PORTFOLIO ARCò - ARCHITETTURA & COOPERAZIONE

ARCò is a cooperative founded in 2008 by a group of architects and engineers dedicated to the production of sustainable architecture and landscape design.

Its projects are based on the constant pursuing of social, economical and environmental sustainability. For this reason, ARCò explores the local traditional techniques, in order to guarantee that the construction phase can be run independently by the communities involved. Moreover, ARCò consolidates the environmental side of each project by using natural or recycled materials, renewable energy sources, and by applying passive bioclimatic architecture principles. This approach has brought ARCò into the world of international cooperation, where it can use its skills to face and solve the different issues of humanitarian emergency.

ARCò's works have been featured on many publications and architectural journals, and have received international awards such as the Young Talents Renzo Piano Foundation Award and the Holcim Award for Sustainable Construction. The members of ARCò are also involved in teaching activities in different institutions, such as University of Pavia, Polytechnic of Milan, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (NABA), European Institute of Design (IED) in Turin and the S.O.S. School of Sustainability in Bologna.

ALBERTO ALCALDE (BARCELONA 1980) ARCHITECT, graduated in 2007 in the Universitat Politécnica de Catalunya. From 2002 on, he has worked in several architectural offices in Barcelona and Delft (Netherlands), dealing with projects of housing, public buildings, urban planning and landscape. He joined ARCò in 2009. Since then, he has coordinated on the ground the construction of the three schools and the re-movable clinic on the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

ALESSIO BATTISTELLA (ESTE 1971) ARCHITECT PH.D, member of Competence Board of Sos-School of Sustainability, focuses his work on landscape integration and systems of renewable energy production. He has been researcher and lecturer at DICAR (Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture) at the University of Pavia, and at the ABC (Department of Architecture, Built environment and Construction engineering) of the Polytechnic of Milan. He worked as consultant at RSE (Research System Energy) and as member of the Scientific Committee - Master Paesaggistraodinari – at NABA (New Academy of Fine Arts of Milan) / Polytechnic of Milan.

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PROJECTS

KINDERGARTEN

UM AL NASSER VILLAGE, GAZA STRIP

2016



PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO

DONOR: AICS (AGENZIA ITALIANA PER LA COOPERAZIONE ALLO SVILUPPO), TAVOLA VALDESE, CEI (CONFERENZA EPISCOPALE ITALIANA)

EDUCATION

250.000 €

COMPRESSED EARTH BLOCKS AND NUBIAN VAULT

WORK IN PROGRESS





The new proposal for the reconstruction of the school (destroyed during 2014 conflict) maintains the use of local materials while using a different constructive technique. It was in fact decided to build with earth blocks. pressed with a special machine that enhances the mechanical properties by using part of the debris in the area. The project is characterized by the Nubian Vault, a technique originally from the Nile valley, then widely diffused in Africa, as a culturally evocative element. The Nubian Vault technique is an ancient method of timberless construction and represents an innovative solution for the Gaza Strip, where the difficulty in finding supplies requires the use of local materials and low tech and low cost solutions.









INCLUSIVE TOWNS





HEBRON DISTRICT, PALESTINE

2016

CLIENT: MPDL (MOVIMIENTO POR LA PAZ)

DONORS: EUROPEAN UNION, JUNTA ANDALUCIA

SOCIAL

100.000 €

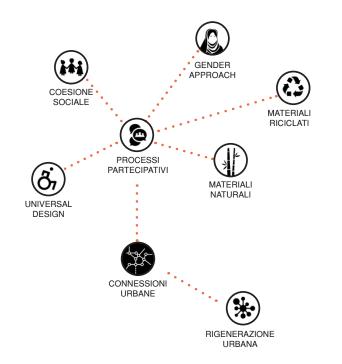
RECYCLED AND/OR NATURAL MATERIALS

REALIZED





The persistence of architectural and environmental barriers and the lack of an inclusive urban strategy represent some limits which contribute to the exclusion of PwDs. The theme of urban regeneration is envisaged through some little interventions which, as a whole, constitute an incisive and repeatable system. The projects were realized in four rural communities in Hebron District (Beit Ummar, Der Samit, Ithna e Saer). The projects include urban regualification of public spaces and architectural interventions in public building, such as clinics, municipalities, schools and community centres. We used recycled and natural materials which are easily accessible in situ. Well integrated with their urban context, the projects represent alternative and high quality solutions.











