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## *Site Preservation Program*

The Program takes a holistic approach to protecting sites through direct preservation, education, outreach, and local development. Since its creation in 2009, the Program has supported twenty-nine projects on five continents.



**CATALHOYUK,  
TURKEY**

AIA funds are being used to preserve this 9,000 year old site, a rare example of a well-preserved Neolithic settlement, that is threatened by the fragile composition of its ancient mud brick structures and the region's harsh climate.



**AGHMAT,  
MOROCCO**

AIA funds are being used to protect this Medieval site, located at the base of the High Atlas Mountains in the Ourika Valley, which was once a key location for commercial, political, and religious exchanges in the Middle Ages.



**NARCE,  
ITALY**

The AIA-sponsored Adopting Narce Project just completed at this ancient Faliscan town, which is home to over twenty necropolises, including La Petrina. AIA funds supported programming that encouraged rediscovery of the archaeological site by the local community.



**BANTEAY CHHMAR,  
CAMBODIA**

AIA supported a program at Banteay Chhmar in collaboration with Heritage Watch to ensure the benefits of tourism development at this Cambodian site were filtered back into the local community and residents were made aware of its historical significance.



**LOD,  
ISRAEL**

AIA funded the Lod Community Archaeology Program to encourage Arab and Jewish residents to understand the history of Lod and recognize the importance of preserving its city's heritage, while creating an enhanced sense of belonging.



**EASTER ISLAND,  
CHILE**

Thanks to the support of AIA, the Easter Island Statue Project along with Dr. Jo Anne Van Tilburg developed preservation techniques to prevent the rapid deterioration of the moai sculptures, which suffered from climate change, tourism, and the fragile nature of their volcanic stone.