

# ***Children of Petra Village Project***

Wadi Mousa Charitable Society

## **Introduction:**

Wadi Mousa Charitable Society is one of the operating societies in the Petra Region, established in 1964, and registered with the Ministry of Social Development, under the Social Societies and Establishment Law and its amendments.

Number of the Society general assembly is 55 members. The Society is run by an elected administrative board, which by virtue of its by-laws, has a total number of 7 board members.

The Society runs a number of projects that contribute towards its achieving its social, and human aims. One of the Society priorities is to find sustained sources of income that would enable it serve the local society, through the following projects:

1. Children nurseries and KG's – for (120) child
2. Small loans project for civic society members
3. An Aluminum work shop
4. A project in cooperation with CARE and the local community, to maintain and renovate sources of water
5. Recreational city project (Children games village project)

These projects form a small part of the routine society activities, which in total, provide a source of income for the Society, that maintains its independence and ability to provide the service.

### **(1) Project Description:**

#### **First Phase:**

The project is a continuation of the recreational city project that has been funded by (QUDURAT) programme. The project is located on a plot of land that amounts to an area of (3796) square metres. The land was evaluated for the purposes of the project to cost a total of (JD 949,000). The project's total cost has amounted to JD 200,000 including the cost of the land that represents around 47.5% of the total project cost. The Project was provided with some games, which in fact are not enough for the purpose of running such a project, especially in light of the fact that the project is situated in the city of Wadi Mousa, and is in desperate need for more toys. Once provided the project would have achieved its goals, which we will be stating later.

#### **Second Phase:**

This phase is concerned with rehabilitating the present project, through enhancing it with a collection of toys and facilities, which will contribute towards creating a safe environment for the children of the region, thus enabling them to spend their free time there, whereby it contains the following:

Civil and infrastructure works, which contains the following:

1. children's library, a multi purpose hall
2. shades, tents, lighting and other

Games:

1. train
2. the ship game
3. the wheel game
4. electric cars, scooters and a court
5. Atari e-games (8 units)
6. Chains swing
7. Play Stations
8. Other different children's games

**Project justifications and importance:**

1. the imperative need for Petra region children, and the neighbouring regions, to establish recreational facilities, where children can spend their weekends and holidays. The whole area lacks such a project and relevant activities, especially since there is no likelihood of any private sector investment initiative nor any indication towards such a contribution is apparent.
2. the full execution of such a project is considered a qualitative plus for tourism in the Petra region, and particularly, for family and local tourism.
3. planning for such a project should be scientifically based, educational, and well studied, to allow it achieve its educational and recreational aims in a way that would simultaneously serve the public interests and those of the children.

**(3) Project Aims:**

1. to establish a children's recreational village that contributes to polishing their personalities and enhancing their upbringing.
2. provide for a children's library that contributes towards the cultural and scientific sides of children's personalities
3. the project will create (6) work opportunities at least to the benefit of area sons.

4. the project will provide an income for the Society, and will help it achieve its goals, and have total independence.

**(4) Proposed Budget:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost in JD</b>
Train	17,500
Ship	15,000
Wheel	8,000
Electric cars (Scooters), plus court	25,000
Atari (8) units	8,000
Swing with Chains	5,000
Play Station	10,000
External lighting	2,500
Different children's games	2,000
External Bedouin tent umbrellas	2,000
Multi purpose hall, Children Library	25,000
<b>Total (*)</b>	<b>120,000</b>

(\*) estimated costing

**(5) Sustainability and Continuity:**

The projects sustainability and its continuation can be guaranteed through close follow up of the administrative assembly at the Society. This is represented through ensuring relevant public safety requirements are available on site, conducting maintenance operations on games in lieu with a pre-defined time schedules, and whenever needed. A budget should be dedicated for these tasks on annual basis. The following should however be taken into consideration:

- establish a residents council (local) to supervise and evaluate the project performance
- close follow up of the Society's administrative assembly
- define specifications for a public safety guide and its follow up
- continuous project workers training

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Needed games for the Petra Children's Village project  
Of the Wadi Mousa Charitable society

Item:	Cost in JD
The Ship game	15,000
Electric cars, scooters, court	25,000
Different children's games	2,000
Multi purpose hall, Children Library	25,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>67,000</b>

Taking into consideration that the Village project has been executed by the Society, and funded by other societies, and (QUDURAT) programme some three years ago, excluding (not clear) the games mentioned above, especially since the project is the only one, not only in the Petra region, but the whole Governorate of Ma'an.