

## WHV – Save the oldest school (Part 2)

### *Medina of Fez, Morocco*

◆ Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1981

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Founded in the 9th century and home to the oldest university in the world, Fez 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 – madrasas, fondouks, palaces, residences, mosques and fountains - date from this period. 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.



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**Project objectives:** The project implemented for the second consecutive year aims at giving a new look to the Med Kori Elementary School located in the medina. Both the garden and the classrooms of the school will be rehabilitated. The project constitutes also an immersion in the history of Morocco and one of its emblematic World Heritage properties with the implementation of an awareness raising campaign toward local population.

**Project activities:** The volunteers will fix the tables, conduct wood and marble restoration works, and paint the walls of three classrooms. Besides, the volunteers will clean and plant new trees in the garden of the school. By undertaking those activities and with the help of professionals, they will learn some restoration techniques of historical walls and buildings. The volunteers will also be involved in awareness raising actions through meetings with local authorities and site visits to learn more about the Amazigh (Berber) culture, and the importance and challenges that faces the property.

**Partners:** Municipal Council of the city of Fez, Delegation of the Ministry of Education, Delegation of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and Local and International voluntary organizations.