

The Srebrenica Diaspora Quilt



Magbula Divovic lost several family members at Srebrenica. She is one of BOSFAM's most experienced weavers and takes great pleasure in training younger BOSFAM members.



BOSFAM weavers at their center in Tuzla. Several BOSFAM members have returned home to Srebrenica and BOSFAM has opened a center for them in the town with looms. Several teach weaving to encourage refugee returns.



The diaspora memorial quilt is one of 15 made by the weavers of BOSFAM since 2007, at their center in the Bosnian town of Tuzla. Each quilt commemorates a different group of victims from the 1995 Srebrenica massacre.



Munira "Beba" Hadzic – BOSFAM's Founder

Beba (below right) was principal of the Srebrenica primary school before she was expelled in 1992. She founded BOSFAM and emerged as a leader, guide, and counselor for the Srebrenica survivors.



Bahira Kursunovic

Bahira was violently expelled from Zvornik and separated from her husband. She has found comfort and companionship with the other weavers at BOSFAM.



Behija Hamzic

During the war, Behija was forced to relocate from her hometown to Tuzla. She is not only a skilled weaver, but also famed for her ability to read coffee grind fortunes.



Enisa Nukic

Enisa lives with her husband in Poljice. She has two sons and three grandchildren.



Hajrija Dzoic

Hajrija lost around 50 relatives in the massacre, including a brother and all of her cousins. Today, she struggles to support herself and her daughter.



Hanija Salihovic

Hanija was expelled from Srebrenica during the massacre, in which she lost many male relatives. Her income at BOSFAM supports her family.



Magbula Divovic

Magbula is one of BOSFAM's core weavers. Her husband was killed in the massacre and was found in a mass grave in 2003. She still has no information about her missing son.



Zifa Bumbulovic

Zifa fled Srebrenica with her daughter and grandchild to Tuzla in 1995, and managed to reunite with her husband. Her son attempted to escape through the woods to Tuzla but was killed by Bosnian Serbs.



Beba Osmanovic

Beba is a widow and a single mother. After a full day at BOSFAM she works at other part-time jobs. She is known for her patience and sense of humor.



Nura Suljic

Nura has not heard from her husband since he disappeared in 1992. She was separated from her other male relatives during the massacre. Weaving for BOSFAM is her only source of income.



Raiza Zahirovic

Raiza suffers from health problems that require expensive medication. She and her mother must live off her mother's pension and Raiza's income from BOSFAM.



Rasema Germic

Rasema moved to Tuzla when the war began. She and her husband have two young children.



Sadeta Dizarevic

After Sadeta's husband was killed in 1993, she fled to Tuzla with her daughters. Her son tried to flee to safety through the forest but is still missing.



Sajma Avdic

Sajma lost her husband in 1990. When the war began, she sought refuge in Slovenia. She later returned to Srebrenica with her children. She commutes one hour from Srebrenica to Tuzla each day.



Tima Avdic

Tima's husband was killed while fleeing from Bosnian Serb forces, but her son managed to escape from the massacre and became an important source of information for the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague.