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Rehabilitation of the Multi-Purpose Hall at the Latin Parish of Beit Jala, Palestine

The City of Beit Jala

The town of Beit Jala lies only two kilometers from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus Christ. Its name comes from Aramaic, which means “grass carpet”. The city is considered to be one of the oldest in Palestine, and together with Bethlehem and Beit Sa-hour, the three towns form a triangle where the largest Christian community currently live. The town used to be 100% Christian; however, Christians currently represent 80% of the population of Beit Jala. Many had immigrated due to the political conflict. Regardless of the unfortunate decline in the Christian population in the area, the town of Beit Jala still has a large population of Christians.

Project Description

The Beit Jala parish strives to serve and enrich the lives of its parishioners and the people in the community. The primary goal is to repair and renovate the parish hall, in order to provide a safe and welcoming place to conduct events and activities. As requested by the Parish priest and after having a site visit by the Projects team to the hall, the following needs have been identified:

- Provide a well-equipped place to conduct all parish related activities;
- Make available a safe and healthy indoor place to hold scout group meetings and activities;
- Improve the hall, so it becomes a more comfortable place, allowing a better usage of the space for gatherings, weddings, funerals and other occasions;
- Offer the school a suitable indoor place, to carry out main events such as: plays, graduation ceremonies, etc.;
- Allow parishioners as well as community members, to conduct activities and gatherings in a compatible indoor place.

The works shall include Engineering civil, Electrical and Mechanical works as described below:

- Stone cladding for the external walls along with stone copings and pointing and expansion joints. Works shall include dismantling the steel protection, doors and aluminum windows and reinstall them after work and doing general maintenance for them.
- Maintenance work for the roof water proofing membrane and repairing the steel ladder heading to the roof.
- Painting works for the hall walls and ceiling and steel protection, railings and water tank platforms and satellite steel holders. Works shall include repair works for the internal wall cracks.
- Maintenance works for the bathrooms including cladding wall tiles replacing the existing mirror and maintenance works for the ventilation units and floor drains.

- Repair works for the kitchen cabinets, stove and ventilation.
- Maintenance works for the steel gate and motor.

The project will require **4 months** of different electrical, technical and mechanical works for the parish hall to be operational and functioning.

Beneficiaries

Rehabilitating the parish hall will promote the parish presence in the community as parishioners and LPJ School students, are the main beneficiaries of this project. The enough parking space available makes the hall a valuable place for the community. It will provide everyone with a welcoming place to conduct all community, school and parish related activities.

Cost Estimate

Item	Description	Cost Estimate in USD
1	civil works	34,057.00
2	mechanical works	1,150.68
3	electrical works	6,849.32
4	external works	3,397.26
5	design supervision and management 10%	4,545.00
Total cost for the project		50,000.00

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