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The U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation



The U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation reflects American values and shows our respect for heritage worldwide. Ambassadors Fund projects preserve foreign sites, objects, and traditional practices, support post-disaster and post-conflict recovery, create economic opportunities, and build mutual understanding.

In 2019, the Ambassadors Fund awarded grants for 42 projects to preserve and protect cultural heritage in Albania, Armenia, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burma, Cambodia, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Honduras, India, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Palau, Panama, Peru, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

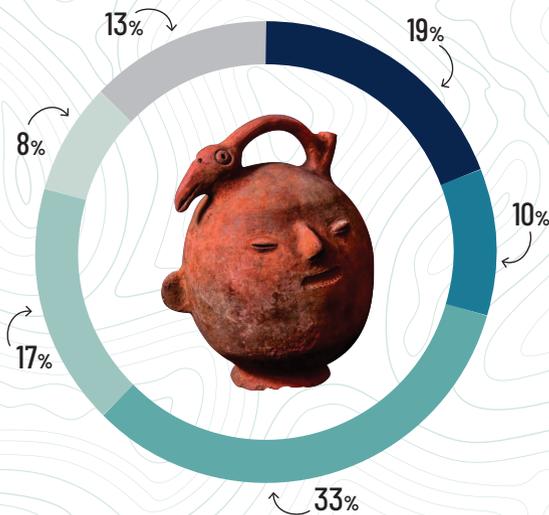
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ROMANIA | ALMA VII FORTIFIED SAXON CHURCH

Photo: ECA Cultural Heritage Center

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

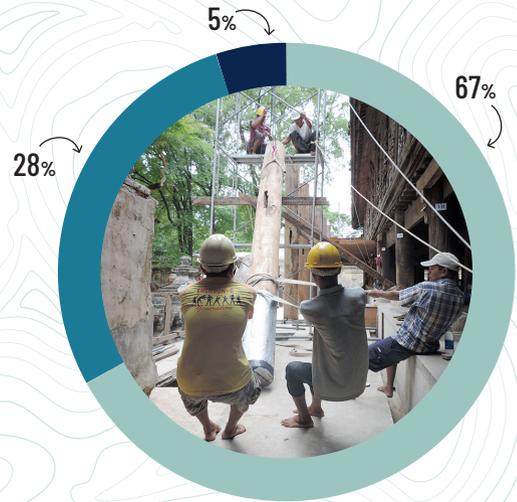
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PERU | PRE-HISPANIC AND COLONIAL OBJECT

Photo: National University of Trujillo

PROJECT FOCUS AREA



CAMBODIA | TEAK WOOD SHWE-NANDAW KYAUNG

Photo: World Monuments Fund

- Africa
- East Asia & the Pacific
- Europe & Eurasia
- Middle East & North Africa
- South & Central Asia
- Western Hemisphere
- Cultural Sites
- Cultural Objects & Collections
- Forms of Traditional Cultural Expression

REGION	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED		GRANTS AWARDED	
Africa	28	\$6,741,850	10	\$1,290,433
East Asia & the Pacific	24	\$6,617,659	5	\$705,000
Europe & Eurasia	27	\$8,254,496	10	\$2,217,418
Middle East & North Africa	16	\$4,995,558	7	\$1,141,889
South & Central Asia	16	\$3,829,977	4	\$520,000
Western Hemisphere	32	\$9,935,441	6	\$845,729
TOTAL	143	\$40,374,981	42	\$6,720,469

2019 AFCP AWARDS

Africa

BENIN | \$43,879

Documentation of Endangered
Traditional Knowledge of Dahomey

CONGO (DRC) | \$78,623

Preventive Conservation of the
Collections of the National Institute of
Congoese Archives

EQUATORIAL GUINEA | \$100,000

Conservation of the Late 19th-Century
Wooden Church in Batete

MALI | \$116,100

Inventory and Documentation of
Archaeological Sites in Mali

MOZAMBIQUE | \$120,000

Preservation and Protection of Threatened
Submerged and Terrestrial Cultural
Heritage of the Global Slave Trade on
Mozambique Island, Phase 2

MOZAMBIQUE | \$169,225

Conservation of the 18th-Century
Cathedral of Our Lady of Deliverance
in Quelimane



NAMIBIA | \$100,000

Training in the Preservation and Protection
of Archaeological Sites in the Central
Namib Desert

NIGERIA | \$400,000

Documentation and Conservation of
the Late 14th-Century Sungbo's Eredo
Earthworks of the Yoruba Ijebu Kingdom

SOUTH AFRICA | \$130,000

Conservation of the 20th-Century
Constitutional Court Art Collection in Pretoria

SOUTH AFRICA: \$32,606

Conservation of the Stone Age Diepkloof
Rock Shelter near Elands Bay



East Asia & the Pacific

BURMA | \$300,000

Conservation of the Mid-19th-Century Teak Wood Shwe-nandaw Kyaung (Monastery) in Mandalay, Phase 3

CAMBODIA | \$75,000

Conservation of 20th-Century Ethnographic Objects at Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, Phase 2

MONGOLIA | \$90,000

Conservation of Endangered Textiles of the Mongol Empire (13th-14th Centuries) and Other Periods

PALAU | \$90,000

Assessment and Documentation of Archaeological and Historic Sites on Ngardakheklau Island

