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INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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**Reports of States Parties on the use of International Assistance**

**from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund**

**Summary**

Article 24.3 of the Convention provides that ‘The beneficiary State Party shall submit to the Committee a report on the use made of the assistance provided for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage’. This document covers the reports received during the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021 and presents an overview of the implementation of the International Assistance mechanism.

**Decision required:** paragraph 15

1. Article 24.3 of the Convention provides that ‘The beneficiary State Party shall submit to the Committee a report on the use made of the assistance provided for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage’. Such financial International Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund (hereafter, ‘the Fund’) is described in Chapter V of the Convention and Chapters I.4 and I.14 of the Operational Directives.
2. This document presents all the reports received after the last report made to the fourteenth session of the Committee in 2019, from 1 July 2019 up to 30 June 2021. This reporting period covers two cycles, since reports by States Parties on the use of International Assistance (which would have covered the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020) were not presented to the fifteenth session of the Committee that was convened on a reduced agenda basis in adjustment to the COVID-19 pandemic.
   * + - 1. Overview

During the reporting period, forty-six projects supported with International Assistance were active,[[1]](#footnote-1) for a total of US$5,307,421.

**a. Received reports**: The table in Annex I of the present document lists twenty-nine reports submitted by beneficiary States. They include nine projects which were closed during the reporting period. The reports on each of the projects concerned are available to download in the language in which they were submitted using the links indicated in the table in this annex and through the [dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/project?countryID=00001&benef_eb_group%5B%5D=07&benef_eb_group%5B%5D=05&benef_eb_group%5B%5D=03&benef_eb_group%5B%5D=04&benef_eb_group%5B%5D=06&benef_eb_group%5B%5D=02&benef_eb_group%5B%5D=01&assistance_purpose%5B%5D=2&assistance_purpose%5B%5D=3&assistance_purpose%5B%5D=4&assistance_purpose%5B%5D=5&assistance_purpose%5B%5D=6&assistance_purpose%5B%5D=7&term=&min_amount=&max_amount=&activity_funds_source%5B%5D=01&activity_funds_source%5B%5D=02&donorID=00001&month_started_after=&year_started_after=&month_started_before=&year_started_before=&month_completed_after=&year_completed_after=&month_completed_before=&year_completed_before=&compound_submit=Filter) of the Convention. The period covered by each report varies from one report to another, depending on the specific dates for each project, as agreed upon between each beneficiary State and UNESCO when the contract governing the assistance is established.

**b. Forthcoming reports**: Seventeen other projects were ‘active’ although no report was submitted during the current reporting period. The table in Annex II provides an overview of these projects, including information on reports to be submitted in the future.

**c. Newly granted**: During the reporting period, twenty-four requests for an amount up to US$100,000 were submitted from twenty States Parties for the attention of the Bureau. Sixteen of them were presented to the Bureau, while three were withdrawn by the submitting States and five were considered out of scope. The Bureau decided to grant assistance to thirteen projects for a total amount of US$1,123,373, as indicated with an asterisk symbol in Annexes I and II.

In addition, four requests for an amount greater than US$100,000 and four requests through the combined mechanism with the Urgent Safeguarding List were submitted by seven States Parties. Seven requests were presented to the Committee, while one request was withdrawn by the submitting State. The Committee decided to grant assistance to four projects[[[2]](#footnote-2) for a total amount of US$788,120](applewebdata://324BFCF8-1596-4FEE-8E17-F258E0D2DF64" \l "_ftn1" \o "), as indicated with the hash symbol in Annexes I and II. Two of the approved projects concerned the above-mentioned combined mechanism.

