

SF-PPR
2019 4th Quarter Report
ASOR AFCP Grant
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Quarterly Report for ASOR AFCP Grant: The primary deliverable listed in the AFCP Grant was the planning and execution of four Cultural Heritage Volunteer Weekend Events (a.k.a., Pop-up Museum Weekend Events). These weekend events were proposed for Ghadames, Cyrene, Berenice, and Sabratha. ASOR also proposed the creation of eight (8) new suitcases or cultural heritage “toolkits” to be used in these four (4) weekend events.

When ASOR discussed the successful proposal with Erica Thibault, Public Affairs Officer (PAO) at LEO, we were informed that Department of State desired that the “Suitcase” events and the weekend pop-up events would further the educational and stewardship goals outlined in the MOU Action Plan that had recently been signed between the U.S. and Libya. Therefore, all work has been designed and implemented to further the MOU Action Plan.

Brief update of progress for AFCP Grant in the first quarter (October – December 2019)

1. **Initial planning session held in Tunis, Tunisia.** We had 9 participants (3 ASOR staff) and 6 Libyans. We completed discussions with the Libyan Scouts, and we completed training and planning for the four Weekend Events and the distribution of new suitcase toolkits. **This deliverable was completed on time and within budget.**
2. **Creation of new “suitcase toolkits” and updating of existing ones.** Mr. Talal Bariun, purchased materials to update existing suitcases and to create the new suitcases. ASOR created 12 suitcases instead of the eight (8) that were proposed, and the suitcases have been delivered to a broad geographic area (see below). **This deliverable was completed sooner than proposed, and we created 50% more suitcases than proposed.**
3. **Conduct workshops for teachers and leaders in use of the “suitcase toolkits.”** The initial workshop was carried out in Tunis (October 3–7, 2019). A second training workshop took place in Tripoli (November 23, 2019). A third workshop was carried out in Benghazi (December 14, 2019). **The deliverable is on schedule and within budget.**
4. **Sign MOU with Libyan Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.** This was not part of the original proposal, but was added later. The MOU has been circulated amongst the Scouts. ASOR will communicate with the Scouts about any changes they would like before signing it.
5. **Carrying out discrete Cultural Heritage Outreach and Awareness Events (a.k.a., “Suitcase Events”).** This deliverable was not originally an explicit part of the AFCP proposal. It was added because these one-day events further the education, stewardship, and outreach component of the MOU Action Plan. **The ASOR team has exceeded expectations and (to date) has carried out 18 of these events (see below).**
6. **Plan and carry out four (4) Cultural Heritage Volunteer Weekend Events (a.k.a., “Weekend Pop-up Museum Events”).** The planning is on schedule. It is our tentative plan to complete all four events before Ramadan in 2020. If necessary, one or two events will be held during the summer or early Fall of 2020. **The first event will take place in Sabratha in February 2020.**
7. **Overall timeline.** The original AFCP proposal called for all activities to be completed in 12 months. In discussing the grant with the PAO (Eric Thibault), we decided that it would be best to list the period of performance as 24 months due to the fluid political situation in Libya. At the completion of the first quarter (October to December 2019), **ASOR has concluded that we are**

ahead of schedule for a 12-month timeline. That said, we want to be cautious about making firm predictions for the timeline in light of the changing situation in Libya. We are confident that all of the deliverables will be completed well in advance of the period of performance, and we think that it is likely that we will complete the proposed activities within the original 12-month timeline.

