

## Contributions of the Joint Programme to the implementation of UNESCO's Conventions on culture



### [1972 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage](#)

#### Joint Programme actions:

**Cultural heritage has been safeguarded** by training 250 Ministry personnel in cultural site management.

#### Joint Programme products:

**Conservation of cultural heritage** has been supported through the elaboration of a national law on cultural heritage, along with 5 by-laws.



### [2003 UNESCO Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage](#)

#### Joint Programme actions:

- **Social cohesion and creative innovation** have been supported through 31 cultural events, including 7 festivals (28,000 attendees) and Birzeit Heritage Week (7,000 attendees), where traditional folklore, dancing and music were notably showcased;
- **Safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage** was promoted by training 250 people in research and documentation for the establishment of databases on intangible heritage.

#### Joint Programme products:

Intangible cultural heritage (ICH) safeguarded at the national level by producing an ICH inventory (in Arabic and English).



## **2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions**

### **Joint Programme actions:**

- **Greater awareness of the importance of the cultural dimension of development** has been achieved among policy makers:
  - 140 Ministry personnel trained in culture sector strategy development and inventory/database management;
  - 20 Ministry personnel trained in cultural indicators.
- **Creativity and production of cultural expressions** have been nurtured:
  - 100 prominent Palestinian artists and designers linked to the [Alhoush initiative](#): the premier cultural networking and e-commerce portal of contemporary art and design from the Arab world;
  - 60 people trained through 7 workshops in using traditional skills and materials (olive wood, pearls) to produce contemporary home appliances, light fixtures, accessories and clothes – 70 women also paired with prominent women entrepreneurs running successful culture-related businesses through the associated placement programme;
  - 31 cultural events organized, including 7 festivals;
  - Music classes opened to girls in Hebron for the first time, and theatre classes opened to girls in Jenin for the first time.

### **Joint Programme products:**

**Culture has been integrated into sustainable development policies and programmes** at the national level:

- National Plan for Palestinian Culture updated and operationalized;
- First ever National Strategy for the Culture Sector developed;
- Cultural indicators produced;
- National law on cultural heritage elaborated along with 5 bylaws.