1. States Parties continued to make use of the technical assistance arranged by the Secretariat to revise and finalize their request. This type of assistance normally takes place in the form of the provision of experts who provide guidance over a period of eight to ten weeks, either remotely or on site. Three beneficiary countries received such technical assistance: Armenia (n°01626), Cameroon (n°01622) and Cook Islands (n°01635).
2. Furthermore, preparatory assistance was accorded to Mali (n°01583) and Timor-Leste (n°01563), leading to the submission of two nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List under the 2021 cycle. As to emergency International Assistance, the project in Colombia (n°01522) was completed, while the project in Niger (n°01412) is ongoing.
3. While the majority of International Assistance takes the form of a grant, the possibility of benefitting from the ‘service’ modality’ (whereby the fund granted will be implemented, managed and monitored collaboratively by the State Party and the UNESCO field office) continues to gain support amongst States Parties as a helpful tool for certain safeguarding projects. There were seven projects[[3]](#footnote-3) concerned by this modality under the reporting period. The first three projects granted with the service modality were completed during the reporting period. The project in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (n°01619) contributed to raising the capacities of government entities, communities and experts in applying the community-based approach for preparing nominations, while another project in Senegal (n°01431) allowed government officials and community members to gain knowledge and skills relevant for safeguarding living heritage in the country. The experience of the project in Saint Kitts and Nevis (n°01426) is equally positive as national capacities to inventory intangible cultural heritage were enhanced through a series of community-based pilot inventorying initiatives. For all three projects, cooperation between the beneficiary States and UNESCO Field Offices contributed to their efficient implementation.
   * + - 1. General observations
4. **COVID-19 pandemic**: The ongoing pandemic has not spared the International Assistance mechanism. The impact has shown most concretely in three ways, affecting the implementation of the mechanism:

a. Delays on the implementation of ongoing projects. Health measures, including lockdowns, applied in different countries have caused delays in the implementation of ongoing projects. The Secretariat administered no-cost extensions of contracts for sixteen projects,[[4]](#footnote-4) upon the request from the beneficiary States concerned, pending the improvement of sanitary conditions to allow for the continuation of planned activities.

b. Delayed start of approved projects. The starting dates for projects approved by the fourteenth session of the Committee and those by the Bureau in 2020 were rescheduled in consultation with the States Parties concerned.[[5]](#footnote-5) As conditions improved, the implementation of these projects has gradually started, and several beneficiary States are preparing to initiate their projects towards the end of 2021.

c. Decrease in the number of requests. The reporting period saw a considerable decrease in the number of requests submitted by States Parties. In total, the Secretariat received only twenty-one requests[[6]](#footnote-6) within two years. Compared to the period July 2018 to June 2019, the first part of the reporting period (July 2019 to June 2020) saw a 29% decrease, while the second part of the reporting period (July 2020 to June 2021) corresponded to a 47% decrease (Figure 1). The pandemic is considered to be the major reason for this trend, as it has not been possible for many States to assess what safeguarding actions are needed with what assistance and/or to ensure the necessary community participation for preparing International Assistance requests.

**Figure 1**: Analysis by the number of International Assistance requests received by reporting period

1. As the pandemic lingers on in all regions of the world, with far-reaching and devastating impact, it has also highlighted the importance of living heritage for our interconnectedness and common humanity. The Secretariat’s on-line survey, which formed the basis for the [report](https://ich.unesco.org/en/living-heritage-and-the-covid-19-pandemic-01179) ‘Living Heritage and the COVID-19 pandemic’ found that living heritage often served as an important source of resilience and support for communities struggling with, and recovering from, the pandemic (document [LHE/21/16.COM/5.b](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM-5.b-EN.docx)). The preliminary results of International Assistance projects under the reporting period point to a similar conclusion: the report from Kyrgyzstan (n°01423) indicates, for example, that the target communities of the project were able to cope with stress and uncertainties felt during the pandemic thanks to the practices and rituals related to places sacred to them.
2. **Capacity building:** Many of the International Assistance projects active under the reporting period have been implemented once again with activities aiming to building the capacity of stakeholders in living heritage safeguarding, for instance through training workshops and fieldwork. As has been the case in recent cycles, the materials and facilitators made available through UNESCO’s capacity-building programme were used to support such capacity-building efforts at the national level.
3. **Intangible cultural heritage in education**: The inclusion of intangible cultural heritage in formal and informal education continues to grow as most of the corresponding projects highlighted in the previous report remained active, with the addition of a few new projects.[[7]](#footnote-7) The encouraging attention given by beneficiary Sates to this theme is in line with one of the two funding priorities of the 2003 Convention: ‘Safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in formal and non-formal education’, which the Committee is asked at the present session to extend for the period 2022–2025 (document [LHE/21/16.COM/12](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM-12-EN.docx)).
   * + - 1. Challenges, opportunities and ways forward
4. Since the establishment in 2008 of the procedure for examining requests for International Assistance and as of 30 June 2021, fifty-five States Parties were granted financial assistance from the Fund, for a total of US$8,31 million in support of 112 projects. While all electoral groups are represented (see Figure 2) except for Group I, the largest portion of the requests approved were submitted by States Parties from Electoral Group V(a), Africa, representing US$4.8 million (41%) of the amount of assistance granted, in line with UNESCO’s Global Priority Africa. The regional distributions for other groups are as follows: Electoral Group II (7%), Electoral Group III (23%), Electoral Group IV (20%) and Electoral Group V(b) (9%).
5. Within the reporting period, eight States Parties were granted assistance for the first time, which points to a steady expansion of the geographical outreach of the mechanism, as these States represent 47% (8 out of 17) of the requests granted during the reporting period: Antigua and Barbuda (n°01624), Burundi (n°01619), Cook Islands (n°01635), Egypt (n°01633), Grenada (n°01627), Pakistan (n°01809), South Sudan (n°01535) and Uruguay (n°01634). Three of them are Small Island Developing States.

