

BDI PROGRAMME

October 2011

Bethlehem Development Initiative starts, sponsored by Consolidated Contractors Company

November 2011

Stakeholder Workshop in Bethlehem, Conference Palace, attended by over 60 people from within the Bethlehem Governorate and Key stakeholder

January 2012

Draft Structure Plan developed for Bethlehem Governorate based on consultation with local stakeholders and outputs of Stakeholder Workshop

January 2012-February 2012

Funding Strategy developed based on initial project identification within Structure Plan

March 2012

Structure Plan and Funding Strategy for Bethlehem Development Initiative finalized and endorsed by the Bethlehem Governorate and municipalities

Ongoing

Formation and Operation of Bethlehem Development Foundation.

VISION

The Bethlehem Development Initiative aims to transform the city into a vibrant international spiritual and touristic destination, by providing an infrastructure which will promote a sustainable economy and improve the quality of life for its residents.

CONTACT

The initiative is sponsored by the Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC). The BDI is being developed by Khatib & Alami in partnership with Arup. This brochure should be read in conjunction with the brochure "Possible Interventions".

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Vision

January 2012



ABOUT BDI

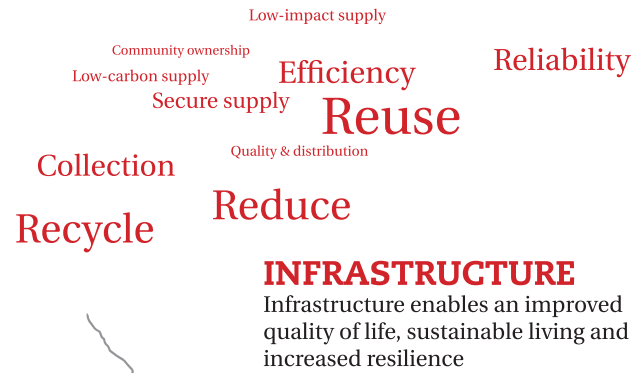
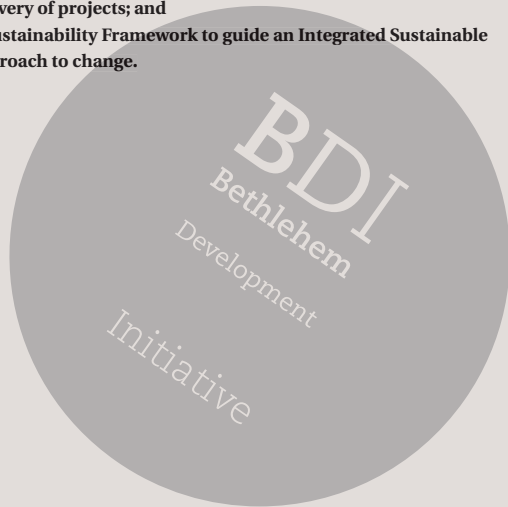
The Bethlehem Development Initiative (BDI) aims to transform Bethlehem into a vibrant international spiritual destination. It seeks to create a sustainable economy and infrastructure for Bethlehem that improves the quality of life for residents and acts as an attraction to all types of visitors.

Building on the key religious and cultural assets in Bethlehem, and its strong resulting tourism base, the BDI seeks to identify how the Bethlehem region can:

- Enhance its position as an international religious and spiritual centre;
- Create an attractive urban environment;
- Develop the tourism economy;
- Create new jobs and enhance economic opportunities; and
- Improve urban services.

With these in mind, the BDI encompasses the following:

- A structure plan including a Master Plan for the spatial development of the Bethlehem region;
- A number of high priority projects in the tourism, social infrastructure, public realm, infrastructure services and access and movement sectors;
- A funding strategy which identifies funding needs and supports the delivery of projects; and
- A Sustainability Framework to guide an Integrated Sustainable Approach to change.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure enables an improved quality of life, sustainable living and increased resilience

COMMUNITY

Integrated, prosperous and harmonious community of residents welcoming to visitors of all kinds



REDEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION

Vibrant city with modern infrastructure, excellent cultural heritage & attractive services for residents and visitors



CITY CONTEXT

Bethlehem Development Initiative is focused on developing the entire Bethlehem Governorate including the main towns of Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour.

Demographics

	Inhabitants	Approximate Area
Bethlehem Governorate	183,000	659km ²
Bethlehem Municipality	25,266	6.7km ²
Beit Jala Municipality	11,758	13.0km ²
Beit Sahour Municipality	12,367	6.9km ²

- Population density: 276/km²
- 58% people live in rural areas

Economics

- Labour force participation rate: 48.2%
- Unemployment rate: 20.2%
- Average daily wage in USD: 23.2
- 15.3% of households are food insecure

Social

Bethlehem Governorate is a multi-cultural community representing approximately 70% Muslim inhabitants and 30% Christian inhabitants.

Geographical

- Average annual temperature in the Bethlehem Governorate is 16.57°C
- Average annual humidity is 60.36%

