



## Barqawi Project

**Programme Area:**

*Culture and tourism*

**Project Number:**

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**Award Number:**

**Duration:**

24 months

**Partner:**

Ministry of Tourism and  
Antiquity

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**Project Description:**

The Barqawi castle was renovated and rehabilitated as a Cultural Community Centre. The entrance floor hosted the temporary exhibition, administration room, kitchen, *madafeh* or cafeteria, and toilets. The basement floor hosted a permanent exhibition, where Al-Barqawi family wishes to display some of their authentic collection. The first floor was adapted for a library, lecture room, workshops spaces, new toilet unit, and a tiny amphitheatre looking out west, in addition to open terraces, which can easily serve for any future cultural or social event.

**Locations:**

The Barqawi castle is located in the village of Shofa 7 km southeast of Tulkarem City.

**Outputs:**

The renovation entailed the following: Renovation of stone facades (masonry cleaning, replacement, repair, and re-pointing); Stripping old deteriorated plaster and replacing it with new layers; Dressing floors with stone tiles; Installing new windows and fine-looking designed doors; Installing electrical and water networks; Laying natural underground ventilation system to prevent humidity; Applying isolation material to shield roofs against rain water; and Installing and fixing lighting fixture. The rehabilitation works entailed the following: the Construction of a new toilet unit on the first floor; Adaptation of part of the basement floor into a toilet unit to serve the ground floor level; Landscaping the backyard as open outdoor terraces to serve gatherings, while preserving Barqawi's family graveyard and surround it with greenery; Converting a pile of debris resulted from previous broken vault into an open amphitheatre; The main entrance of the castle was developed; and the grounds were tiled and facades were refurbished.