**Figure 2**. Analysis by Electoral Group and amount of all International Assistance granted since 2008 and as of 30 June 2021.

1. As presented to the eighth session of the General Assembly (document [LHE/20/8.GA/6+Add.](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-8.GA-6+Add.-EN.docx) and document [LHE/20/8.GA 7 Rev.](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-8.GA-7_Rev.-EN.docx)), the Secretariat has made significant effort to improve the expenditures related to the International Assistance portfolio of the Fund of the 2003 Convention and ensure that States Parties have better access to the resources. These include, among others, clearing out the backlog of requests and setup a more fluid administrative system for their implementation. Consequently, expenditures under the 39C/5 (2018–2019) represented a twofold increase compared to the previous two years in 38/C5 (2016–2017). The dedicated Safeguarding Implementation and Monitoring team was established in October 2019 to shift the focus of the Secretariat’s operations to systematic monitoring, lesson-learning and assessment of the outcomes of funded projects in order to further consolidate the International Assistance mechanism with a view to supporting national safeguarding efforts.
2. The COVID-19 pandemic has somewhat slowed the momentum, however, as the number of incoming International Assistance requests has decreased (see paragraph 6 above). To address this, the Secretariat will intensify its efforts to promote the mechanism, particularly among eligible States Parties that have not applied to it, in line also with Recommendation 5 of the IOS evaluation (2021) brought to the attention of the present session of the Committee (document [LHE/21/16.COM/10).](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM-10-EN.docx) As one of the first steps, the ‘Toolkit on International Assistance of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund’ is being prepared for an imminent launch. This toolkit explains how to plan and monitor projects and provides basic information on the mechanism, such as key concepts of the Convention and the eligibility and selection criteria for International Assistance requests. Additionally, a short promotional video clip is being prepared to explain the benefits and the set-up of the mechanism.
3. In parallel, the Secretariat is developing a strategy aiming to enhance the mechanism with a solid monitoring system beyond administrative follow-up, which is in line with Recommendation 6 of the above-mentioned IOS evaluation (2021). The preliminary analysis indicates a series of issues to be addressed when building such a monitoring system under the International Assistance mechanism, for example the need to: (a) link the monitoring with the Overall Results Framework of the Convention, in particular as regards sustainable development; (b) enhance capacity-building for the preparation of requests; and (c) reflect the voice of the communities to lean from their experience in the implementation of each project. The intention of the Secretariat is to complete the strategy in 2022.
4. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 16.COM 7.d

The Committee,

1. Having examined document LHE/21/16.COM/7.d,
2. Recalling Article 24.3 of the Convention,
3. Thanks the beneficiary States for their timely submission of final or progress reports for projects benefitting from International Assistance under the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund, and at the same time requests that beneficiary States with projects whose implementation has been delayed take appropriate measures and ensure the respect of reporting obligations;
4. Notes with satisfaction that countries from Electoral Group V(a) continue to be the main beneficiaries of International Assistance, in line with Global Priority Africa, while the access to the Fund has improved for other groups, notably for Small Island Developing States, congratulates those States that have been granted International Assistance for the first time, and encourages States that have not benefitted from the Fund to consider this mechanism of assistance in their efforts to safeguard the intangible cultural heritage present in their territories;
5. Expresses its concern, at the same time, that the implementation of projects under the mechanism has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and requests that the Secretariat closely support and monitor the implementation of such projects;
6. Also requests that the Secretariat take appropriate actions to promote the mechanism as a tool for supporting national safeguarding efforts, including in the context of the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;
7. Encourages States Parties to continue taking advantage of the technical assistance arranged by the Secretariat, especially those States Parties that face recurrent difficulties in revising requests referred by the Bureau or the Committee;
8. Expresses its support for the continuous use of the modality for the provision of services, as provided by Article 21 (a) to (f) and as a complement and alternative modality to the provision of financial grants.