U.M.A. UNITA MONITORAGGIO AMBIENTALE (ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING UNIT)

ITALIAN PAVILION, VENICE BIENNALE 2016

2016

CLIENT: LEGAMBIENTE

EXHIBITION

90.000 € (expected)

TRANSPORTABLE MODULE

WORK IN PROGRESS





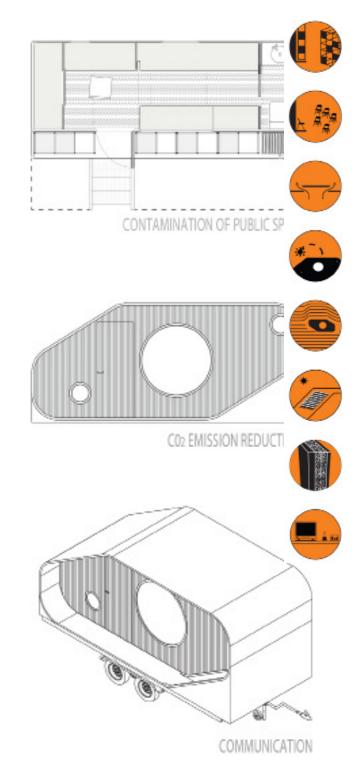
The device is set up as a mobile laboratory able to reveal, evaluate and communicate the environmental conditions of a specific site. The study of the technical and formal characteristics of a "zero" module as starting point and the requirements proposed by Legambiente have created three macro objectives: CO2 emissions reduction, contamination of public space, environmental communication.

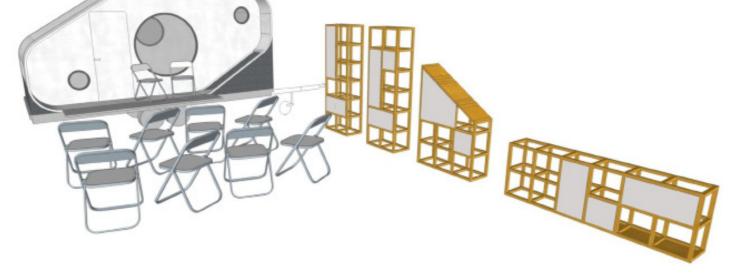
An extractable platform permits to create a real "stage" where the activities can be exhibited to the public, besides working as support of the antenna which evaluates air quality. A system of mobile panels lying on modular exhibitors permits to contaminate the stationary areas creating little outdoor conference halls.

In this way Legambiente may interact with public space and promote transparency and exchange of information. Furthermore it will be provided with an ergonomically-minded interior space which offers all the tools needed to the environmental survey.









THE SPICE UNIT

MONARAGALA, SRI LANKA

2015





DONORS: ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS – ITALIAN CO-OPERATION, LOMBARDY REGION, MUNICIPALITY OF MILAN, CARIPLO FOUNDATION

PRODUCTION

COMPRESSED EARTH BLOCKS







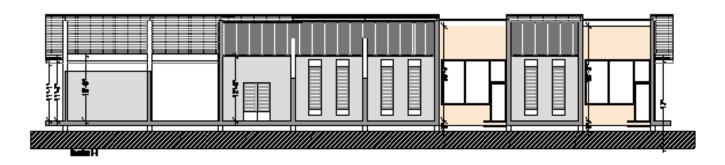


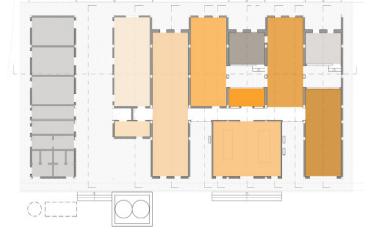
The spice unit is located in the village of Buttala in Monaragala district, in the south east of the island.

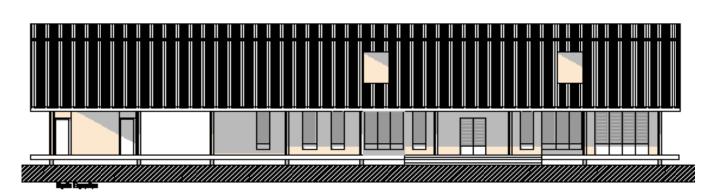
The building has been designed according to the production process of the spices, from drying to packaging. The result are two blocks: the smaller part is dedicated to the services and the larger part is the space for the production. The excessive rainfalls cause flooding and for this reason the factory has been elevated from the ground.

The perimetral and internal walls will be realized with compressed earth blocks. The surfaces of the inner walls will then be plastered in order to satisfy hygienical requirements. In front of the building, a water tower with two water tanks has been created, for services and production. A particular attention was dedicated to the natural ventilation, improved through the positioning of strategic openings in the upper part of the perimetral walls.











