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Rehabilitation and Upgrade of Ein el-Sultan Spring in Jericho

PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)

To rehabilitate and upgrade the immediate site of Ein el-Sultan Spring in Jericho to become a main tourism attraction with the long-term objective of creating sustainable employment and income generation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Ein Sultan Spring or in the English language better known as ‘Elijah’s Spring’ is a popular tourist destination due to the unchanging climate, historical sites, and religious significance.

The nearby site from the ‘Herodian Dynasty’ period in Jericho is located only 3.2 km from Ein el-Sultan. A Hellenistic fortress and the Palace of Herod still stand to this present day.

The aim of this project is to introduce development to the tourism sector in modern day Jericho by harnessing the historical, cultural, and religious attributes of this unique site under the dialogue of a waterfront city to capitalize on natural tourism sites in the Palestinian territories.

OBJECTIVES

- Conserve the existing area surrounding Ein el-Sultan (targeted area for intervention) and exploit the site as a natural resource for tourism development.
- To create sustainable employment and income generation opportunities.

IMPACT STATEMENT

To conserve and capitalize on the source of wealth Ein el-Sultan can offer the city of Jericho to further entice local and international tourists who visit the site daily. This project particularly creates sustainable income generating opportunities and places Ein el-Sultan on the ‘tourism map’ and surfaces as a prime location to spur tourism development, a major intervention area targeted by the Palestinian Reform Development Plan 2008-2011.

THEMATIC AREA

Economic Development

SECTOR / SUB SECTOR

Tourism

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Number:  PAL10/ 14146
Award Number: 14146
Duration: 12 months
Donor: Italian
Partner: Jericho Municipality

BUDGET

Total Budget: US$160,000
Disbursement up to date: US$56,000

Geographic Location

West Bank

OUTPUTS

- Enhanced & secluded water pipelines.
- Construction of ticketing/ security room
- Construction of a Canteen area
- Development of a promenade area
- Construction of an amphitheater
- Landscaping
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PROGRESS UP TO DATE

- Phase I of implementation works have commenced in March 2008 to shift existing water pipelines from open areas to more secluded ones to emulate the natural look of the spring.

CONSTRAINTS (if any)

- The project faced delays due to the Antiquities Department. This issue is in the final stages of being resolved.

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