**Annex I: Received reports**

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| **Beneficiary State** | **Project** | **Amount granted (US$) / Decision making Body** | **Implementation period** | **Report** |
| Albania# | Community-based Inventory of ICH in Albania with a view to safeguarding and transmitting to future generations (n°01253) | 213,260  [13.COM 10.d](https://ich.unesco.org/en/d%C3%A9cisions/13.COM/10.D?dec=decisions&ref_decision=13.COM)  [14.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-19-14.COM_2.BUR-4-EN.docx).4 | 20/02/2020 15/07/2022 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=62343)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/community-based-inventory-of-ich-in-albania-with-a-view-to-safeguarding-and-transmitting-to-future-generations-01253) |
| Burkina Faso# | Capacity building for stakeholders involved in safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage in Burkina Faso (n°01501) | 387,770  [14.COM](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/10.d) 10.d | 07/10/2020 31/10/2021 | Progress report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63455)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/capacity-building-for-stakeholders-involved-in-safeguarding-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-burkina-faso-01501) |
| Cambodia | Chapei Dang Veng (international assistance) (n°01306) | 238,970  [11.COM 10.A.6](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/11.COM/10.A.6) | 03/11/2017 02/11/2021 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63450)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/chapei-dang-veng-international-assistance-01306) |
| Colombia | Intangible Cultural Heritage as a basis for resilience, reconciliation and construction of peace environments in Colombia’s post-agreements (n°01522) – *emergency assistance* | 99,400  [13.COM 2.BUR 5](https://ich.unesco.org/en/décisions/13.COM%202.BUR/5?dec=decisions&ref_decision=13.COM+2.BUR) | 18/07/2018 30/11/2019 | Final report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=61859)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/intangible-cultural-heritage-as-a-basis-for-resilience-reconciliation-and-construction-of-peace-environments-in-colombia-s-post-agreements-01522) |
| Colombia | My Heritage, My Region: strategy for capacity-building in social management of the intangible cultural heritage in two departments of the Colombian Orinoco region (n°01518) | 99,950  [13.COM 3.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/ITH-18-13.COM_3.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 4.2 | 25/03/2019 08/06/2020 | Final report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=59402)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/my-heritage-my-region-strategy-for-capacity-building-in-social-management-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-two-departments-of-the-colombian-orinoco-region-01518) |
| Cuba | Identification, definition and inventory of the intangible cultural heritage in the Cuban province of Guantánamo (n°01213) | 65,745  [12.COM 2.BUR 4.2](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions-bureau/12.COM%202.BUR/4.2) | 06/03/2018 28/02/2022 | Progress report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63759)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/identification-definition-and-inventory-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-the-cuban-province-of-guantanamo-01213) |
| Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | Strengthening the capacities of the DPR of Korea for community-based inventorying of ICH and for elaborating nomination files under the mechanisms of the 2003 Convention (n°01619) | 98,000  [13.COM 1.BUR 3.5](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions-bureau/13.COM%201.BUR/3.5) | 03/07/2018 02/07/2019 | Final report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=53740)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/es/asistencias/-01444) |
| Djibouti | Capacity building in community-based inventorying (n°01529) | 82,080  [14.COM 1.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-19-14.COM_1.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 3.2 | 02/09/2019 31/03/2021 | Final report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=62514)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/capacity-building-in-community-based-inventorying-01529) |
| Eswatini | Development of an inventory of intangible cultural heritage for Shiselweni region in Eswatini (n°01517) | 64,824  [14.COM 1.BUR 3.3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/14.COM%201.BUR/3.3) | 01/10/2019 22/04/2022 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=62293)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/development-of-an-inventory-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-for-shiselweni-region-in-eswatini-01517) |
| Haiti | Programme in support of the education system for the transmission of intangible cultural heritage (PASS-TPCI) (n°01442) | 98,970  [13.COM 2.BUR 4.2](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions-bureau/13.COM%202.BUR/4.2) | 18/08/2018 16/08/2021 | Progress report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=53736)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/programme-in-support-of-the-education-system-for-the-transmission-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-pass-tpci-01442) |