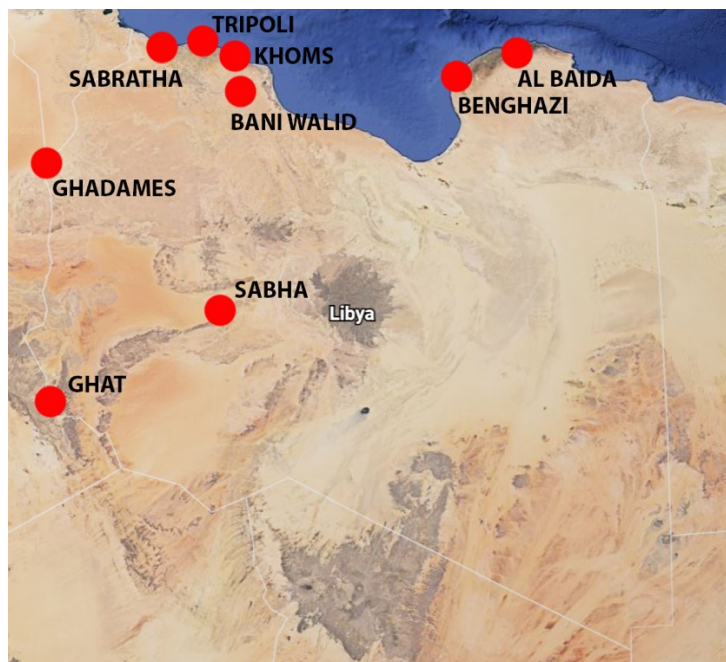
1. Initial Planning Session in Tunis.

This planning workshop took place October 3-7, 2019. We had 9 participants (3 ASOR staff) and 6 Libyans. We completed discussions with the Libyan Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and we completed training and planning for the four Weekend Events and the distribution of new suitcase toolkits.

2. Creation of new “suitcase toolkits” and updating of existing ones. Start of the Project

11 “suitcase toolkits” existed before we started our project. We now have 23 total suitcases.

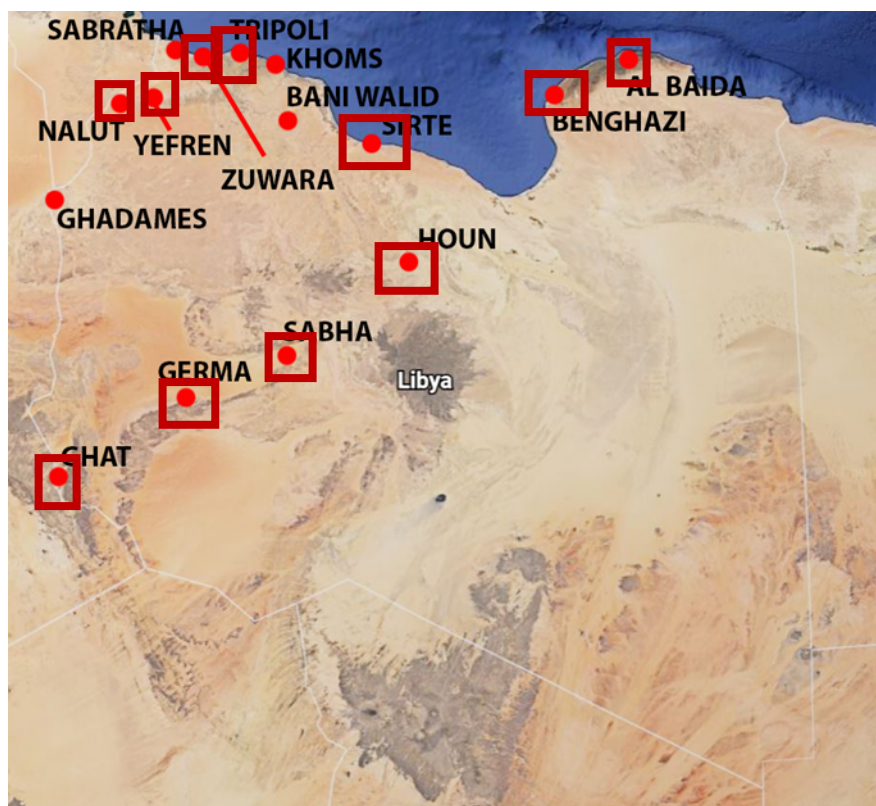
Before the initial meeting in Tunisia in October 2019, our team in Libya had distributed 11 suitcases in different cities: Benghazi (2), Khoms, Tripoli, Sabratha (2), Ghadamis, Sabah, Al Baida, Bani Walid, and Ghat. See the map below for the geographic placement of the previous suitcase toolkits:



Map of Suitcase Locations before October 2019.

