



Apostolos Andreas Monastery

This is a project of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage



The restoration of this very important religious monument intends to contribute to the on-going confidence-building process between the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots communities within the context of cultural heritage preservation and protection. The overall Restoration of the Apostolos Andreas Monastery, located in the Karpasia/Karpaz peninsula, shall take place in four phases:

Phase A: Restoration of the Church & the adjacent buildings & Geotechnical investigations and tests.

Phase B: Restoration of the Chapel and the Fountain completed.

Phase C: Restoration of the building on the north wing.

Phase D: External works

Works within **Phase A** will involve the full structural and architectural restoration of the Church and the adjacent buildings to include the specialised restoration of the iconostasis and other immovable objects which are an inherent part of the Church. It will also include improvements and upgrade of the electrical and mechanical installations in the Church and the adjacent buildings. The works will ensure that the Church and the adjacent buildings are well restored in accordance with the technical designs and drawings. In this Phase, geotechnical investigations will be carried out in the area outside the chapel and the fountain, the results of which will be utilised for the Phase B.

All these phases will be carried out in accordance with the designs of the University of Patras of Greece.

The project is funded by the Church of Cyprus and the EVKAF Administration and implemented by the UNDP in partnership with the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage.



17 September 2013 - UNDP-PFF signed two contribution agreements worth € 2.5 million EURO each, respectively with the **Church of Cyprus and the Evkaf Administration** for the Restoration of the Apostolos Andreas Monastery.

The contribution agreements follow the signature of the project document by the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage which, following its decision of 17 February 2012, has taken the responsibility of facilitating the restoration of the monastery. In partnership with the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, **UNDP-PFF will have a co-ordinator and facilitator role and will act as the “Contracting Authority and Employer” for this project.** In addition UNDP-PFF will have the responsibility to supervise the work contracts of each phase up to and including the Substantial and Final Completion of the works of each phase.

July 2014 – UNDP signed the contract for Phase 1 of the restoration project between UNDP and Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot joint venture.

September 2014 - Mobilization and preparatory works are completed and the Church complex’s keys handed over to the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage.

Works currently ongoing:

- All rooms have been emptied;
- Iconostasis have been covered and protected;
- Chandeliers have been removed and stored;
- Removal of plaster from the walls of the southern wing;
- All asbestos roof elements have been removed;
- Explorative excavations are being carried out for the construction of the northern portico;
- Removal of plaster from inside the Church walls and vaults.

The restoration works to the Church complex shall be completed by 30 April 2016.

During the restoration period, the Church has been closed for both visits and worship. A temporary Church has been established in the vicinity of the Monastery.