| Kyrgyzstan | Safeguarding of practices and rare rituals related to sacred sites in Kyrgyzstan: preparation of an inventory and safeguarding measures (n°01423) | 99,950  [13.COM 2.BUR 4.3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions-bureau/13.COM%202.BUR/4.3) | 19/11/2018 18/11/2020 | Final report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=60187)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/safeguarding-of-practices-and-rare-rituals-related-to-sacred-sites-in-kyrgyzstan-preparation-of-an-inventory-and-safeguarding-measures-01423) |
| Kenya | Safeguarding of Enkipaata, Eunoto and Olng’esherr, three male rites of passage of the Maasai community (n°00888) | 144,430  [11.COM 3.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/ITH-16-11.COM_3.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 4 | 17/02/2017 17/01/2020 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63690)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/safeguarding-of-enkipaata-eunoto-and-olng-esherr-three-male-rites-of-passage-of-the-maasai-community-00888) |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | Capacity-building for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage through creation of community-based inventory for Luang Prabang (n°01448) | 99,886  [14.COM 2.BUR 5.3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/14.COM%202.BUR/5.3) | 04/11/2019 04/05/2022 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=60178)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/capacity-building-for-safeguarding-intangible-cultural-heritage-through-creation-of-community-based-inventory-for-luang-prabang-01448) |
| Malawi | Safeguarding ICH in Malawi through non-formal learning and transmission (n°01530) | 91,860  [14.COM 1.BUR 3.4](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/14.COM%201.BUR/3.4) | 01/07/2019 28/02/2022 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=60841)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/safeguarding-ich-in-malawi-through-non-formal-learning-and-transmission-01530) |
| Mauritania | Strengthening the capacities of NGOs active in the field of intangible cultural heritage in Mauritania (n°01429) | 94,300  [13.COM 1.BUR 3.7](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM%201.BUR/3.7) | 12/07/2019 30/07/2021 | Progress report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63692)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/strengthening-the-capacities-of-ngos-active-in-the-field-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-mauritania-01429?) |
| Mongolia | Supporting natural and cultural sustainability through the revitalization and transmission of the traditional practices of worshipping the sacred sites in Mongolia (n°01443) | 98,500  [13.COM 3.BUR 4.4](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM%203.BUR/4.4) | 12/02/2019 12/12/2021 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=61856)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/supporting-natural-and-cultural-sustainability-through-the-revitalization-and-transmission-of-the-traditional-practices-of-worshipping-the-sacred-sites-in-mongolia-01443) |
| Mongolia | Transmitting and stabilizing the folk long song performance technique of Limbe performers – circular breathing – through the old repertoire to the new generations (n°01445) | 99,946  [13.COM 3.BUR 4.5](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM%203.BUR/4.5) | 29/01/2019 29/01/2022 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63452)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/transmitting-and-stabilizing-the-folk-long-song-performance-technique-of-limbe-performers-circular-breathing-through-the-old-repertoire-to-the-new-generations-01445) |
| Morocco | Revitalization of the female chants of Taroudant (n°01307) | 70,440  [12.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/ITH-17-12.COM_2.BUR-Decisions_Rev.-EN.docx) 4.4 | 15/09/2017 13/09/2019 | Final report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=59418)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/revitalization-of-the-female-chants-of-taroudant-01307) |
| Mozambique | Pilot project to create a local ICH management committee and first steps towards a national strategy for decentralized ICH management (n°01523) | 91,430  [14.COM 2.BUR 5.5](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/14.COM%202.BUR/5.5) | 20/02/2020 18/02/2022 | Progress report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63742)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/pilot-project-to-create-a-local-ich-management-committee-and-first-steps-towards-a-national-strategy-for-decentralized-ich-management-01523) |
