

17- REHABILITATION WORKS FOR ADER LATIN SCHOOL

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THE LATIN PARISH OF ADER

Ader is a small village in the south of Jordan. Its population is a mix of Christians (Latins, Greek Catholic and Greek Orthodox), and Muslims (Ma'yatah Bedouin family). Ader is a good example of coexistence between all these constituents. The parish of St. Joseph was established in 1919 and the Church was built between 1932 to 1933. Initially the parish was served by Italian nuns then by the Sisters of St.



Joseph, and since 2014 the church and the parish are being served by nuns coming from India. The parish has a primary school, elementary school, a kindergarten, and many activities for the youth. Near Ader, in the neighborhood of Wassieh, the Patriarchate built a High School to serve the citizens of the south, which currently has more than 1,000 students. Ader also houses a center for the Caritas, Jordan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Ader suffers from a high rate of internal migration with mostly youth who migrate to the capital or abroad to find better opportunities. The village has about 120 Christian families in addition to around 30 families living in the near villages. The families come from a low to middle socio-economic status. The school in Ader serves students from KG1 to fourth grade. The school in Ader is not big but its impact on the Christian and non-Christian community in the area is huge. It teaches Christian education and spreads Christian values among the students and surrounding community. The school building is very old and need some rehabilitation especially in the basement which is currently in a very bad condition and full of humidity. Additionally, the foundation of the school needs enforcement works and urgent rehabilitation. Investment in such school buildings has a great impact on society since keeping the school operating in such marginalized areas prevents immigration, moving to governmental schools or conversion to other religions.

COST ESTIMATE

The project will include several mechanical, civil, electrical, and steward works in a total cost estimate of **USD 7,040.00**.

PHOTOS

