

Rama is a technology professional with a passion for supporting conflict impacted youth through education, mentorship and economic empowerment.

She is currently the COO of aixplain, an AI company, an equity partner at Transform, a Silicon Valley VC firm and is a co-founder and board member of the VIP.fund, a US-non profit empowering marginalized and conflict impacted youth.

Rama is an equity partner in [Mint and Laurel](#) and [AYA Animations](#), two businesses with a social impact. She 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 build out 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.

Rama has been featured in a number of magazines and podcasts including Forbes Middle East, Grazia Middle East, [Ubuntu](#), and in two books: Arab Women Rising, a Wharton School of business publication, and The power of presence.