| Niger | Safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage of Niger in a situation of urgency and for the resilience of displaced populations – pilot project in Tillabéry and Diffa (n°01412) | 257,829  [12.COM 4.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/ITH-17-12.COM_4.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 4 | 26/06/2018 30/06/2021 | Under closure  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/safeguarding-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-of-niger-in-a-situation-of-urgency-and-for-the-resilience-of-displaced-populations-pilot-project-in-tillabery-and-diffa-01412) |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | Strengthening inventory preparation capacity for implementing the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Saint Kitts and Nevis (n°01426) | 99,443  [13.COM 3.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/ITH-18-13.COM_3.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 4.1 | 07/05/2019 01/04/2021 | Final report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63007)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/strengthening-inventory-preparation-capacity-for-implementing-the-2003-convention-for-the-safeguarding-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-saint-kitts-and-nevis-01426) |
| Senegal | Strengthening national capacities in the field of intangible cultural heritage safeguarding in Senegal (n°01431) | 99,889  [13.COM 1.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/ITH-18-13.COM_1.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 3.6 | 25/07/2018 31/12/2020 | Final report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63129)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/strengthening-national-capacities-in-the-field-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-safeguarding-in-senegal-01431) |
| Togo | Inventory, safeguarding and promoting knowledge of how to manufacture and play Togo’s traditional musical instruments (national phase) (n°01425) | 99,890  [13.COM 1.BUR 3.9](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM%201.BUR/3.9) | 11/03/2019 28/12/2021 | Progress report  [French](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63708)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/inventory-safeguarding-and-promoting-knowledge-of-how-to-manufacture-and-play-togos-traditional-musical-instruments-national-phase-01425) |
| Tonga | Community-based inventorying and transmission of intangible cultural heritage in the island of Tongatapu in Tonga (n°01430) | 85,913  [13.COM 2.BUR 4.6](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM%202.BUR/4.6) | 22/03/2019 31/01/2022 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=58484)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/community-based-inventorying-and-transmission-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-the-island-of-tongatapu-in-tonga-01430) |
| Uganda | Promoting intangible cultural heritage education in institutions of higher learning in Uganda  (n°01310) | 97,582  [12.COM 1.BUR 2.2](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions-bureau/12.COM%201.BUR/2.2) | 26/06/2017 31/12/2020 | Final report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=62396)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/promoting-intangible-cultural-heritage-education-in-institutions-of-higher-learning-in-uganda-01310) |
| Uganda\* | Community self-documentation and revitalization of ceremonies and practices associated with Empaako naming system in Uganda (n°01210) | 232,120  12.COM 11.D.2 | 23/02/2018 10/02/2020 | Final report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=57508)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/community-self-documentation-and-revitalization-of-ceremonies-and-practices-associated-with-empaako-naming-system-in-uganda-01210) |
| Uganda | Strengthening the capacity of community museums to promote inscribed intangible cultural heritage elements (n°01534) | 61,471  [14.COM 4.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=54859) 4.3 | 06/05/2020 10/06/2022 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=63629)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/strengthening-the-capacity-of-community-museums-to-promote-inscribed-intangible-cultural-heritage-elements-01534) |
| Ukraine | Needs assessment for reinforcing Ukraine's national capacities in strategy development for ICH safeguarding (n°01422) | 28,500  [13.COM 3.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/ITH-18-13.COM_3.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 4.6 | 29/05/2019 29/09/2019  (under administrative closure) | Under closure  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/needs-assessment-for-reinforcing-ukraine-s-national-capacities-in-strategy-development-for-ich-safeguarding-01422) |
| Zambia | Strengthen the capacity for the safeguarding and management of intangible cultural heritage in Zambia (n°01281) | 334,820  [12.COM 11.D.3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/12.COM/11.D.3) | 02/04/2018 31/12/2021 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=58292)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/strengthen-the-capacity-for-the-safeguarding-and-management-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-zambia-01281) |
| Zimbabwe | Enhancing the capacity of communities to safeguard traditional dance expressions as performing arts heritage in western Zimbabwe  (n°01304) | 98,927  [13.COM 1.BUR 3.2](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM%201.BUR/3.2) | 19/07/2018 31/12/2021 | Progress report  [English](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=53080)  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/enhancing-the-capacity-of-communities-to-safeguard-traditional-dance-expressions-as-performing-arts-heritage-in-western-zimbabwe-01304) |