CASTELLO SFORZESCO, MILAN

CLIENT: LUDESANA SRL UNIPERSONALE

2015

CATERING

250.000 €

GALVANIZED STEEL AND GLASS

REALIZED

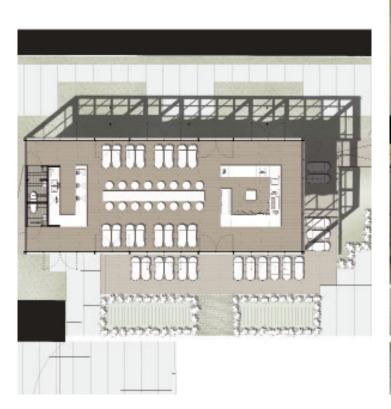




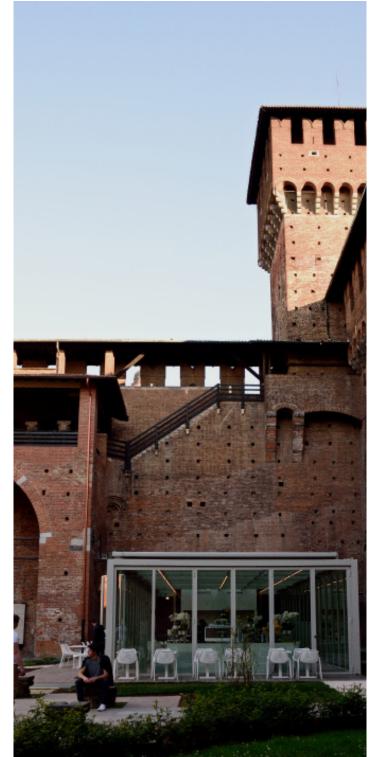


The new coffee bar in the court of the Sforza Castle in Milan fits in well with the architecture surrounding without competing with the historical pre-existence, but becomes a favorite point for its contemplation. The project begins after winning the municipal procurement contract.

The announcement presented clear and binding guidelines: use of noble materials, greatest possible transparency, absence of stable foundations and short realization time. The combined planning of ARCò and Ariano offices conceived a modular steel and glass building so that the standardization could facilitate the prefabrication in the workshop, and consequently minimize the building operation only in assembly the different elements.









CASCINA CUCCAGNA, MILAN

THE SUSTAINABILITY HUB

2015

CLIENT: KFIELD COMUNICAZIONE SRL

SPONSOR: LAVAZZA, NOVAMONT

EXHIBITION

90.000 €

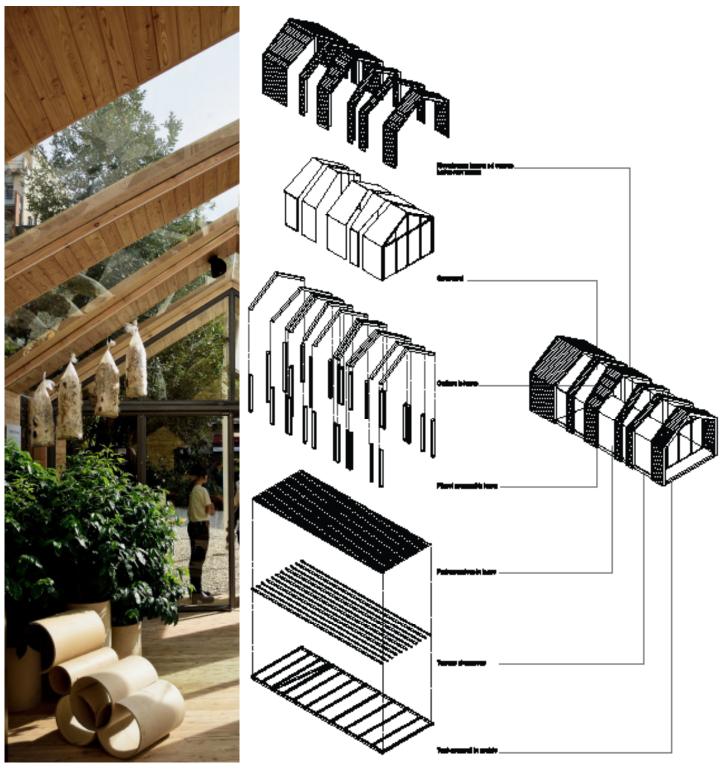
UNTREATED WOODEN CLADDING AND STRUCTURE





It is a structure entirely made of untreated wood designed to expose the cycle of compostable coffee pods produced by Novamont -Lavazza. The building is divided into two parts characterized by two different climates, the first greenhouse, which must contain the coffee plants, the second, colder, which must contain mushrooms produced by the coffee grounds. The set made of recycled cardboard is designed to host conferences on the theme of circular economy.





