

Funded Projects

2025-2026

June 2026 will mark a decade since the launch of the Cultural Protection Fund, a partnership between British Council and the UK Government Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

This year, with renewed funding of £7.8m from the UK Government until March 2026, the Cultural Protection Fund will extend grants of £4.5m to 44 projects in 17 countries to enhance the impact of their previous activities.

Alongside its funded projects the CPF will continue to support capacity building activities, integral research and evaluation and emergency response for heritage across the target countries. The 2025-26 programme will also include a series of events, publications and other engagement activities showcasing the impact of the CPF in the lead up to the 10th anniversary.

To find more information about Cultural Protection Fund, please visit our website: cultural-protection-fund.britishcouncil.org/

Please note that the website will soon contain full details about each of these projects.

Project name	Lead organisation
Abbas Bazaar Recovery Lab of Port Said	Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus
Ark for Iraq (Phase 3)	Safina Projects CIC
Athar Lina Heritage Climate Change: Conservation and Capacity Building	Megawra Built Environment
Community Based Conservation of Silk Route Heritage	Laajverd
Completion of Tataouine Museum	University of Durham
Cultural Heritage Preservation and Responsible Tourism for Sustainable Development of the Ik community in Northern Karamoja, Uganda	Kara-Tunga Foundation
Dessie Museum Renovation	Ethiopian Heritage Trust
Developing Capacities in Marine Cultural Heritage Management and Protection	The Palestine Exploration Fund
Digital Heritage Trails Project	MaritimEA Research
Documentation and Conservation of Lebanon's Coastal Castles	Iconem Fund
EAMENA: Mitigating Conflict and Climate Change Risks Through Digital Heritage, Capacity Building, and Consolidation	University of Oxford
Emergency intervention and damage assessment in Manbij, Syria	Heritage for Peace
Global Bethlehem: Securing the Archives of a Travelling Merchant	Dar Yusuf Nasri Jacir for Art and Research
Heritage Challenging Fragmented Geography	RIWAQ - Centre for Architectural Conservation

Insitu Preservation of 1.5-Million-Year-Old Footprints At Ileret, Northern Kenya: Evidence of Early Hominin Foot Morphology and Paleobiology	National Museums of Kenya
Khan Musallah, Najaf, Iraq	Living Mesopotamia CIC
Manchar Lake Mohannas – Safeguarding the Last Surviving Houseboat Village from Extinction	NED University of Engineering and Technology
Middle East People’s Culture Conservation Collective	The Institute of Development Studies
Mitigating climate change impacts on Tanzanian Coastal Heritage	University of St Andrews
On the Tracks of Music – Folk Music in the Levant and Mesopotamia	Action for Hope
Preservation and revival of Maithil women’s wall painting and sculpting arts	Janakpur Women’s Development Center
Preservation of Indigenous Food Heritage in Nepal	Natural Roots Foundation
Preservation of the Late Buddhist rock heritage of Swat – digitization of preventive conservation	Essanoor Associates
Preserving & Promoting the Hazara Heritage	Faiz Foundation
Preserving the past, safeguarding the future: protecting cultural heritage at risk in Gaza through restoration and community engagement	CISS - Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud
Protection and Participation: IAAS Archive of Sudanese Intangible Cultural Heritage	Transform Media
Protection and promotion of Palestinian tangible and intangible cultural heritage at local, national and international levels	Première Urgence Internationale
Raqqa’s Cultural Heritage and Community Empowerment Project in Tell Baya’a	Asociacion RehabiMed
Revitalise the Roots: Bikaporois	Jamii Asilia Centre

Safeguarding endangered oral traditions and minority heritages in Syria	Directions Independent Culture
Safeguarding Sudan's Living Heritage	Mallinson Architects
Safeguarding the cultural heritage of the Bajuni dialect of Swahili, oral traditions and poetry	Twaweza Communications Center Ltd
Safeguarding the Kusunda (The Ban Rajas) Language and Culture for future generation	Archive Nepal
Storytelling as Safeguarding: Protecting South Sudanese Women's Cultural Heritage in Refugee Settings in Uganda and Kenya	Likikiri Collective
Syrian Cassette Archives: Three New Collections	SCA Initiative
The House of Maqam	University of Exeter
The Protection of Sakiya's Cultural Heritage Site	Sakiya - Research and Experimental Development
The Reading Room - Karachi	Numaish Karachi
The traditional tattoos of Babylon, Iraq: documenting and preserving a threatened heritage	The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII)
Towards Protecting the Cultural Heritage in the High Himalayas of the Shey Phoksundo National Park of Dolpo	Sampada Samrakshyan Samaj Nepal (ICOMOS Nepal) Nepal
Turath Benghazi (Building Heritage Capacity & Local Engagement in Benghazi's Historic Centre)	World Monuments Fund Britain
Urgent Action: Safeguarding the Diverse Cultural Heritage of Jerusalem	The Khalidi Library - Khalidi Waqf
Varendra Research Museum	University of Durham
Withstanding change: heritage amongst climate uncertainty	The International National Trusts Organisation