate programme, which he continues to engage in from Virginia.

Sayed took part in Generation Amazing's 6th of April panel for the International day of Sport for Development and Peace at The World Federation of United Nations Associations as a keynote speaker (WFUNA), where he spoke about the impact that Generation Amazing had on him by saying, "The days at Generation Amazing taught me that no matter what was going on in life, no matter where you were or where you came from, sports have always brought people together and brought smiles to billions of people worldwide. So, I'm speaking to you today, and to millions of people worldwide, to tell you that Sports save lives and bring us all together, regardless of the dark times."



# Nour Loubani

Youth Advocate to coach at Ability Friendly sessions

[started GA journey in 2019]

Nour is passionate about the positive impact Generation Amazing has had on her life as a Sports Science student at Qatar University. She expressed that GA plays a big role in her education as she is able to implement the Football for Development training she has had with GA, into her university courses, which often earns her a good grade with her professors. She was first introduced to GA at the Festival 2019, which she says was one of the best experiences she has had. Her favourite part was interacting with so many other like-minded youths from all over the world, in which she was able to really understand and implement what F4D really meant.

Since graduating as a 2021 Youth Advocate, Nour has refused for her journey with GA to end there, and has since joined the team as a coach for the ability friendly classes, amongst many other activities. Nour is especially grateful that GA has opened up many opportunities for her within the industry including her most recent trip to Jordan at the 'Future Leaders in Football' workshop that was organised by the German Corporation for International Cooperation's (GIZ) and the German Football Association sport for development program.



# Kimberley Lopez

**Move from a crisis volunteer to a full-time development worker**

**[started GA journey in 2018]**

Deeply affected by the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan when it struck, 27-year-old Kimberly Lopez decided she would waste no time and sign up as a volunteer for a local NGO crisis response team. Since then, Kimberly, who is a licensed teacher, has focused her efforts on giving back to the community. Herself having been a sponsored child at school, she is keen to find ways to aid those less fortunate by giving them the same helping hand that she was generously granted. Kimberly's world expanded when she encountered the benefits that football has on children's learning and development, as she began working with GA's partner NGO Fund Life, and eventually became a GA Youth Advocate in 2018.

She has participated in GA Capacity Building sessions in Berlin, supported in organizing the GA National Festival in Philippines and Samasama Games in Cebu. Today she works to establish more programmes in the Philippines that implement further learning for children through the sport.





# Reem Khalil Alhakeem

**A young mother, passionate about leading both young boys and girls towards reaching their potential**

**[started GA journey in 2018]**

Reem is firstly a 34-year-old mother-of-one from Iraq, but she also works as an architect, a personal trainer, and a dedicated Generation Amazing coach in the GA school's programme. She says she enjoys sports, and despite there being a limited number of women in her community interested in sports, she took a chance in training to become a football coach. Her journey in pursuing a coaching certificate was challenging but has given her the insight to develop her skills and reach her goal of providing an excellent example for kids. She says one of her proudest moments as a coach was when she noticed a young girl whose talent had gone unnoticed by her parents. Happy to make a difference in her life, she was able to hone the sporting ability of the young girl which she was coaching through GA sessions and encouraged her to develop her talent at a club.

Reem has honed her teaching ability and continues to be involved in Generation Amazing activities. In 2019, she spoke about her experience as a coach at the Generation Amazing Festival alongside renowned Dutch football legend and festival guest Johan Neeskens. She hopes to continue guiding kids in their development as she works on starting her own business.



# Inamul Hasan

**His F4D journey inspired him to encourage young leaders in his community  
[started GA journey in 2016]**

Generation Amazing significantly impacted Inamul Hasan from Sri Lanka. He first trained with Generation Amazing in 2016 and quickly was selected as a Worker Programme Advocate. First, Inamul participated in sessions in Asian City, he felt that his interactions with the programme educated him and taught him new skills, but most of all, they changed his life through a sport he loved watching. As he excelled in his role as a leader, Inamul was drawn to how he could positively help people, motivating other participants from the Worker Programme to change their lifestyles and be better versions of themselves. Inspired by his transformation, Inamul travelled to Sri Lanka in 2019 to help uplift underprivileged communities in his home country and inspire more leaders and coaches.

In 2020, Inamul volunteered at the FIFA Club World Cup's COVID-19 testing and ticketing centre in Doha to ensure visitors were safe during matches and in the stands. He continues to work on his coaching skills and plans to pursue coaching further, as well as taking on additional volunteering duties at Qatar 2022.



# Azit Ohja

**Embodied qualities of a true leader, making it his mission to care for others**  
**[started GA journey in 2015]**

Azit went from dreaming of being a leader to realising his potential by 18. Azit was born and raised in Nepal's Kaski Bhandardhik region, where the quality of education can be a problem and sanitation can be compromised. So when Azit got involved with Generation Amazing in 2015, following his appointment as Secretary of the Youth Advisory Committee, he rose to the challenge by immersing himself in cultural programmes, sanitation workshops and football tournaments to learn more about how he could impact his community. Azit takes pride in looking after others and sees this as a true quality of a leader. He has followed up on his achievements by getting involved with the Red Cross and organising inter-club and inter-school football tournaments. He believes that sport transcends any language, teaches skills, creates an understanding of discipline, and offers a better future for the next generations.





# Uzma

**A female game-changer in Lyari community**

**[started GA journey in 2014]**

Uzma was just 16 when she joined Generation Amazing as a youth ambassador in her hometown of Lyari in Pakistan. She quickly recognised the adversity inflicted on young girls in her local area considering the cultural restrictions against them being able to engage in sports or extra-curricular educational programmes. In response to this limitation, she set out to help mobilise a plan that would enable them to get involved in football. With bright hopes for the girls in her community and with the insight gained from GA trainings, she decided to work against all odds to begin organising Lyari's first-ever girl's football team on a GA pitch at Al-Qadir Model School. Since then, Uzma has gone on to college where she has completed her final year of her Humanities degree at Ronaq-e-Islam University. Now 24, she continues to engage her community in football, and elsewhere, aspires for great things including entering the police force in hopes to apply learnt skills at GA to tackle peer violence and set up her own academy using football and cricket to teach life skills based on the Generation Amazing values.



