



Arraba Project

Programme Area:

Culture and Tourism

Project Number:

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Award Number:

Duration:

24 months

Partner:

Ministry of Tourism and
Antiquity and Arraba
Municipality

Budget:

709,313.30

Donor:

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Project Background:

The historical centre of Arraba consists of a cluster of 13 palaces covering an approximate area of 20 dunums. The site of the palaces, which has a typical Ottoman architectural style, was not a common residential area but more of a dwelling area for the political leadership of the region, and access for the locals was prohibited. Due to the existence of the palaces in one area with such a rich history and distinctive architectural style, the site of Arraba palaces presents the appropriate potential to be developed into a tourism destination in the region.

Objectives:

The conservation restoration project of Arraba aimed at:

- Revitalization of the historic centre;
- Preventive conservation of the main qasaba of the historic centre;
- Rehabilitation of two palaces; and
- Provide job opportunities to the people of the area.

Locations:

Arraba is an agricultural town located 13 km to the southwest of Jenin City.

Products/Outputs (as of end – May 2006):

- New electrical, mechanical (water and sewage) and communication infrastructure with all required accessories throughout the historical road was installed.
- The historical road was beautified in terms of stone paving, sidewalks, benches, flower beds, plantation of trees, shrubs and grass, shops coverage, lighting system, signboard of the history of the town and the project, in addition to the refurbishment of the entire stone facades which overlooks the road; and
- Rehabilitation of one palace as a community cultural centre, while the other as a multi purpose centre.