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Tserkezoi/Çerkez Mosque

This is a project of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Start Date: 6 June 2014

End Date: 18 March 2015

Type of intervention: Emergency Measures

Total cost: **Approx. 26,000 EURO**

Tserkezoi/Çerkez mosque is located in Tserkezoi district, 5 kilometres west of the town of Limassol, on the road leading to Asomatos village. The Mosque was the principal Muslim religious building of the old Tserkezoi/Çerkez farm, which was built during the Ottoman period.

The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the UNDP in partnership with the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage.

The interventions carried out for this monument comprised **emergency measures** to preserve and protect the monument from further collapses.



Emergency measures included:

- Cleaning of the site including removal of vegetation
- Sanitation to the wall footing and buttress, improved drainage and prevention of further erosion of the external stonewall
- Repairs to walls including restoration of stonework and rebuilding and sealing of joints, re-pointing and re-plastering with lime mortar.

The project was fully funded by the **European Union**. Total cost (including additional safety items, design and works) approx. 26,000 EURO.

This is a collaborative work and an effort between United Nations Development Programme – Partnership for the Future Office, the Technical Committee for Cultural Heritage of Cyprus and local and international architects, engineers, conservators and researchers.

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/library/partnershipforthefuture/the-technical-committee-on-cultural-heritage--2015-/>

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United Nations Development Programme – Partnership for the Future (UNDP-PFF) - 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-PFF 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.

European Union - Since 2012 approximately **€6.7 million of European Union funds** have been provided by the European Commission 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 biggest supporter of the work of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage in Cyprus.