

South Region

1. Ibtikar– Bethlehem:

In the first phase, Palestinian dolls were designed and manufactured, and women’s skills in embroidery and sewing were developed. Building on the success of the first phase, IBTIKAR — the Innovation for Empowerment and Social Entrepreneurship Foundation — has been awarded a grant to advance the "Palestinian Dolls" initiative into a second, expanded phase. Originally launched in 2023 with support from the Palestine Heritage Trail (PHT), the initiative began with handmade dolls representing Palestinian women from various regions, crafted by economically marginalized women. It has since grown to encompass traditional crafts and cultural artworks reflecting Palestinian identity and daily life. With this new grant, the second phase — "Palestinian Dolls: Fabric of Memory" — will establish a permanent exhibition space to professionally showcase these dolls and related handmade products, offering an engaging cultural experience for local and international visitors while promoting heritage preservation and sustainable community empowerment.

2. Elderly Guest house Development Center – Bethlehem:

A new guesthouse has been established in Beit Sahour to meet the high demand for hosting rooms. This initiative offers employment opportunities for the elderly, allowing them to earn income while effectively utilizing their free time.

3. Rashaydeh Tent – Bethlehem:

Accommodation and traditional Palestinian cuisine, organizing trips and selling soup.

4. Dura on Bike – Hebron:

Biking Tours: Providing bicycles and e-bikes for visitors to cycle along the trail. In Dura village.

5. Al Rahmeh – Hebron:

Traditional Products for Disabled People.

6. Imad Salibi – Bethlehem:

Restaurant: in the star street in a unique place on the trail close to nativity church to provide the visitors with traditional and modern food and beverage experience while walking in the old city of Bethlehem

7. Qandil Dar Bato – Bethlehem:

Accommodation: provide antique-style accommodation in the old city of Bethlehem

8. Fouad Khalaf – Hebron:

Accommodation and restaurant

9. Hussam Shami – Bethlehem (Battir):

The development of a unique guesthouse comprising four hotel rooms, with a total capacity of 22 guests. The venue will also offer a range of services and comfortable seating on the building’s rooftop terrace, allowing visitors to enjoy the area’s stunning natural scenery. This project will help boost the tourism sector in the region, which is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Palestine. The area currently lacks sufficient hotel rooms to accommodate such numbers of visitors. The project will provide comfortable accommodation for more than twenty people. The site is also characterized by its relative proximity to the town center and the historic district, as well as the availability of numerous nearby restaurants and shops, making it an attractive destination for tourists.

Through this project, tourism in the region will be encouraged and a comprehensive tourist experience is provided for visitors.

10. Ma'an Lil-Hayat Association L'Arche – Bethlehem:

Natural wool-based handicrafts produced by the 40 individuals with intellectual disabilities involved in the production process, along with their supervisors.

11. Ahmad Abu Hanieh

Astronomical equipment will be purchased to accommodate large and regular groups of participants at one of the most important host houses along the trail in the Jerusalem Wilderness, in addition to developing observation and viewing tools, and assisting participants and researchers in this field, especially students from schools and universities.

12. Ayham Hmeid – Bethlehem:

The workshop is prepared to welcome visitors and train them in creating their own handcrafted mosaic pieces, enhancing visitors' experience and promoting artisanal skills.

13. Bani Naim Charitable Association – Hebron:

The project develops a 45-dunum agricultural nursery in Masafer Bani Naim into an integrated eco-tourism destination, featuring a rural rest area serving traditional Palestinian food and natural products, a children's playground, and recreational facilities — promoting domestic tourism and generating sustainable income for the association and local community.

14. Manal Awad – أثري – Bethlehem:

Providing a distinctive cultural and artistic experience on Star Street (Old Town), Bethlehem through workshops teaching the art of ceramics and producing handmade ceramic products.

15. Raed Khoury – Bethlehem:

Producing candles that combine beauty, heritage, and the Palestinian spirit for local and international markets.