POLISH PAVILION

POLISH PAVILION, MILAN EXPO 2015

2015

CLIENT: FUTURA DESIGN STUDIO

EXHIBITION

5.000.000 €

WOODEN BOX

REALIZED. CONCEPT DES

REALIZED. CONCEPT DESIGN: PIOTR MUSIALOWKY





The Pavilion has a simple, rectangular form whose external look is outlined by wooden boxes. The openwork structure refers to the ecological and simple form of apple boxes.

One of the attractions of the Pavilion is its magical garden, a Polish orchard, full of apple trees. The hidden garden becomes a place to relax and it is clearly associated with the Polish agriculture. Apples are one of Poland's top agricultural exports.

Visitors come to the garden through its center follow a narrow, winding path interspersed at irregular intervals by apple trees. The reflection of trees in the mirrors creates the illusion of a vast and infinite space, thus emphasizing the magical atmosphere of the space.

Another part of the exhibition is devoted to the regions, promoting them and the use of rural land. The path leads the visitor to a cinema, in which a set of videos promoting the economy and culture of Poland.

ARCò developed the definitive design as technical local partner in Italy.









PRIMARY SCHOOL

AL JABAL, AREA C, WEST BANK

2015

PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO

DONOR: UN OCHA (UNITED NATION OFFICE FOR THE COOR-DINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS) - ERF PROGRAMME

EDUCATION

142.000 €

STONE BOX GABIONS

REALIZED



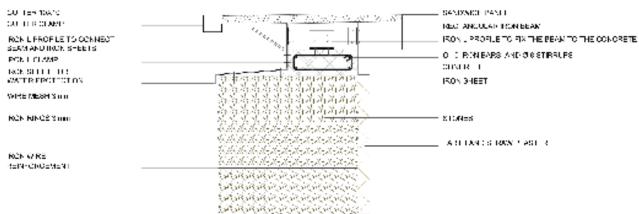


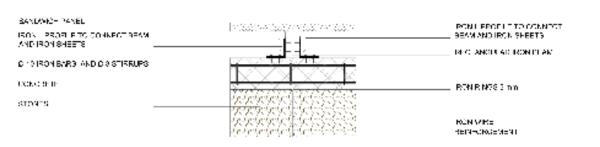


The school in Al Jabal is the extreme synthesis of the re-use of local material. The idea to adopt the technique of gabions, generally used for retaining walls in landscape preservation areas, was born since the very first visits to the site. In fact, in this area there is an abundance of the local stone in its typical yellow ochre color. The first meetings with the local community also highlighted the added values of security and stability that this technique aroused in people. Speed of construction and aesthetic impact played as well a decisive role in the final design choices.









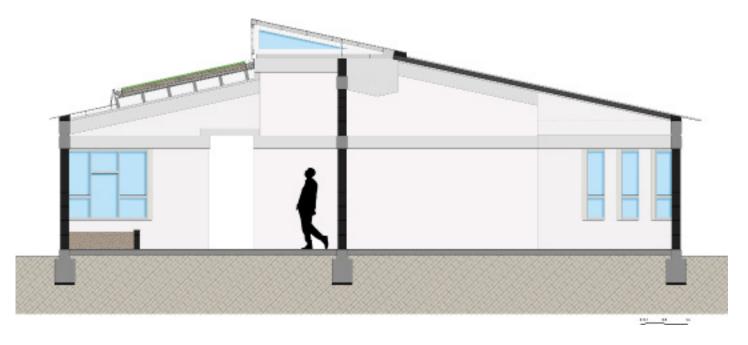




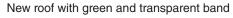




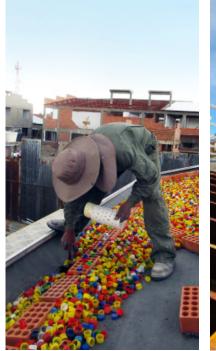
The pre-existent conditions of the big structure of the orphanage were critical, as the metal sheet roof covering it was totally inadequate at assuring thermal and acoustic insulation. Moreover, because of insufficient windows dimension, the amount of natural light entering the rooms was not suitable to the daily activities. This project creates a comfortable environment into the entire building through a whole rehabilitation of the roof. The new green roof will ensure the right level of thermal insulation. The skylights will provide the proper amount of light and will contribute to the heating of the rooms, thanks to the greenhouse effect on the corridors. This represents only the first phase of the design, that will comprehend also the installation of an heating system and the rehabilitation of the external spaces.



