

Foundations for a strong Future: Youth in Lebanon and Jordan promoting cultural heritage

Countries involved: Jordan, Lebanon

Themes: *youth, education & training, museums, community development*

Lead Partner:

- Mercy Corps - Lebanon

<http://www.mercycorps.org/resources/childrenandyouthfromfromjordanandlebanonworktopromoteculturalheritage>

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Partners:

- APSAD - Association for Protecting Natural Sites and Old Buildings in Lebanon (*Lebanon*)
<http://www.apsadonline.com>
- Beirut National Museum - Ministry of Culture, Directorate General of Antiquities (*Lebanon*)
<http://www.beirutnationalmuseum.com>
- JOHUD - Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (*Jordan*)
<http://www.zenid.org.jo>
- The Jordan Museum (*Jordan*)
<http://www.jordanmuseum.jo>

Summary:

The main objective aim of this project was to support cultural heritage as one aspect of “public wealth” that should be collectively celebrated and protected, by promoting a message of ownership at the local level through multilingual educational resources for schools, multimedia activities with youth and children, public events for the broader public, and capacity building of cultural heritage NGOs and museums to engage young people through developmentally-appropriate tools.

The events and activities of the project engaged young people through online resources, field visits and local and national cultural events. The target and beneficiaries of the project were youth, educators, students, NGOs and Museums, parents, and the general public.

Main achievements:

- National museums and heritage sites in Lebanon and Jordan become hubs for education, celebration of cultural heritage, and knowledge dissemination.
- Partner volunteers and staff trained in the Youth Cultural Heritage Training Curriculum and related multimedia tools
- Youth trained in Youth Cultural Heritage Training Curriculum and achieving mastery of multimedia skills
- 50 cultural heritage multimedia projects created by youth and displayed locally and nationally
- 12 local cultural heritage exhibition events celebrating youth projects and promoting value of cultural heritage
- Teachers throughout Lebanon and Jordan are introduced to the Cultural Heritage 1,146
- Tour guides trained in guiding skills tailored to the different developmental levels of children and youth
- 4 Cultural Heritage Festivals (2 in Lebanon and 2 in Jordan) are highly attended
- 10 multimedia learning towers installed in national museums
- Creation of an Educational toolkit in three languages (printed copies and downloadable from the website) www.asassat.com, www.foundations-for-a-strong-future.com
- Toolkit: adopted by the Ministry of Education in Lebanon and Jordan, on the arab online digital library, national library.