16. Sima Zablah (Be Bear) – Bethlehem:

An interactive cultural and artistic workshop that utilizes creative tools to foster an engaging environment, encourage innovation and participation, and highlight Palestinian identity and heritage from a fresh perspective.

17. Icons Center – Bethlehem:

Offering two specialized courses in the art of iconography, alongside organizing an art exhibition to showcase the artworks produced during these courses. This activity aims to empower participants by helping them acquire advanced technical skills that qualify them to create and sell their artworks in the future.

18. Amir Idrees – Hebron:

The owner of a traditional workshop specializing in handcrafted olive wood products seeks to upgrade operations by acquiring essential machinery that will improve production efficiency and product quality—while preserving the artisanal nature of the work. The workshop produces heritage-inspired wooden items with a modern twist, including kitchenware, home décor, and handmade gift items crafted from locally sourced olive wood. These products celebrate Palestinian culture and appeal to both the local and tourist markets.

19. Ala' Abu Haykal – Hebron:

The owner of a workshop specializing in handcrafted, heritage-inspired stone art pieces is seeking to expand operations by acquiring modern tools and machines to enhance product quality and increase production capacity—while preserving the traditional artisanal identity. As part of the expansion, the workshop also aims to train ten new artisans to support production efforts, ensuring the transfer of traditional skills, preserving cultural heritage, and increasing the workshop's overall capacity to meet growing demand.

20. Dar Al Sabagh – Bethlehem:

The initiative seeks to digitally preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Bethlehem's Old City and Star Street by transforming historical narratives and sites into interactive smartphone-based experiences.

21. Asmaa Al Azeh – Bethlehem:

Offering visitors the opportunity to engage in traditional local agriculture alongside beekeeping, in addition to selling organic local products.

22. Anas Emad Marqa – Hebron:

Traditional restaurant in a traditional castle located on the trail

23. Nabd Al Jabal Park Nisreen Araj – Bethlehem (Battir):

The development of an interactive Agri-ecological park in Battir Village offers a comprehensive sustainable tourism experience.

24. Palestine climbing trails – Bethlehem:

Climbing activities along the trail and identify climbing spots.

25. Beit Sahour Charitable Association for Handicraft Heritage- Kunooz:

The project aims to support and empower five local artisans and develop innovative products.

26. Sayel Mahmoud Taha Qutait – Hebron:

A rest stop for visitors along the tourist route offering views, drinks, and food.

27. Umniah threads – Hebron:

The project offers visitors a unique opportunity to explore traditional hand embroidery.

28. Dar Hazboun – Bethlehem:

A historic guest house offering a cultural heritage experience.

29. Desert Camping & Bedouin Guest House – Bethlehem:

Experience authentic desert life with accommodation and activities.

30. The Water Park – Hebron:

A water farm combining environmental education and recreation.

31. Thobe and a Tale – Hebron:

An exhibition highlighting Palestinian embroidery heritage.

32. The way to Palestine- Culture Lens – Hebron:

A web application showcasing heritage and archaeological sites.

33. Sard: The Story Continues – Hebron:

A digital platform producing cultural heritage content.

34. Traveler – Local Tourism Promotion Project – Bethlehem:

Promoting local tourism in various forms.

35. The Oasis of Earth for the Sky of Science and Technology- ASTORA – Hebron:

Connecting tourism with astronomy.

36. Forgotten Stories – Hebron:

Preserving cultural heritage through media.

37. Prophet Noah trail – Hebron:

Development of a community trail in Dora.

38. Palestinian Dishes – Ilia Restaurant – Hebron:

Providing traditional culinary experiences.

39. Zain Shop – Hebron:

Carving and painting on wood.

40. Virtual Reality Experience – Hebron:

VR experience for historical sites.

41. Malak Sanctuary – Hebron:

Information center and reading hub.

42. Traditional Food/ Restaurant- Um Islam – Bethlehem:

Offering traditional Palestinian food.

43. Tathkari – Hebron:

Combining heritage with modern resin art.

44. Al-Awda Troupe – Hebron:

Traditional dancing and cultural performances.