

ITALIAN SUPPORT ON SAFEGUARDING CULTURAL HERITAGE IN JORDAN



AICS Amman works jointly with Jordanian Institutions on:



CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT

- Regional Institute for Conservation and Restoration of cultural heritage in Jerash
- Petra Siq stability and Conservation of the Royal Tombs
- Sustainable Tourism in Madaba

THE ITALIAN COOPERATION IN JORDAN

The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) in Jordan implements programmes on refugee response and development, the latter based on strategic priorities identified under the MoU 2017-2019, which was undersigned between Italy and Jordan in March 2017.

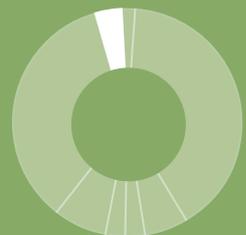
As the destruction of world's cultural heritage affects societies in the long-term, the Italian Cooperation has committed considerable resources to programmes on cultural heritage protection in various countries. In Jordan, which is rich in historical and archaeological sites, the safeguarding of such heritage for future generations and its conservative restoration are pillars of the bilateral collaboration between the two countries.

3 INTERVENTIONS 2 LOCATIONS

- disaster risk reduction
- awareness raising
- training/capacity development
- building rehabilitation
- conservation and restoration of monuments



3,74%



AICS Amman's investment in **Cultural Heritage and Environment** expressed as a percentage of the total budget 2016-2019

JERASH: THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

The rich historical, archaeological and cultural heritage of Jordan and the other Middle Eastern countries represents an important part of the worldwide value that faces the challenges of conservation and restoration, in a Region exposed to constant risk of destruction. The programme aims to sustain the efforts of the Jordanian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in the conservation and restoration of cultural heritage, through the establishment of a “**Regional Institute for Conservation and Restoration**” (RICR).

MAINTENANCE AND ADAPTATION OF THE BUILDING HOSTING THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION IN JERASH | 2019-2020

UNOPS implements the rehabilitation works of the premises designated to host the Institute. The building needed renovation works, as well as plant engineering and equipment, such as: ventilation system, waste water treatment for the sewage produced in the conservation laboratories, fire protection system, security and surveillance system, and adequate equipment for laboratories. The total surface of the building is around 800 m².

REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION (RICR) | 2019-2020

The mission of RICR is to bridge the gap in the specialist training sector in the MENA Region, by providing adequate training for studying, planning and implementing conservation and restoration of cultural heritage, in partnership with national and international Institutions.

The RICR will offer specialist training to the DoA staff and to future professionals in the Region, to increase the quality and capability of the labour market in the field of cultural heritage.

The RICR will be equipped to deliver scientific research, training programmes for trainers and specialist professional training, to implement: conservation and restoration interventions, consulting and technical advice, organization of symposia, workshops and seminars. In addition, the Institute will carry out public awareness activities to provide specialist information resources, as well as events to disseminate the initiative.

PETRA: ENSURING STABILITY OF THE SIQ

SIQ STABILITY AND YOUTH FOR HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RISK PREVENTION PROGRAMMES

The programme launched in 2012 aims to prevent and mitigate landslide specific risk in the Siq of Petra, the ancient capital of the Nabatean Kingdom. The Siq is a 1.2km naturally formed gorge that snakes through the sandstone cliffs, serving as the main entrance to the site.

PHASES I-III | 2012-2017

The project was implemented by UNESCO Amman in partnership with Petra Archaeological Park and DoA. It aimed to implement the mitigation of landslide risk in the Siq, through (I) landslide mitigation interventions; (II) capacity development and on-the-job training of national authorities and local communities, and (III) awareness of landslide risk and other natural hazards occurring within the Petra Archaeological Park, specifically in the Siq.

PHASE IV | 2018-2019

In addition to operational activities implemented to mitigate landslide risk, Phase IV seeks to provide access to employment opportunities to both Syrian and Jordanian youth, through the implementation of conservation and mitigation interventions in the Siq.

PETRA: THE ROYAL TOMBS

PRESERVING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH: FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE ROYAL TOMBS WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CONSERVATION OF THE PALACE TOMB | 2019-2020

The project aims to ensure the conservation of the Royal Tombs including the rock-cut façade of the Palace Tomb, in line with the conservation policies identified in the Petra Integrated Management Plan.

A feasibility study on the water management system of the Royal Tombs aims to support flood control and water erosion measures that are nowadays not operational. In ancient times, the Nabataeans had carved channels to divert the waters that flowed from the top of the tombs, to protect the monuments from water erosion. This complex system has deteriorated over time and no longer protects the site and visitors. The project also seeks to develop local technical skills on heritage conservation and raise awareness among the local community about heritage conservation.

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