**Annex II: Forthcoming reports**

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| Antigua and Barbuda\* | Strengthening capacities for the implementation of the 2003 Convention for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage in Antigua and Barbuda (n°1624) | [15.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-15.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.doc) 3.1  97,754 |  | Contract to be established  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/strengthening-capacities-for-the-implementation-of-the-2003-convention-for-the-safeguarding-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-antigua-and-barbuda-01624) |
| Belarus# | Spring rite of Juraŭski Karahod (international assistance) (n°01538) | [14.COM](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/10.a.5) 10.a.5  87,761 | 23/12/2020 30/12/2022 | Progress report due in August 2021  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/spring-rite-of-juraski-karahod-international-assistance-01538) |
| Burundi\* | Updating of the 2009 inventory of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in Burundi with the participation of the communities (n°01428) | [15.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-15.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.doc) 3.2  96,052 | 05/05/2021 31/01/2023 | Progress report due in October 2021  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/updating-of-the-2009-inventory-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-ich-in-burundi-with-the-participation-of-the-communities-01428) |
| Cook Islands\* | Documentation and inventory of peu karioi (performing arts) in the Cook Islands (n°01635) | [16.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 3.1  99,983 | 08/10/2021 08/04/2023 | Progress report due in March 2022  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/documentation-and-inventory-of-peu-karioi-performing-arts-in-the-cook-islands-01635) |
| Democratic People’s  Republic of Korea\* | Capacity building on traditional Koryo celadon making practice (n°01619) | [14.COM 4.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=54859) 4.1  37,177 |  | Contract to be established  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/capacity-building-on-traditional-koryo-celadon-making-practice-01619) |
| Egypt\* | Inventory of intangible culture of craftsmanship in the core of Historic Cairo (n°01633) | [15.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-15.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.doc) 3.3  86,950 | 18/08/2021 18/02/2023 | Progress report due in January 2022  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/inventory-of-intangible-culture-of-craftsmanship-in-the-core-of-historic-cairo-01633) |
| Grenada\* | Proud of my Heritage: transmission and safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage in Grenada through inventorying and education initiatives (n°01627) | [15.COM 3.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-15.COM_3.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 3.1  99,862 | 21/09/2021 20/01/2023 | Progress report due in March 2022  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/-proud-of-my-heritage-transmission-and-safeguarding-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-grenada-through-inventorying-and-education-initiatives-01627) |
| Mauritania | National Oral Traditions (NOT), additional collection component (n°01528) | [14.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-19-14.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 5.4  90,562 | 05/10/2020 10/12/2021 | Progress report due in October 2021  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/national-oral-traditions-not-additional-collection-component-01528) |
| Namibia# | Aixan/Gana/Ob#ANS TSI //Khasigu, ancestral musical sound knowledge and skills (international assistance) (n°01639) | [15.COM](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/15.COM/8.a.4) 8.a.4  99,329 |  | Contract to be established  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/aixan-gana-obans-tsi-khasigu-ancestral-musical-sound-knowledge-and-skills-international-assistance-01639?cote_new=01639) |
| Namibia\* | Safeguarding of Okuruuo through community-based capacity building, inventorying and documentation interventions in Namibia (n°01536) | [14.COM 4.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=54859) 4.2  100,000 | 21/09/2020 31/08/2023 | Progress report due in April 2021  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/safeguarding-of-okuruuo-through-community-based-capacity-building-inventorying-and-documentation-interventions-in-namibia-01536) |
| Pakistan\* | Community-based inventorying and capacity building of indigenous communities for safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces (n°01809) | [16.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 3.2  99,990 | 15/12/2021  30/09/2023 | Progress report due in March 2022  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/community-based-inventorying-and-capacity-building-of-indigenous-communities-for-safeguarding-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-sindh-and-khyber-pakhtunkhwa-provinces-01809) |
| South Sudan\* | Development of an inventory of intangible cultural heritage in South Sudan (n°01535) | [15.COM 2.BUR](file:///\\hqfs\OurDrive\CLT\ProgrammeExecution\2003Convention\2003-StatutoryMeetings\2021\2021-11_16.COM\Documents\07.d_16.COM_Reports%20of%20State%20Parties%20on%20the%20use%20of%20International%20Assistance\2020-09-11%20-%2015.COM%202.BUR) 3.5  99,474 |  | Contract to be established  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/development-of-an-inventory-of-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-south-sudan-01535) |
| Uruguay\* | The Bandoneon: sound of Tango (n°01634) | [15.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-15.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.doc) 3.6  99,764 | 01/04/2021 25/10/2023 | Progress report due in November 2021  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/the-bandoneon-sound-of-tango-01634) |
| Zambia\* | Inventorying of Kuyabila of the Tonga ethnic group  of Zambia (n°01621) | [16.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 3.3  83,790 |  | Contract to be established  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/inventorying-of-kuyabila-of-the-tonga-ethnic-group-of-zambia-01621) |
| Zimbabwe\* | Developing and testing intangible cultural heritage (ICH) curriculum materials for primary schools teacher training colleges in Zimbabwe (n°01616) | [15.COM 3.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-15.COM_3.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx) 3.3  99,635 | 05/05/2021 15/05/2022 | Progress report due in November 2021  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/developing-and-testing-intangible-cultural-heritage-ich-curriculum-materials-for-primary-schools-teacher-training-colleges-in-zimbabwe-01616) |
| Zimbabwe | Inventorying oral traditions, expressions, local knowledge and practices of the Korekore of Hurungwe district in Zimbabwe (n°01312) | [13.COM 1.BUR 3.4](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM%201.BUR/3.4)  93,243 | 19/07/2018 09/07/2022 | Progress report due in August 2021  [Dedicated webpage](https://ich.unesco.org/en/assistances/inventorying-oral-traditions-expressions-local-knowledge-and-practices-of-the-korekore-of-hurungwe-district-in-zimbabwe-01312) |

