

HERITAGE DOCUMENTATION AND CATALOGUING

A devastating earthquake with a magnitude of 7.6 on Richter scale struck northern part of Pakistan on October 8, 2005 and caused heavy damages to both rural and urban areas destroying buildings of historical significance and surrounding facilities. The Government of Pakistan had no institutional setup available to effectively respond to a disaster of this magnitude. Taking notice of the situation and given the urgency of the matter, the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) was established by the Government of Pakistan under a notification dated 24th October 2005 of Prime Minister's Secretariat as a autonomous organization to provide for post disaster damage assessment, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the areas affected by the earthquake of 8th October, 2005.

2. ERRA embarked on a gigantic rehabilitation, reconstruction and development work in the earthquake affected areas. ERRA developed separate strategies for twelve important sectors. This project is covered under the strategy document pertaining to development of tourism in the area.

3. The affected area abounds in place of great historical significance and beautiful natural surroundings. The area's bio-diversity provides a rich source which needs to be capitalized for sustainable development. The HPC project plans to employ the existing facilities and build on the foundation that is already available. As a pre-requisite to sustainable tourism activity in the area it is necessary to carry out a detailed study and documentation.

4. The purpose of this exercise is to provide a holist and targeted approach for planning of tourism activities in the Earthquake Affected Areas. Tangible/Intangible material and Cultural Resources. Tourism being most important industry caters for all the major sectoral linkages especially Livelihood and enterprise development.

5. Heritage Foundation, established in 1980, is a non-profit organization engaged in research, publication and conservation of Pakistan's cultural heritage for Rehabilitation Program. HF worked on several projects that have been undertaken for communities, particularly women, affected by the Earthquake 2005 in Northern Pakistan. As a public-private venture HF will be a

partner in this exercise for all sort of work pertaining to research and survey of the Affected Area. Under ERRA's supervision the work will be conducted according to the TORs.

The survey is aiming at:

- Complete documentation and cataloguing of the tangible/intangible natural and material resources available in the affected areas.
- Provision of complete data related to the heritage and natural/cultural resources in the affected area.
- Mapping of all facilities existing in the area.
- Analysis of all possible heritage sites within the area.
- The documentation of the intangible/tangible resources will enable to package cultural tourism.

6. The exercise for documentation and cataloguing of the tangible/intangible resources will be according to mutually agreed format. A separate TORs will be developed for HPC expert to be hired for the HPCs along with the elaborate list of sites/resources that needs documentation. They will carry out the heritage documentation of the identified sites to cover the historical significance aspect, structural condition, feasibility study to preserve the studied sites and approximate cost estimation of each identified site/location. HPC will employ local skills and manpower in a supporting role in the documentation and cataloguing process of the Heritage Assets as defined by the policy/TOR framework. ERRA will provide funds, equipment and vehicle etc. according to agreed time schedule and assist in procuring relevant data/inputs from NWFP and AJK, whereas HF will be responsible for:

- Private office space and lodging facilities at HF office on Chattar.
- Provide office space & support at HF Head Office in Karachi
- Develop a mutually agreed format for documentation and cataloguing to extract relevant information.
- Appoint project maintenance staff in cooperation with ERRA.
- Project management at site.

- Coordination between Government agencies and other.
- Verification of data of heritage sites in EQ area provide by AJK Government and NWFP Government, and any other sources e.g. NGOs etc.
- Graphic and Photographic documentation and cataloguing of identified sites.

ERRA-HF Heritage Preservation Centre, Tourism Sector-ERRA.

	Staff	Operational Cost	Contingencies	Total Amount Pak. Rupees
HPC	1,850,000	1,912,000	100,000	3,862,000

7. Total duration of Heritage Preservation Cataloguing is five months which can be extended on need basis within the budgetary estimates.

8. The survey is to submit a complete report related to:

- Documented natural and material resources/sites.
- Mapping of the sites.
- Possible proposals related to the re-construction of Heritage sites.
- Available options for soft tourism development; adventure-based, Cultural-based, Religion-based.