

Tunisia

PILOT CULTURAL PATRIMONY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education

Stand alone initiative

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Year of ITFCSD grant approval: 2002

Status: active

Grant amount: USD 180,000

Disbursements: USD 62,030

Commitments: ---

The program is conceived to educate the school children of a selected number of pilot schools to be aware and appreciative of Tunisia's cultural patrimony (national and local) as a means to foster its fruition and effective protection during the children's adulthood.

The program is fully financed by a grant from the ITFCSD and beneficiary-executed. The activities are carried out by a team of experts of the Ministry of Education, including representatives of the National Center for Educational Innovation and Technology and the National Institute for Educational Bureautics and Informatics.

Activities have been delayed by the preparation and signature of the grant agreement between the Bank and the Tunisian Authorities, but by the end of May 2004 the recruitment of consultants will be completed and the preparation of the didactic material started. This includes printed documents, videos and, especially, CDs for tutorial purposes. The material is prepared drawing on the international experience already achieved in this sector by UNESCO and on the documentation available at the National Institute of the Patrimony. The latter includes an inventory of Tunisian monuments and cultural heritage sites also sponsored by the Italian Development Cooperation.