

THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE
OF JERUSALEM

PROJECT PROPOSAL

STRUCTURAL INVESTMENT FOR LPJ SCHOOLS - PHASE 2

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“Be present to those who, living in the midst of a society burdened by poverty and corruption, are broken in spirit, tempted to give up, to leave school and to live on the streets.”

(H.H. Pope Francis)

THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (LPJ) was restored in 1847, and since then is promoting the best interests of the local communities it serves. Today, the Patriarchal Diocese oversees about 180,000 faithful in four countries, Palestine, Israel, Jordan and Cyprus, covering a rich tapestry of cultures, languages, religions and traditions. Serving all with special emphasis on the support and care of indigenous Holy Land Christians remains the enduring mission of the Mother Church, the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The Church established the Latin Patriarchate schools (LPS) throughout the region. It has provided and continues to provide excellent education opportunities for young generations with a great hope for a brighter future. The Latin Patriarchate has a network of **41 schools**: 13 Schools in Palestine, 23 schools in Jordan and 5 schools in Israel, which offers our youth throughout Jordan, Palestine and Israel a



wholesome learning environment that nurtures growth. LPJ is committed to provide quality education for boys and girls, Christians and Muslims in all its Kindergarten through 12th grade schools. The Latin Patriarchate school system is a major source of employment in the region with 1,587 professionals, teachers, administrators, educators serving 18,450 students.



The Latin Patriarchate believes that access to excellent education established on sound stewardship principles should be accessible to all, regardless of status or family income. LPJ subsidizes tuition costs of needy students, and maintains schools in marginalized areas, operating at substantial financial loss.

LPS MISSION AND VISSION

Nowadays, like in the past, LPS constitute most of the Catholic and Christian schools of all denominations in Palestine, Israel and Jordan. Without these schools, thousands of Christian children living in a predominantly non-Christian community will be obliged to attend public schools where the atmosphere and the mentality are alien to the Christian faith, where Sunday, the Lord's Day, is a school day.

The parish schools are the best environment to enhance priestly and religious vocations, and are, by excellence, ecumenical places. Since their inception they have accepted students from all communities and denominations, and offered them a solid foundation in religious, moral and intellectual education. The parish schools work towards the human and social development of the poor population. Thus, improving the schools in villages helps reduce Christian emigration to the cities and to other countries.

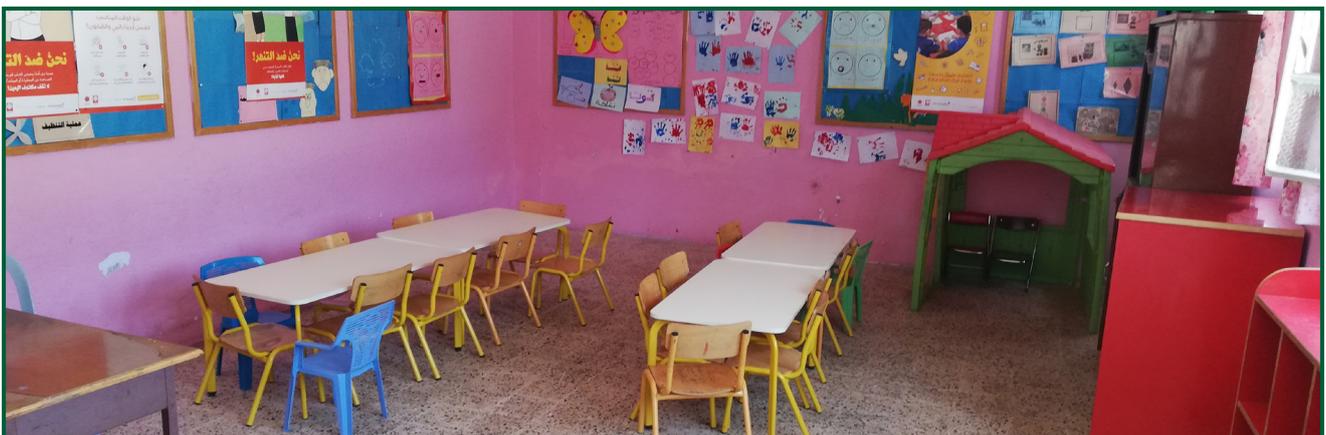
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Looking at the different needs of the students and schools required to enhance the quality of education in the Latin Patriarchate Schools in Jordan, the following projects are priority areas that are crucial for structural investment by providing new professional educational tools, equipment and furniture for the teachers and the students:

