



Belamah Project

Programme Area:

Culture and Tourism

Project Number:

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Award Number:

Duration:

24 months

Partner:

Ministry of Tourism and
Antiquity and Jenin District

Budget:

255,904.54

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Project Background:

The Ancient Belamah Water Tunnel, which was excavated by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, was cut and curved in the rock during the late Bronze Age and was continuously used during the Roman and Byzantine periods. The site of Belamah Water Tunnel presents a good potential to be transformed into an archeological destination because the findings represent a living model of ancient water systems.

Objectives:

The project aimed to conserve and rehabilitate the tunnel into an attractive tourist destination, thereby preserve what remains of the tunnel and encourage tourism in the area.

Locations:

The site of Khirbet Belamah and Belamah Water Tunnel is located at the southern entrance of Jenin City, around 1.5 km from the city center.

Outputs:

The rehabilitation works entailed the implementation of the following works: construction of an entrance; Construction of a service facility unit (ticket box and toilets); Installation of steel pathway inside and outside the tunnel to facilitate the visitors' mobility; placement lighting fixtures; Construction of retaining walls to support the main and secondary road, where the site lies in between; application of asphalt of the upper road and part of the road near the entrance; Installation of a sound system for site interpretation; and Closure of an upper opening in the tunnel rocky structure.