Existing roof New r



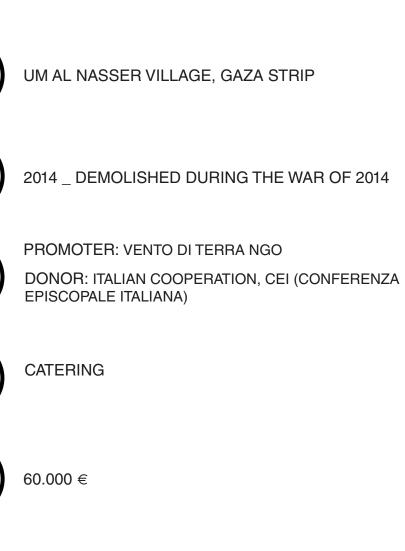












EARTHBAGS

REALIZED

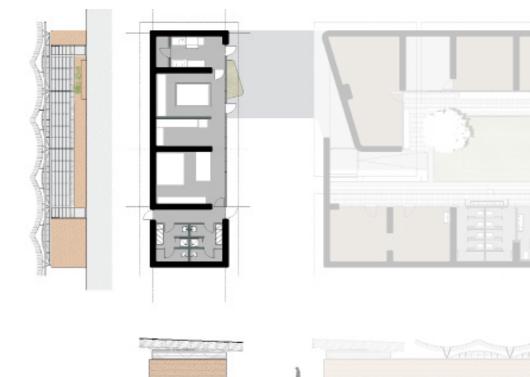




This project provided a new kitchen for the kindergarten of Um Al Nasser. The same construction technique was used for both the walls, made with earthbags, and the vaults, in steel with metallic external finishing and wooden internal. The project was completed in June 2014, right before the start of the clashes within the Gaza Strip, and was demolished by the Israeli military forces in July 2014, before having the opportunity to be exploited to its full potential.







PRIMARY SCHOOL





2014



PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO DONOR: UNDP (UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)

EDUCATION

85.000 €

PISE', MUD AND STRAW BRICKS



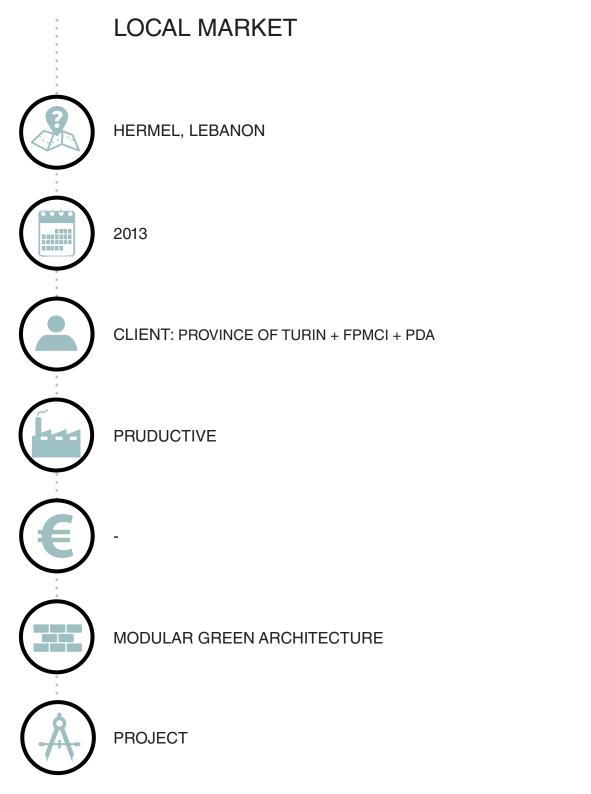




The rehabilitation of Ramadin primary school succeeded in giving a quality space for lessons to the community without going against the military laws that restrict new constructions in the area. The existing tents have been transformed in a proper school with simple steps: reinforcing the metal tubular structure; providing a solid basement; constructing insulating walls and roof; providing finishing. The work has been conducted in strong accordance with the local community and with a self-construction logic. Our strategy has been developed with the idea of maintaining the existing structures of the tents, that was simply adapted to the new spaces. Playing with the shadows of the strong desert sun, the new volumes draw indoor and outdoor spaces and paths.









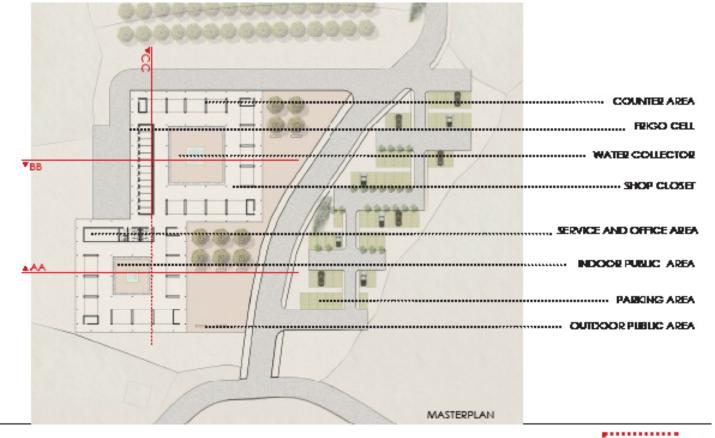
 The project, funded by the European Union in the frame of the Development Program for the organization of the industrial and handicraft sector in Hermel, started from the idea of a modular solution, able to adapt itself to more functional needs.