1. Projects supported by International Assistance that were initiated, implemented or terminated during the reporting period are considered active for the purpose of this document. This includes projects approved but not yet materialized in a contract and projects pending the administrative closure of the contract, which was delayed and concluded on a date later than 1 July 2021. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The decision of the thirteenth session of the Committee (Decision [13.COM 10.d](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/13.COM/10.d)) on the request from Albania was endorsed by the Bureau of the fourteenth session of the Committee (Decision [14.COM 2.BUR](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-19-14.COM_2.BUR-Decisions-EN.docx)). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Projects with the ‘service’ modality concern those implemented in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (n°01619) through the UNESCO Beijing Office; in Senegal (n°01431) through the UNESCO Dakar Office; in South Sudan (n°01535) though UNESCO Office in Juba; in Antigua and Barbuda (n°1624), Grenada (n°01627) and Saint Kitts and Nevis (n°01426) through the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean in Kingston; and in Pakistan (n°01809) through the UNESCO Office in Islamabad. The project in Pakistan is implemented entirely with the service modality without a grant component. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The following fifteen beneficiary States requested an extension of their International Assistance projects: Albania (n°01253), Burkina Faso (n°01501), Cambodia (n°01306), Cuba (n°01213), Eswatini (n°01517), Haiti (n°01442), Lao People's Democratic Republic (n°01448), Mauritania (n°01429), Mongolia (n°01443), Tonga (n°01430), Malawi (n°01530), Togo (n°01425), Uganda (n°01310), Zambia (n°01281), Zimbabwe (n°01312) and Zimbabwe (n°01304). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The projects in Belarus (n°01538), Burkina-Faso (n°01501) and Mauritania (n°01528) could start in October 2020, the project in Uruguay (n°01634) in April 2021, and the projects in Burundi (n°01428) and Zimbabwe (n°01616) in May 2021. The projects in Egypt (n°01633), Grenada (n°01627) and Antigua and Barbuda (n°1624) started respectively in August, September and November 2021, while the project in Namibia (n°01639) was postponement until the end of 2021. Technical assistance offered to Chad (n°01623) has also been rescheduled to start at the end of 2021. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Requests submitted from July 2019 to June 2020: Armenia (n°01626), Antigua and Barbuda (n°1624), Grenada (n°01627), Uruguay (n°01634), Bhutan (n°01751), Central African Republic (n°01750), Ethiopia (n°01754), Egypt (n°01633), Kenya (n°01637), Mali (n°01808), Mauritania (n°01625) and Mauritania (n°01628).

   Requests submitted from July 2020 to June 2021: Armenia (n°01864), Colombia (n°01813), Comoros (n°01810), Cook Islands (n°01635), Ecuador (n°01906), Kenya (n°01758), Pakistan (n°01809), Sudan (n°01840) and Zambia (n°01812). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. New projects on the inclusion of intangible cultural heritage in education: Grenada (n°01428), Haiti (n°01442), Kyrgyzstan (n°01423), Malawi (n°01530), Senegal (n°01431), Uganda (n°01310), Zambia (n°01281), Zimbabwe (n°01312) and Zimbabwe (n°01616). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)