



**Programme Support Unit (PSU) of the South Sinai Regional Development
Programme, on behalf of the Governorate of South Sinai (GoSS)**

South Sinai Regional Development Programme (SSRDP)
Budget line 19.080201
Reference: EuropeAid/123879/C/ACT/EG

Name of beneficiary:	HOLY MONASTERY OF SAINT CATHERINE
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Dossier N°	540
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INTERIM NARRATIVE REPORT

Title of Grant:

**Restoration and Protection of Monuments and Environment at
Saint Catherine's Monastery and the Summit of Jebel Musa**



1. Description

- 1.1. Name of beneficiary of grant contract: The Holy Monastery of Saint Catherine
- 1.2. Name and title of the Contact person : Dr. George Triantaphyllidis
- 1.3. Name of partners in the Action: LAMANS Management Services SA
- 1.4. Title of the Action: “Restoration and Protection of Monuments and Environment at Saint Katherine’s Monastery and the Summit of Jebel Musa”
- 1.5. Contract number: *Grant No SSRDP 540* (EuropeAid/123879/C/ACT/EG)
- 1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting period: 1st August 2008 and 31st July 2009
- 1.7. Target country(ies) or region(s): Arab Republic of Egypt, South Sinai Governorate
- 1.8. Final beneficiaries &/or target groups¹ (if different) (including numbers of women and men):

The proposed action will have the following beneficiaries:

- The permanent residents of the area (i.e. the Bedouins about 4.000 persons and the monastic community) who will be directly benefited by the proposed actions. The improvement of the environment, the repairs and restorations of buildings, the additional jobs, the training programmes etc. will have a positive impact on the Sinai people’s lives.
- The large number of visitors (approx. 450,000 per year), both pilgrims, tourists and eco-tourists will also be able to enjoy and understand the natural and historic surroundings of the Monastery of St. Catherine.
- The monuments and the environment, which are the focal points of this area, will be preserved through the restoration projects and the upgrading of the monument’s environment.
- The historic landscape of Wadi ed Deir that will be restored.
- The natural environment that will be protected, especially by controlling erosion, sewage and waste control and protecting underground water.

- 1.9. Country (ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7): Egypt

¹ “Target groups” are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the project at the Project Purpose level, and “final beneficiaries” are those who will benefit from the project in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.

2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

2.1. Activities and results

The planned activities for the months 13-24 were as follows:

TASKS	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
WP1. Project Management														
1.1 Project Administration														
1.2 Coordination & quality control														
WP2. Conservation - Restoration in Jebel Musa														
2.0 Licensing procedure														
2.1 Restoration of ruined Basilica														
2.2 Chapel conservation														
2.3 Mosque Restoration														
2.4 Surrounding														
2.5 Remodelling shops														
2.6 Supplementary Archaeolog Excavations in Chapel														
WP3. Conservation - Restoration in Wadi ed Deir														
3.0 Licensing procedure														
3.1 Measured survey														
3.2 Archaeological Survey & excavations														
3.3 Geo-Hydrological Surveys														
3.4 Master Plan														
3.5 Restoration of small buildings														
3.6 Removal of workers' dwellings														
WP4. Fortress Walls Restoration														
4.0 Licensing procedure														
4.1 Studies and urgent repairs on Fortress Walls														
4.2 Restoration of Garden Walls														
4.3 Immediate Monastery's Environment restoration														
4.4 Water & Sanitation Management														
WP5. Visitor facilities														
5.0 Licensing procedure														
5.1 Construction of control point														
5.2 Reformation or removal of existing structures (roads, lodgings, shops & other facilities etc.) & construction of new road & buildings														
5.8 Electric or other shuttle														
WP6. Dissemination & follow up														
6.1 Web site development														
6.2 Promotional activities (conferences, articles, publications etc.)														
6.3 Organisation of a training programme to improve the skills of Bedouin builders														
6.4 Report on future opportunities & threats														

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Signature:

Location: Saint Catherine, South Sinai, Egypt

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