



Agios Nikolaos/Aynikola mosque

This is a project of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Conservation Works Start Date: March 2017

Conservation Works End Date: November 2017

Type of intervention: Conservation works

Total works cost: 87,000 Euro

The mosque is situated in the centre of the village of Agios Nikolaos/Aynikola, 47km from Paphos, and next to the village school. The mosque is a rectangular shaped building which replaces a previous mosque built in the Ottoman period. The minaret was added in 1937. The Mosque in Agios Nicolaos/Aynikola forms part of the so-called “Paphos Cluster”. Clusters are critical mass areas of monuments identified by the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage in the Famagusta, Paphos and Karpasia/Karpaz regions, to promote the economic growth and territorial development of these areas, as well as to remedy to the maintenance problems emanating by the geographic dispersion of previous phases of the programme.

A ‘Survey, Investigations, Assessment and Project Design’ study was completed in June 2016 under Phase 3.

Conservation works to the Mosque in Agios Nikolaos/Aynikola were fully funded by the European Union within the overall 14.7 million Euro Cultural Heritage Programme that the European Commission is implementing through UNDP in Cyprus.

The interventions carried out for this monument comprise:

MOSQUE

- Placement of reinforced concrete ties externally against the base of the masonry walls.
- Construction of tie beams along the external perimeter of the building.
- Replacement of any missing part of the floor internally and externally.
- Repair of plaster where missing or decayed with the same materials as the existing.
- Replacement of broken tiles and/or wooden beams and struts.
- Consolidation of the false ceiling.
- Conservation of the main entrance door and eight windows.
- Placement of meshes on small windows of the Minaret and mosque windows.
- Repairs and installation of the existing pavement around the Mosque.
- Building of a fence around the project area.
- Construction of new railings/ handrails on the stairs leading up to the Mosque.

- Rainwater management in the courtyard.
- Treating of vegetation and pruning.

MINARET

- Replacement of decayed stones.
- Installation of timber beams to support the wooden column of the conical top.
- Replacement of the metal cone at the top of the Minaret.
- Repointing of the Turret (upper part of Minaret).
- Removal of all cement plasters and replacement with appropriate materials.
- Positioning of rubble and mortar joints.
- Application of grouting injections.
- Repair or replacement of eroded stairs.

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More information on on-going projects of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage can be found here: <http://www.cy.undp.org/content/cyprus/en/home/operations/projects/partnershipforthefuture/support-to-cultural-heritage-monuments-of-great-importance-for-c.html>

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European Union

Since 2012 approximately **€14.7 Million** have been provided by the European Union through the Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community to implement the priorities of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage for the preservation of the island-wide cultural heritage in Cyprus. **The European Union** is the largest contributor to the work of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage in Cyprus.

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The Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage - The Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, established by the decision of the two Leaders, works in line and within the mutually agreed framework for the preservation of the island's common heritage. The Committee upholds and promotes the view that the protection of cultural heritage is an integral part of the ongoing process of broadening the area of cooperation and confidence building between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, which can only be achieved through joint efforts. Through its work the Committee aims to achieve the best possible results for the stability, survival, cultural and social value and protection of selected Monuments. For this purpose the Committee set up the Advisory Board to act as its executive body to pursue actions for the actual implementation of designs for selected monuments, including research, study, survey and conservation. This framework allows for the practical aspects of preservation to be considered in a non-political manner so that practical measures can be taken to improve the situation on the ground.

United Nations Development Programme in Cyprus - The Agreement on the establishment of the Advisory Board for the Preservation, Physical Protection and Restoration of the Immovable Cultural Heritage of Cyprus recognizes a special role to **UNDP in Cyprus** as a **politically accepted implementation body** by both communities. For this reason, UNDP was requested by the European Commission to become the lead coordinator under which the project would be implemented fostering dialogue, cooperation and confidence building between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots.