



PRESERVING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH: FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE ROYAL TOMBS WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CONSERVATION OF THE PALACE TOMB, AT THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE OF PETRA

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

PRESERVATION OF PETRA'S HERITAGE

The Petra World Heritage site represents the main tourist attraction in Jordan, and requires adequate conservation strategies to maintain its uniqueness. The recent increase in tourism and occurrence of natural disaster events over the past few years represent an additional threat for the conservation of the monuments.

This action reflects the long term approach of AICS towards the preservation of Petra's heritage, and builds on former initiatives undertaken for the preservation and management of the site, in partnership with the UNESCO Amman Office. In line with the conservation policies identified as part of the Petra Integrated Management Plan, and following the development of a feasibility study for the conservation of the Royal Tombs

water management system, the project aims to ensure the conservation of one of the most prominent rock-cut façades within the site, the Palace Tomb.

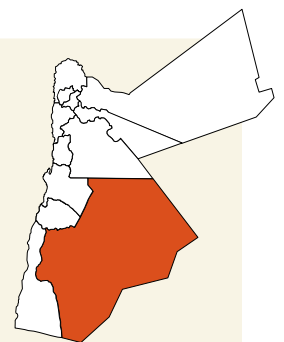


SECTOR | CULTURAL HERITAGE:
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
STATUS | ONGOING

FUNDED IN | 2019
BUDGET | € 1,000,000.00

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER | UNESCO

BENEFICIARIES | 50 TRAINEES, DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES OF JORDAN, PETRA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK, PETRA DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM REGION AUTHORITY (PDTRA), LOCAL COMMUNITIES



The project also responds to a strongly felt need to develop local technical skills on heritage conservation and raise awareness among the local community about the need to further preserve their heritage to maintain it for future generations.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Palace Tomb, built between the 1st and the 2nd century AD, is the most monumental of the Royal Tombs. It is also one of those few Nabataean monuments being partially free standing, partially cut on the rock surface.

According to an assessment conducted in 2016 the monument is in need for urgent conservation interventions to ensure the maintenance of its structural stability, which may have been compromised also by former inappropriate conservation interventions.

The overall purpose of the 18 months project is to respond to urgent conservation needs in Petra and ensure the improved preservation of its monuments, including some of its water management features, by applying a multidisciplinary pilot methodology to the conservation of the Palace Tomb. The project goal is pursued through the following actions:




- Development of a feasibility study to identify priority actions for the conservation of the Royal Tombs water management system, and implementation of priority conservation interventions on the Palace Tomb;
- Capacity development of the national authorities and the local community on heritage conservation.

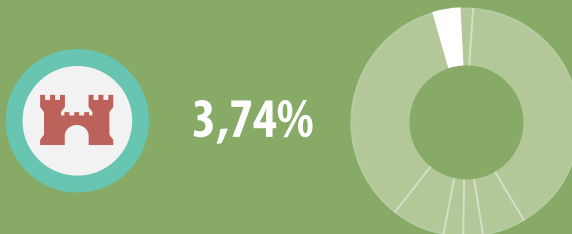
The project will also offer the possibility to train the staff from the national authorities and raise awareness among the local community on the techniques applied for the preservation of the site.

In the long term, impact will be identifiable in the enhanced protection of some of Petra's rock-cut façades and the overall conservation of the site through preventive conservation methods.

The project, responding to the need of developing local capacities for the preservation of Jordanian heritage, will therefore substantially contribute to improving site presentation and ensuring the continuation of tourism activities, thus, rebooting Jordan's economy at large.

1 INTERVENTION 1 LOCATION

-  disaster risk reduction
-  awareness raising
-  capacity development






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



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