

Good archaeologist looking for a poor community

(or the role of Heritage in development)

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WHAT IS AID?

Public resources transferred from one country to another (through different channels) to help improve conditions in the latter, with at least a 25% of grant element.





THE FLAWS OF THE SYSTEM...

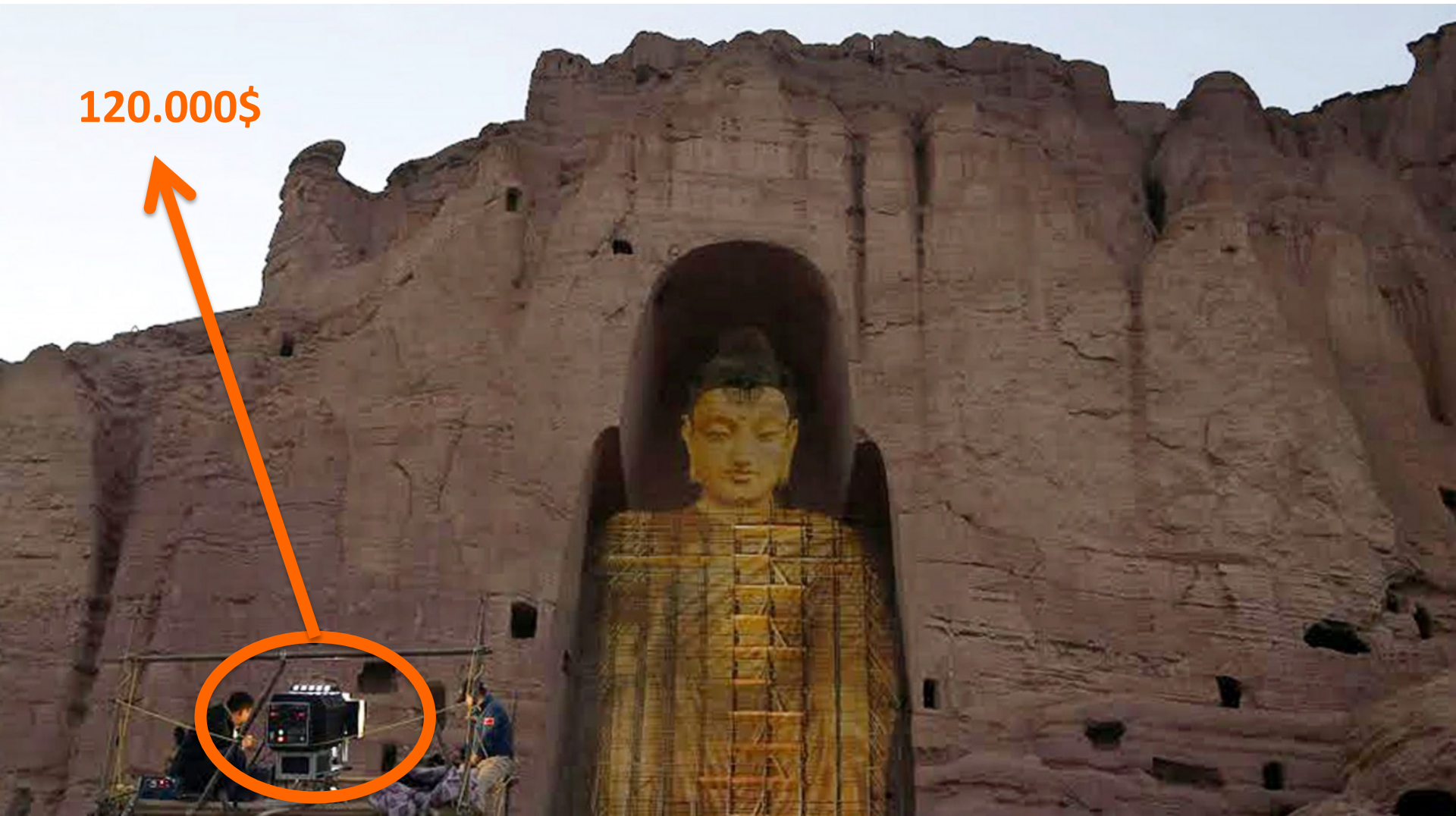
SUPPORTING WHAT? WHO? WHY?



HERITAGE AND INTERNATIONAL AID

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR YOU?

120.000\$



BEYOND ENGAGEMENT

Easy way
=
millions reconstructing
questioned values

Difficult way
=
community engagement

Results?



AN EXAMPLE: DECONTAMINATING ARCHAEOLOGY



“We have to walk long to get water”

“It will start affecting other water resources soon”

“We are suffering allergies and respiratory problems”

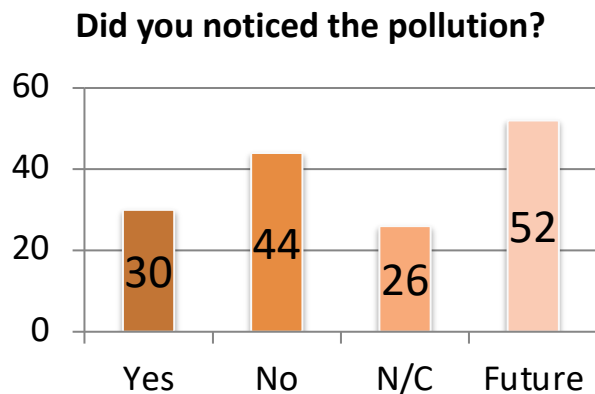
“Our animals are dying or falling sick”

“Women are having pregnancy problems”

“Milk is disgusting”

“The water is like Coca-Cola” ...

BTW: 15.000€



ANOTHER EXAMPLE?
ALWAYS A STEP FURTHER...



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ARQUEOLOGÍA PÚBLICA
EN EL CONTEXTO MEDITERRÁNEO

IN SUM

“Is trying to save the world with archaeology what we want to be doing?” (Jeppson, 2010: 63)

“Perhaps it is the world of archaeology which needs to be changed in order to be saved” (Little, 2010: 154-155)

CORRUPTION, CONFLICT, MIGRATION, LOOTING, RESPECT, ...

**MAKING OUR WORK WORTH,
IN A SLIGHTLY BETTER WORLD?**

THANKS!

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