THAILAND | \$150,000

Conservation of Traditional Lanna Architecture in Chiang Mai

Europe & Eurasia

ALBANIA | \$65,000

Survey of Registered Cultural Monuments of Christianity in Albania, Phase 2

ARMENIA | \$100,000

Conservation of the 10th-13th-Century Sanahin Monastery

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | \$425,000

Preventive Conservation of the Collections of the Historical Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Phase 2

GEORGIA | \$100,000

Conservation of the 6th-Century Church of the Holy Cross at Jvari Monastery in Mtskheta

MOLDOVA | \$379,688

Conservation of the 17th-Century Church of the Assumption in Causeni, Phase 4

NORTH MACEDONIA | \$100,000

Conservation of the 11th-12th-Century Monastery of the Holy Mother of God Eleusa in Veljusa

ROMANIA | \$500,000

Conservation of the 14th-Century Fortified Saxon Church in Alma Vii



Middle East & North Africa

EGYPT | \$150,000

Conservation of the Ancient Jewish Cemetery of Basatin in Cairo

JORDAN | \$150,000

Conservation of the 8th-Century Umayyad Qasr Al-Mshatta (Mshatta Palace) near Amman

JORDAN | \$188,950

Conservation of the Collections at the Madaba Archaeology Museum

LEBANON | \$125,000

Conservation of Ancient Roman Imperial and Other Monuments and Sites in the Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve, Phase 3

LIBYA | \$73,108

Training in the Protection and Maintenance of Libyan Cultural Heritage Sites

OMAN | \$24,519

Conservation of 19th-Century Photographs in the Collection of the National Museum of Oman

TUNISIA | \$430,312

Conservation of the Roman Imperial (3rd Century) Amphitheater in El Jem

RUSSIAN FEDERATION | \$58,000

Preservation of the Ruins of the Late 18th-Century Church of the Nativity in Krohkino

SERBIA | \$75,000

Conservation of the 14th-Century Stari Grad (Old Town) Fortress in Uzice

UKRAINE | \$405,000

Conservation of the 18th-Century Old Academic Building at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

South & Central Asia

INDIA | \$70,000

Documentation of Endangered Musical Traditions in Western Rajasthan

NEPAL | \$150,000

Conservation and Seismic Strengthening of the 18th-Century Octagonal Krishna Temple in Patan Durbar Square

TURKMENISTAN | \$150,000

Preservation of the 12th-Century Silk Road Caravanserai at Dayahatyn, Phase 3

UZBEKISTAN | \$150,000

Conservation of the 19th-Century Tash-Hauli Palace in Khiva

Western Hemisphere

COLOMBIA | \$199,979

Conservation of 19th- and 20th-Century Monuments Commemorating the 1819 Battle of Boyaca

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | \$80,000

Preservation of the 20th-Century Collection at the Jewish Museum in Sousa

EL SALVADOR | \$245,750

Conservation of the Mid-19th-Century Casa Barrientos in Izalco

HONDURAS | \$80,000

Conservation of the Mid-17th-Century Altarpiece of the Holy Sacrament at Comayagua Cathedral

PANAMA | \$90,000

Preservation of Historic Films in the University of Panama Archives

PERU | \$150,000

Conservation of the National University of Trujillo's Collections of Pre-Hispanic and Colonial Objects



NEPAL | 18TH-CENTURY OCTAGONAL KRISHA TEMPLE

AFRICA

Equatorial Guinea

WOODEN CHURCH IN BATETE

Photo: World Monuments Fund (WMF)

The wooden church in Batete is one of the most important cultural heritage sites in Equatorial Guinea.



AFCP has supported

110 WORLD HERITAGE SITES

EAST ASIA & PACIFIC

Cambodia

TUOL SLENG ETHNOGRAPHIC OBJECTS

Photo: Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts - Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

One of Cambodia's most important genocide memorials, the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum preserves hard evidence of the brutal torture and murder of Cambodian civilians by the Khmer Rouge regime.



EUROPE & EURASIA

North Macedonia

MONASTERY OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ELEUSA

Photo: ECA Cultural Heritage Center

The Monastery of the Holy Mother of God Eleusa is among the most representative monuments and artistic productions of the middle Byzantine era in North Macedonia.



MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

ANCIENT JEWISH CEMETERY OF BASATIN

Photo: The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE)

The Jewish cemetery of Basatin in Cairo is widely believed to be the second oldest Jewish cemetery in the world, with an original foundation deed dating to the 9th century.



Since 2001, AFCP has supported over

1,000 PROJECTS IN 133 COUNTRIES

and has benefited over 650 communities.

SOUTH & CENTRAL ASIA

Turkmenistan DAYAHATYN CARAVANSERAI

Photo: Tom Till

A stop on the legendary Silk Road, the Dayahatyn caravanserai is among the best preserved caravanserais dating from a period of intensive trade between East and West.



WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Colombia

BATTLE OF BOYACA MONUMENTS

Photo: Ministry of Culture of Colombia

The 1819 Battle of Boyaca resulted in Colombia's independence from Spain, the subsequent liberation of Venezuela, Peru, and Ecuador, and the creation of Bolivia.



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Protecting cultural heritage not only preserves our human story for the next generation, it also builds a safer and more secure world for each and every one of us.”

Marie Royce

*Assistant Secretary for
Educational and Cultural Affairs*

TURKMENISTAN | DAYAHATYN CARAVANSERAI

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