

Revive the Spirit of Mosul

A UNESCO-UAE partnership

- In **2018**, UNESCO and the UAE partnered under the “**Revive the Spirit of Mosul**” initiative to rehabilitate and reconstruct some of Mosul’s most important cultural and religious heritage.
- The project focusses on three key sites: **Al Nouri Mosque Complex**, **Al Tahera Syriac Catholic Church**, and **Al Saa’a Church**, as well as the creation of a new museum.
- The UAE **committed \$50.4 million** to rebuild and restore the Al Nouri Mosque over a five-year period.

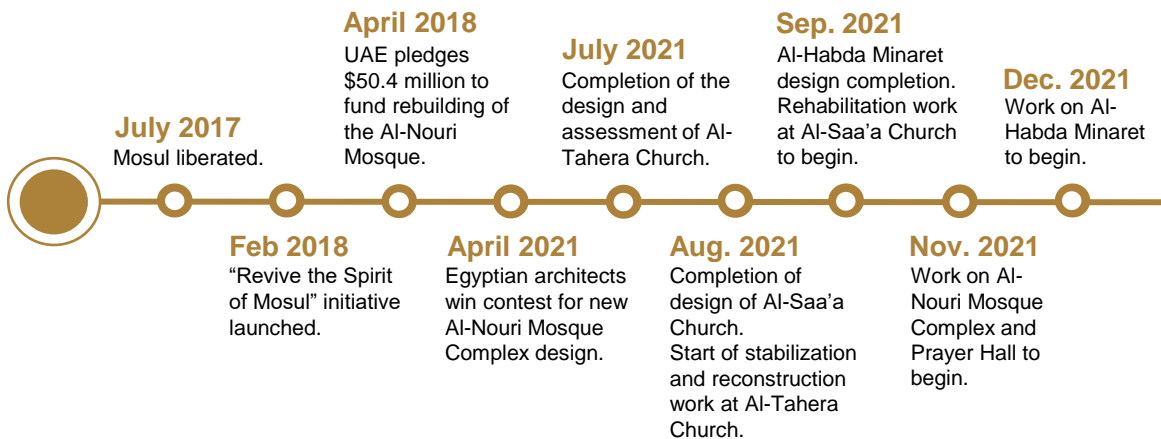


- Following the historic visit of Pope Francis to the UAE in October 2019, the restoration of Al-Tahira and Al Saa’a church were included in the project.
- The initiative seeks to **empower Moslawis** (Mosul residents) and Iraqis by providing 1,000 training and employment opportunities. As of mid-2021, 600 Iraqis were employed, and the project is expected to exceed its hiring target.

- Women make up **30% of the engineers** employed for the supervision and assessment of buildings.
- The initiative **prioritizes community engagement**, with **Moslawis involved at every stage** through awareness-raising campaigns, consultation cycles, and participatory activities.
- The initiative also has a key focus on sustainability and guaranteeing the project has a long-lasting positive effect on Mosul’s economy and tourism sector.



Timeline of key events



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Meeting project beneficiaries



- Those wishing to **learn more about reconstruction efforts** should contact UNESCO or the UAE Ministry of Culture and Youth (Nat Com).
- In certain circumstances it may be possible to **organize meetings with architects, engineers, and workers** at the different sites in Mosul.
- Meetings with **local residents of Mosul** can also be facilitated.

The liberation of Mosul

- In **2014**, Mosul fell to Daesh who declared a caliphate in the city.
- Prior to the capture of Mosul, it was known as a crossroads for **culture, religion and tolerance** for thousands of years.
- About **65 percent of the historic city was destroyed** under Daesh, including the **Al-Nouri Complex** and **Al-Hadba Minaret**.
- The campaign to recapture Mosul began in 2016 and ended with Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi formally declaring **victory in July 2017**.



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