Improving Old Suitcases

All of the old suitcases have been improved by adding new items. Some of the new items included are magazines on the history of Libya, pottery replicas, oil lamp replicas, pencils, crayons, and drawing books. New games and toys were added, as well as some gifts from ASOR. Sabratha, Benghazi, and Tripoli all received overhead projectors to supplement their existing suitcases. The leader of a museum suitcase at Sabha traveled to Ghat to train colleagues who will lead the museum suitcase project at Ghat.



Map with sites receiving new or additional “suitcases” shown with boxes.

Delivering the New Suitcases

There are 12 new suitcases that have been created as part of the new AFCP project. There are now 23 total suitcases which allow for greater geographic coverage. This list shows where the new suitcases were sent, when they were delivered, and to whom they were delivered. In conjunction with the distribution of the new suitcases, the team has been providing training for teachers and workshop leaders.

- 1) Sirte: November 3, 2019, Ahmed Abraham

Training: Ahmed Abraham is a new leader at Sirte who was trained for one day about the use of the museum suitcase.

- 2) Al Baida/Shahhat: November 5, 2019

3) Benghazi: November 5, 2019, Abdelhafed Faraj Elmsalaty (additional items to supplement the old suitcase)

Training: Elmsalaty trained a group of college students about the museum field in general and the use of the museum suitcase.

4) Germa: November 5, 2019

5) Hun: November 5, 2019

6) Tobruk: November 5, 2019

7) Zuwara: December 3, 2019

8-10) Tripoli:

November 3, 2019: one museum suitcase to Intesar Elarebi

December 14, 2019 and December 25, 2019: two suitcases for intangible cultural heritage to Salima Elamere

Training:

- Elarebi trained college students in the use museum suitcases for teaching children.
- Two students from the college of tourism at the University of Tripoli are using the museum suitcase as their graduation project.
- Salima Elamere, one of the leaders of the museum suitcase workshops, has received training regarding intangible cultural heritage and will now lead the intangible cultural heritage project at Tripoli.

11) Nalut

12) Yafran



Map Showing Current (2020) "Suitcase" Locations

These new suitcases contain the same materials as the original ones such as excavation tools, drawing and coloring supplies, pottery replicas, and history and archaeology books. However, the new suitcases have higher quality replicas.



New Materials for the Suitcases

3. Workshops for teachers and leaders: Planning Meetings to train archaeologists, professionals, and teachers how to use the suitcase “toolkits”

a. Event in Tunis: October 3–7, 2019

b. Event in Tripoli: November 23, 2019: Intesar, Talal, Dr. Moufidah, Ahmed Ibrahim, Abu Kuneisha, Asma alghoul, Suleima al Amari, Malek al Aesawi, Hafsa abd Alhami.



Training for Teachers and Leaders to use suitcases.

Event in Benghazi: 12/14/19: Huda Bushagor, Silwa Obed, and Abdelhafed Elmaslaty.



Event in Benghazi.

4. Signing MOU with the Libyan Boy Scouts and Girl Guides

Dr. Farag and Dr. Vaughn reached a tentative agreement in principle during the meeting in Tunis in October 2019. Additional (non-federal) funding for the Scouts and Girl Guides has been provided by the J. M. Kaplan Fund. A copy of the MOU has been circulated amongst the Scouts and Guides and the response has been favorable. ASOR will be in touch with the Scouts about any changes they would like to make to the MOU before signing it. We have also requested the current copy that is being circulated in Libya so that it can be reviewed by the PAO of the LEO (Erica Thibault).

