



ROSE - Tripoli, Lebanon Revival of the Old City's Society and Economy

From Tripoli to Lebanon: A New Development Model



ROSE is a comprehensive research-based development initiative that seeks to restore Tripoli, Lebanon as a multicultural urban center for knowledge, commerce and trade. Initiatives, programs and projects are based on the findings of the Socio-Economic Participatory Study of the Old City of Tripoli (OCT) published in May of 2017.

The study seeks to set out a new development model for Lebanon that will guide the national government and international donors to maximize the effectiveness of their interventions in improving socio-economic development. Through a series of surveys, in-depth interviews and focus group discussions with local stakeholders, the study outlines over twenty specific initiatives to be implemented in the areas of health, education & training, economic development, and social urban-development.

Active ROSE Projects:

Addressing the lack of qualified skilled workers in the labor market, **Safadi Foundation's Accelerated Vocational Training Center** will transform the potential of youth in the region by strengthening their participation in the local economy. By enhancing the job skills of youth and preparing them to enter the labor market, Tripoli will have the seeds planted to once again restore it's historical role as an economic hub in the region.

Housing Rehabilitation for Poor Families

ROSE will safeguard the cultural heritage of the Old City of Tripoli and improve health and safety standards for 1500 residential units. Many of these homes are under threat of total collapse and destruction. ROSE will save these historical archeological structures dating back to the Mamluk era. The Foundation is also working to ensure that the improvements are sustainable by training and employing 750 youth in the area to do the work themselves, giving them the ability to maintain the repairs over time and gain professional experience.

The United Nations has labeled Tripoli, Lebanon as the poorest city on the Mediterranean Sea. Largely disconnected from the center of the country and home to the country's highest levels of poverty, student dropouts and illiteracy, Tripoli has been labeled as a national development priority.

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The mission of Safadi Foundation is to empower vulnerable communities in Lebanon, with a specific focus on women and youth, to find sustainable solutions that will enable them to play a participatory role in the country's national development process. Our aim is to reduce socio-economic regional disparities, decrease the gender-gap, and narrow the vacuum between citizens and their governing institutions. Through developing innovative strategies we will reduce poverty, increase access to labor markets and educate local communities to play an enhanced role in civic engagement.



“ ROSE will improve governance, the effectiveness of donor assistance, and pave the way for reconstruction in the region.

Mohammad A. Safadi, Founder ”