

WHV – Promoting Youth for Heritage Safeguarding

Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat, Bangladesh

Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 1985

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The Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat is an important evidence of medieval city, located at the meeting-point of the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers. It contains some of the most significant buildings of the initial period of the development of Muslim architecture of Bengal, including 360 mosques, public buildings, mausoleums, bridges, roads, water tanks and other public buildings constructed from baked brick.

Project objectives:

Being implemented for the first time following the successful campaigns at other properties in the previous years, the project aims at fostering the commitment of future generations towards the safeguarding of World Heritage, involving young people and raising awareness among the visitors and local community about the preservation of the property.

Project activities:

The volunteers will organise workshops on heritage conservation and will provide direct counselling to create awareness among the visitors, schools, colleges and local community. In order to improve the project's outreach and participation, volunteers will perform dances, street drama and art competitions stimulating local engagement and ownership. Hands-on activities include cleaning dead leaves, walls and monuments at the site; planting trees; and restoring damaged artwork.

Partners:

Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Department of Archaeology, Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO, Dept. Of Cultural Heritage and Bangladesh Studies, Rabindra University, iEARN BD, Provat Ferry, Volunteer for Bangladesh.

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