

Rama applies 25 years of technical and communications experience to her passion: social development for Arab youth. She runs Chakaki Consulting in addition to the VIP.fund, a venture philanthropy fund investing in youth programs and technology startups. Rama also oversees all operations for edSeed, her philanthropic crowdfunding platform for refugee students seeking funding and mentorship for higher education.

Currently, Rama serves on the board of the Syrian International Business Association. She's a founding member of Arab Women in Computing and the first regional Women Angel investment Network (WAIN) and also served on the board of TechWadi, PCRf, PACES, The Impact HUB - UAE, Challenge to Change and Nakhweh.

Previously, Rama was a principal with [Turn8](#), a Tech Venture Capital Fund. She also ran Baraka Ventures, investing in a portfolio of social impact and tech startups. Among the portfolio were [BarakaBits](#), the first Middle East social publisher and news media focused on a positive narrative from the Middle East and B Street Advisors, a communications agency managing PR for causes in the Middle East.

Some notable projects include working for the Qatar 2022 World Cup Bid as a Social Impact Strategy Advisor. Rama also acted as a Communications Advisor to the World Bank Group, UAE Ministry of Labor and Kuwait Ministry of Finance. Rama was also a Content Strategy Advisor for Etisalat UAE after serving as the Chief Operating Officer of Eastnets, a leading global provider of compliance and payments solutions for the Financial Services industry for two years.

In 2000 Rama co-founded a startup that received \$60 Million in funding to buildout data-centers in Washington, D.C. Prior to that Rama served as a director of product development at Cable and Wireless serving fortune 100 clients.

In addition to a certificate in Designing for Social Systems from Stanford University, Rama holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering and a Master's in Engineering Management from George Washington University.