

# World Heritage Volunteers 2015

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### Project Description

Title	<b>WHV – International fort for volunteer work</b>
Site	Qal'at al-Bahrain – Ancient Harbour and Capital of Dilmun
Status	Cultural site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2005
Project location	Qal'at al-Bahrain, Kingdom of Bahrain
Project dates	15 November 2015 to 26 November 2015
Site description	Qal'at al-Bahrain is a typical tell –an artificial mound created by many successive layers of human occupation. The strata of the 300 × 600 m tell testify to continuous human presence from about 2300 BC to the 16th century AD. About 25% of the site has been excavated, revealing structures of different types: residential, public, commercial, religious and military. They testify to the importance of the site, a trading port, over the centuries. On the top of the 12 m mound there is the impressive Portuguese fort, which gave the whole site its name, qal'a (fort). The site was the capital of the Dilmun, one of the most important ancient civilizations of the region. It contains the richest remains inventoried of this civilization, which was hitherto only known from written Sumerian references.
Project objectives	The project aims to educate the local population about the importance of heritage conservation. It will highlight the historical and cultural value of the castle, the heritage conservation, and the voluntary service. This project also would like to reach the public awareness with campaign and hands on activities at the site.
Project activities	The volunteers will involve in the implementation of cleaning campaign, planting trees and flowers in the vicinity Castle and maintenance work in the outer wall of the castle side by side with professionals. The volunteers will gain the information of history of the castle and cultural and the ancient Dilmun civilization at the seminars and workshops which are opened to the public and particularly, to local students and representatives of non-governmental organizations. The activities will also include a media campaign, a documentary, and an exhibition to spread the messages of volunteering actions as well as the importance of preserving the traditions and historical heritage and to encourage visitors to visit the Field.
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Partners	Ministry of Culture
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Title	<b>WHV - Look Into Morocco's Ancient History at Chellah</b>
Site	Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage
Status	Cultural site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2012
Project location	Rabat, Morocco
Project dates	01 August 2015 to 15 August 2015
Site description	The settlement of Chellah is part of the World Heritage site of Rabat among others monuments and sites of the city. Also known as Sala, it contains many Roman ruins, including the sturdy main roadway, a Triumphal arch, an ornamental fountain, a forum and a range of residences, as well as governmental and commercial buildings in various states of ruin. Marble statues and columns are scattered throughout the Roman section of Chellah. However Chellah is also known to be the Merinid necropolis, surrounded by a long Almohad fortress. Other structures, and among them, the mosque Zawiya, were built later by the members of the Merinid Dynasty.
Project objectives	The project aims to promote the site of Chellah, its importance, its history and the need to protect it, toward the volunteers, the local population, and visitors. The objective is also to make the site more known for the people who visit Rabat and who are interested in the Ancient History of Morocco.
Project activities	The volunteers will participate in the workshops on the World Heritage and the site for three days. The volunteers will also have trainings with professionals in conservation techniques and heritage restoration such as masonry, carpentry or roofing. Activities will be included clean-up actions and gardening at the site.
Organisation	Chantiers Sociaux Marocains (CSM)
Partners	Ministry of Culture of Morocco, Ministry of the youth of Morocco
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Title	<b>Save the oldest school</b>
Site	Medina of Fez
Status	Cultural site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1981
Project location	Elementary School Med Kori annex of the University of al-Qarawiyyin, Medina of Fez, Morocco
Project dates	01 August 2015 to 20 August 2015
Site description	Founded in the 9th century, Fez was the ancient capital of several great dynasties and among them, the Almoravids and the Almohads. It reached its height in the 13th–14th centuries under the Marinids, when it replaced Marrakesh as the capital of the kingdom. The urban fabric and the principal monuments in the medina, <i>Fes el Ball</i> – madrasas, fondouks, palaces, residences, mosques and fountains - date from this period. Fez mixes various demographic strata which determined the great variety of architectural forms and urban landscapes. Although the political capital of Morocco was transferred to Rabat in 1912, Fez has retained its status as the country's cultural and spiritual centre.
Project objectives	The main objective of the project is to rehabilitate different parts of the Med Kori Elementary school, particularly its garden and the buildings. The school is suffering of the lack of maintenance works. Several doors, roofs, walls, and the garden need to be consolidated or cleaned, as today 6 classrooms are not accessible for the students.
Project activities	To rehabilitate the school, the volunteers will conduct restoration and construction alongside specialists of the Water and Forestry Department. Some arts and mural paintings will be implemented at the site. The volunteers will rehabilitate the classrooms with carpentry work. Thanks to the creation of green spaces, the garden will be restored.
Organisation	Chantiers des Jeunes Volontaires (CJV)
Partners	Water and Forestry Department of the City Council, Delegation Rescue Fez, Delegation of the Ministry of National Education, Youth Artists Association
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### **Project Description**

Title	<b>WHV-Preserving the History of 2000 Years</b>
Site	Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir
Status	Cultural site inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2010
Project location	Battir, Palestine
Project dates	05 August 2015 to 15 August 2015
Site description	<p>The Jerusalem Southern Terraced Landscape is the first site of a key serial feature within the larger Palestinian Central Highlands cultural landscape, which characterizes the Central West Bank. The Central Highlands, with an area of nearly 3,500 square kilometres stretching from Nablus in the north to Hebron in the south, is defined as one of the five Palestinian "agro-ecological zones" by its location, rainfall and altitude. The zone is mountainous, rising up to 1,000 meters above sea level. It is mostly hilly and rocky, and soils are often shallow. Out of the total cultivated area, 95% is rain-fed 60% under olives, grapes, almonds, and fruit trees, and 35% under field crops, mainly winter cereals and grain legumes.</p>
Project objectives	<p>This project aims to share Palestinian culture, history and heritage by focusing on the unique site of Palestine inscribed in the World Heritage list. A promotion of the village will be carried out towards locals and visitors to make it more known as Palestinian attraction, to protect it against different threatens, and to develop the tourism. At this occasion, the local people will be encouraged to preserve and restore the site in a sustainable manner.</p>
Project activities	<p>The volunteers will work side by side with local people to renovate walking terraces that go through the historical site. They will use natural materials and tools that will not harm the environment or change the features of the ancient sites. They will also finalize tourist paths at the site through the ancient terraces of Battir village and assist local in promoting the site. Furthermore, they will clean the 2000 years old pool and the Roman water canals will be rehabilitated to be reused.</p>
Organisation	International Palestinian Youth League-IPYL
Partners	The Battir Landscape Ecomuseum, Council of Battir Village
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