- Rehabilitation of School desks for Several Latin Patriarchate Schools and Kindergartens in Jordan

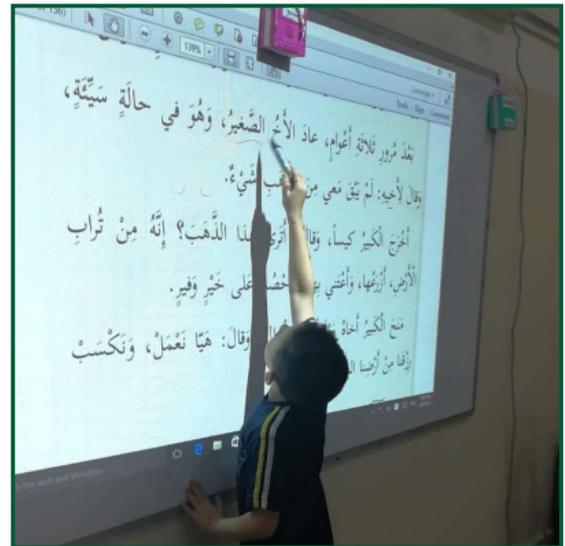
The schools' buildings in Jordan are very old and in some locations are considered historical heritages. Needs assessment survey carried out in various parishes by the schools' administration reveals that schools and kindergartens lack adequate infrastructure attention. Some deficiencies in the schools include ill-equipped classrooms and insufficient and broken desks and chairs. Conducive learning environment is very essential to learning and this must be ensured for all children of all school ages. In this context, this project aims at upgrading the classrooms' furniture in selective classrooms of Latin Patriarchate schools and kindergartens in Jordan based on the need and the actual condition. Classrooms' upgrade will include replacement and rehabilitation of the old tables, desks and chairs of the students and the teachers.

The rehabilitation of each school desk costs **JOD 40**; the project will include rehabilitating **325** school desks for selective schools and kindergartens as per the needs available and the recommendation of the principals. The total cost of the project is **JOD 13,000** equivalent to **EUR 16,525.00**



- Supply of Smart Boards for several Latin Patriarchate Schools and Kindergartens in Jordan

The world is constantly changing in all ways we function at home, work and schools. The speed at which technology has developed plays a major role in these changes. Technology is very crucial in the twenty-first century education and computers are influential in our lives and can enhance the learning process in schools in various ways. With the increasing popularity of IT technology, it is essential for the LPJ schools to support and encourage technology in the education systems. Smart projectors and computer technologies in schools offer students greater access to information, an eager motivation to learn, an enhanced quality of class work and easy acceptance to universities and job interviews.



Recently, smart projectors in the classrooms are serving as the center for teaching different subjects across the curriculum. The Latin patriarchate of Jerusalem is planning to provide smart projectors for several classrooms of selective Latin Patriarchate schools in Jordan based on the need.

The cost of each smart board is **JOD 1,550**; the project will include purchasing **17** smart boards for selective schools and kindergartens as per the needs available and the recommendation of the principals. The total cost of the project is **JOD 26,350** equivalent to **EUR 33,494.00**.

The total cost of both projects is ~50,000.00 EUR

DURATION

Both projects will require 3 months of work and will be managed and supervised by the Latin Patriarchate engineering and procurement staff and will comply with all LPJ internal contracting and supervision procedures.

BENEFICIARIES

The direct beneficiaries of the project are:

- Students: providing smart projectors in the classrooms will benefit the student's learning process and expands their knowledge. It will help in ensuring that students are ready for college life, as well as for future jobs. It helps in creating adults who will find their place in a technologically advanced society. Moreover, supplying new desks for the schools will benefit the pupils who will be saved the ordeal of sitting on old broken uncomfortable furniture to receive lessons and study.
- LP Schools: It will help the school to provide high-quality teaching lessons and help elevate the pupil's education status and increase their general knowledge.
- The teachers will have a better environment for imparting knowledge.
- The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem which will have better equipped schools and parents will be more satisfied and have happier and more education responsive children.



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