5. Use of New and Improved Museum Suitcases— Cultural Heritage Outreach and Awareness Events

While many more workshops are currently taking place, ASOR has information on 15 workshops that were conducted since October 2019.

- 1) Sirte: No reported workshops as of January 14, 2019.
- 2) Al Baida/Shahhat: No reported workshops as of January 14, 2019.
- 3) Benghazi: Abdelhafid has conducted 9 workshops using the museum suitcase.

Event 1: Date: November 7, 2019

Location & Activities: Visit to the archaeological site of Tolmeita

Participants: 30 high school students from Menehal Elearfan, 4 teachers

Event 2: Date: November 12, 2019

Location & Activities: Visit archaeological sites of Kourina and Tolmeita

Participants: 30 high school students, 10 teachers

Event 3: Date: November 19, 2019

Location & Activities: Museum suitcase activities at Brges School.

Participants: 40 middle school and high school students, 8 teachers

Event 4: Date: November 21, 2019

Location & Activities: Museum suitcase activities at Dalel Elalme School

Participants: 50 middle school students

Event 5: Date: December 5, 2019

Location & Activities: Visit to Tolmeita and its museum. Children were trained in folklore.

Participants: 25 preschool students, 5 teachers

Event 6: Date: December 10, 2019

Location & Activities: Museum suitcase activities at Read Elbdaa School

Participants: 30 preschool students, 4 teachers

Event 7: Date: December 12, 2019

Location & Activities: Museum suitcase activities at Elmdar School

Participants: 60 students

Event 8: Date: December 17, 2019

Location & Activities: Museum suitcase activities at Kanah School.

Participants: 30 primary school students, 5 teachers

Event 9: Date: December 18, 2019

Location & Activities: Training for museum studies at Benghazi University.

Participants: 15 college students

4) Germa: No reported workshops as of January 14, 2019.

5) Hun:

Event 1: Led by Amin Elhony

Date: January 13, 2020

Location & Activities: Archaeological and cultural heritage training in the desert.

Participants: middle school and high school students

6) Tobruk: No reported workshops as of January 14, 2019.

7) Zuwara: No reported workshops as of January 14, 2019.

8-10) Tripoli: Talal and the team organized a workshop regrading intangible cultural heritage. This workshop was designed to help teachers raise awareness about intangible cultural heritage.

Event 1: Date: December 20, 2019

Location: Tripoli

Participants: 10 teachers

11) Nalut: No reported workshops as of January 14, 2019.

12) Yafran: No reported workshops as of January 14, 2019.

Events from Improved Suitcase Sites

Bani Walid: Our Libyan team developed a workshop regrading *Libyan cultural heritage Under Current Challenges Circumstances*. It was designed for Libyan scholars and specialists who deal with museums, cultural heritage, and archaeology. The main purpose of the workshop was to discuss the current difficult situation in Libya in regards to cultural heritage and to find the best solution for protecting cultural heritage.

Event 1: Date: December 28, 2019

Location: Beni Walid

Participants: 50 scholars and specialists

Ghadamis: In addition to these two workshops, another one has taken place and ASOR is collecting details on this one.

Event 1: Led by: Ahemed Islaiel

Date: January 3, 2020

Location & Activities: Museum suitcase activities

Participants: 30 primary school students

Event 2:

Date: January 11, 2020

Location & Activities: Workshop for teachers and the public to talk about cultural heritage awareness and the museum suitcase project.

Participants: teachers and people from Ghadamis

Sabratha:

Event 1: Date: Early January 2020

Location & Activities: Sabratha archaeological sites and museum suitcase

Participants: Team Ashabl Sorman

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The first event (Sabratha) has already been planned and advertised. It will take place in mid-February, so that the ASOR Team can discuss the successes and what we have learned with the PAO of LEO during our meeting in Tunis in late February / early March.

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