



The Jericho Oasis Archaeological Project

The Jericho Oasis Archaeological Project is the outcome of seventeen years (1997-2014) of fruitful cooperation in the field of archeology between Rome «La Sapienza» Expedition to Palestine and the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities - Department of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (MOTA-DACH), also supported by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the site of Tell es-Sultan, the ancient Jericho, one of the most renowned archaeological site of the entire Near East. The joint work of the two institutions has led to the creation of the Archaeological Park of the Jericho Oasis (JOAP), the centre of which is Tell es-Sultan. The Park includes also other 17 monumental historical and natural places, among the 103 relevant archaeological sites which are spread over the Oasis. The result of this partnership is the Jericho Oasis Archaeological Project, funded by the Italian Development Cooperation - Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The aim of the Project is the training of the MOTA-DACH personnel for the enhancement and valorization of the Jericho Oasis archaeological monuments.

Activities

Activity A1

It is a first class for capacity building for the creation of itineraries for archaeologists and tour operators and for the archaeological sites enhancement.

Activity A2

It is a second class for the implementation of paths at various sites and the concomitant formation of the tourist guides for the creation of thematic tourist paths of the Jericho Oasis Archaeological Park.

Activity B1

It is a training on the job activity to train specialized workers for the maintenance of mud brick monuments and for the evaluation of the state of preservation of monuments themselves, by means of restoration of Tower A1.

Activity B2

It is a training on the job activity to train specialized workers for the maintenance of mud brick monuments and for the setting up of tourist view points, by means of restoration and rehabilitation of structures in Area B.

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ACTIVITY A

Training of tourist guides



Students visiting some archaeological sites of the Jericho Oasis Archaeological Park.



Students during some training activities on the field.



Class lessons and practice exercises.



Activity A was carried out with the main aim to train young students as tour guides, taking into account the social and environmental context of Jericho.

During Activity A fifteen students were trained in archaeological techniques and as sites contents developers and illustrators (tourist guides for schools and producers of explanatory panels). Sites were put on a map, surveyed, fenced. Thirteen explanatory panels were set up one in each site of the Park, including English and Arabic texts illustrating the sites and their monuments

The main goal of Activity B was the training of workers in maintenance and rehabilitation of monuments aimed at the creation of a group of local specialists who could be employed in several sites within the Park.

Activity B allowed to train thirteen workers specialised in archaeological sites cleaning, maintenance, and restoration of mud brick architecture. Three monuments were restored at Tell es-Sultan and all of the sites of the Park were cleaned and rehabilitated also arranging view points and paths for tourists.



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ACTIVITY B

Training of specialized workers



Preparation of mud bricks for the training on the job activities.



The workers during the training on the job activity.



Tower A1 restored.