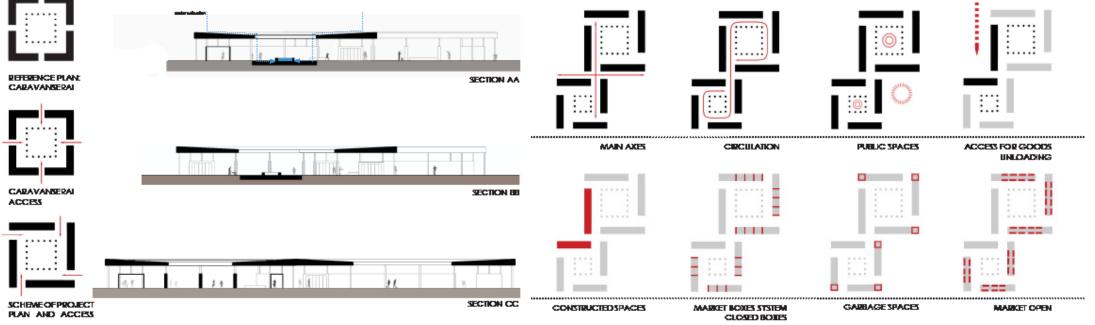
The project takes inspiration from the memory of a caravanserai, the main historical reference for Arabic markets. It interprets the reference in a contemporary way, considering the particular needs of Hermel. The result is a shady open air public space, organized to host the wholesale activity.

The main principles displayed in this project are:

-functionality, flexibility and modularity;

-water collection, energy self sufficiency.





HANDICRAFTS AREA



2013



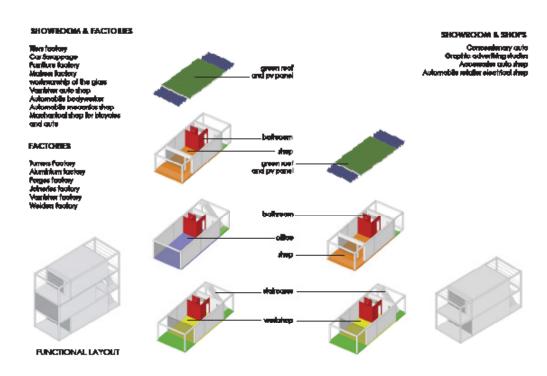
CLIENT: PROVINCE OF TURIN + FPMCI + PDA

PRUDUCTIVE



PROJECT





The project, funded by the European Union in the frame of the Development Program for the organization of the industrial and handicraft sector in Hermel, applies the idea of a modular solution, in view of future functional developments.

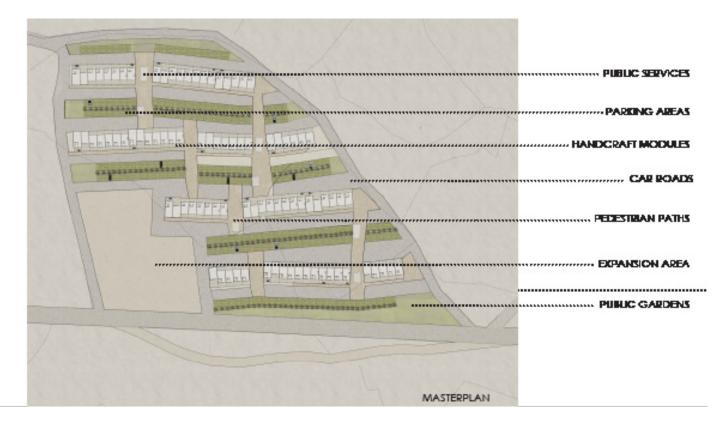
This approach is enriched by sustainable principles based on three main focuses:

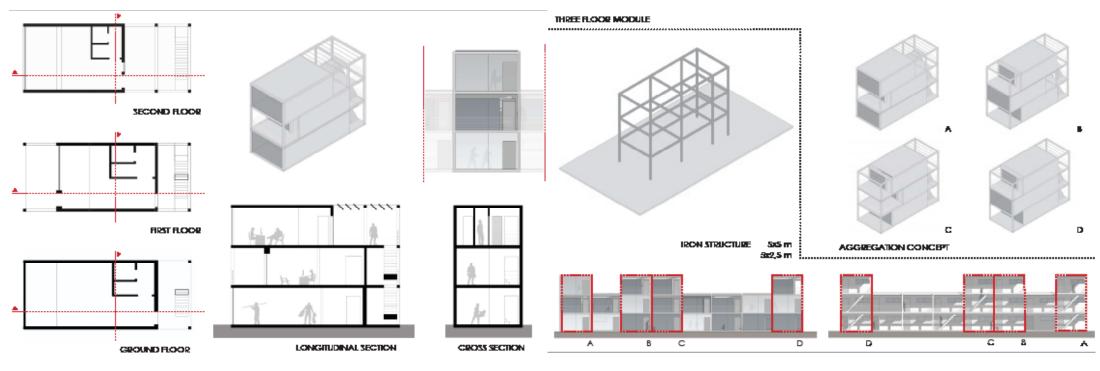
- cheap, modular and standard structure;

- flexible interior spaces;

- insulation, cross ventilation and energy self sufficiency.

In this way one structure can generate many different buildings, that every user can eventually personalize. The modules aggregation produces a general master plan with private, collective and public spaces, services for the workers and parking places for customers.





PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW CLASSES AND PLAYGROUND

DKAIKA, AREA C, WEST BANK

2013

PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO DONOR: UNDP (UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME) - CRDP PROGRAMME

EDUCATION

30.000 €

RECYCLED OF EXISTING MATERIALS, RIVER REEDS

REALIZED





The project has involved the rehabilitation of one of the school's classroom that has been made accessible from the outside through the creation of a movable wall. By exploiting the natural ventilation, it was possible to improve the thermal comfort inside the classroom. The construction of a system of shields in river reeds has helped to avoid the overheating of the walls. The project also includes a large playground, partially underground in order to create seating areas.









RE-MOVABLE CLINIC

AREA C, WEST BANK

2013

PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO

DONORS: UNDP (UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO-GRAM), ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS – ITALIAN COOPERATION, BELGIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

HEALTH

30.000 €

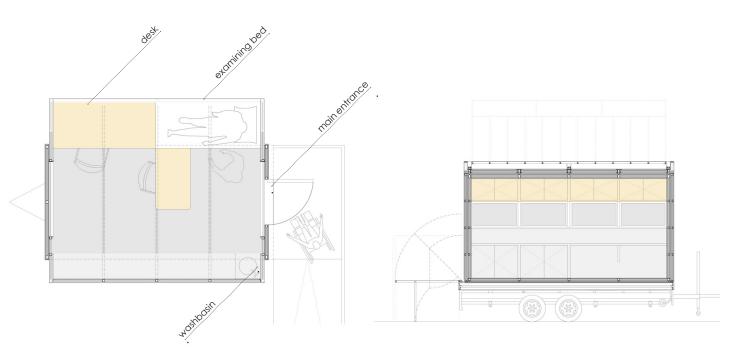
PREFABRICATED - 3 HOURS ASSEMBLY

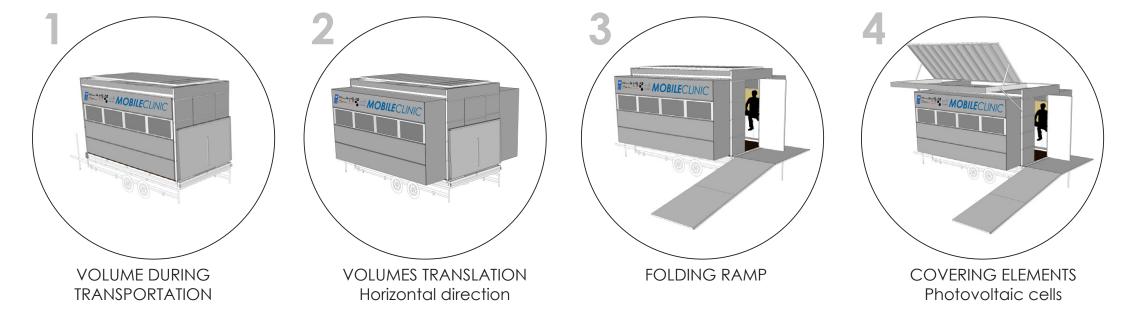
REALIZED





The RE-MOVABLE CLINIC is the prototype of a movable system that will provide basic healthcare to people living in Area C of the West Bank. The objective is to create a space for medical activities that can fit the Israeliimposed restrictions in Area C. The clinic can be easily transported by a normal van and can be assembled on site in less than 3 hours by unskilled people. The clinic is easily built and doesn't need high-tech solutions. All the materials and technical details have been conceived on low-tech principles, a decision derived from the necessity of constructing the whole unit locally, with materials, skills, and technologies available on the Occupied Palestinian Territories.





PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW CLASSES AND PLAYGROUND

ABU HINDI BEDOUIN CAMP, WEST BANK

2013



PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO, JERUSALEM BEDOUIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE

DONOR: UNICEF-UNITED NATION CHILDREN'S FUND, UN OCHA - HRF (HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE FUND OF THE OFFICE FOR COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIA AFFAIRS)

EDUCATION

57.000 €

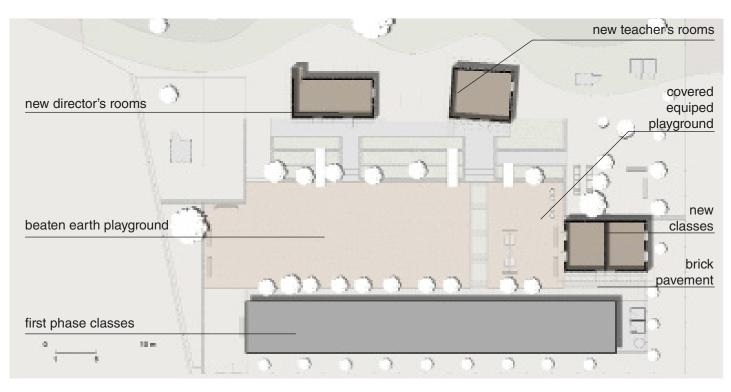
PISE' AND BAMBOO PANELS







This is a rehabilitation project for three buildings and the playground of the Abu Hindi's school. The main elements added to the buildings are simply a Pisé wall, constructed inside the existing metal sheet, and a bamboo layer outside, so to create a ventilated camera that protects from overheating. The space between the buildings was calibrated in order to reduce to the minimum the amount of dust and sand swiping the playground. The materials used for this spaces were rammed earth, mud bricks and dry stone. The existing difference in ground levels became an occasion to create game facilities for the children.









PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW CLASSES



AL KHAN AL AHMAR BEDOUIN CAMP, WEST BANK

2012



PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO, JERUSALEM BEDOUIN CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE

DONOR: UN OCHA (UNITED NATION OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS)

EDUCATION

35.000 €

STRAW-BALE WALLS



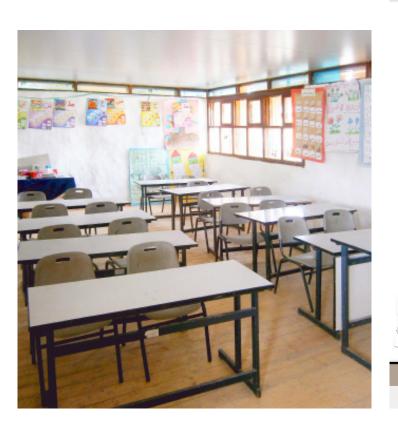


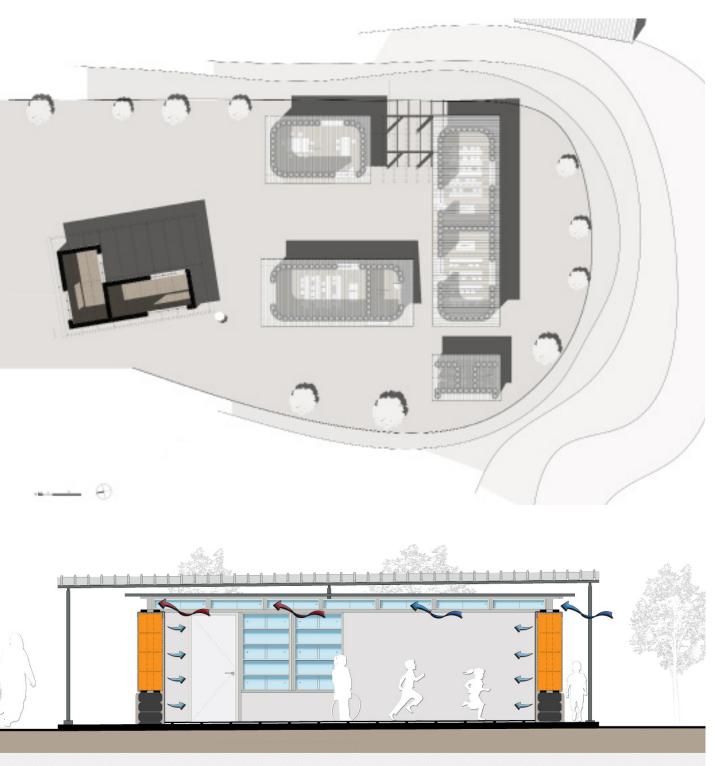






The needs of the community were to add two classes to the existing school of Al Kahn Al Ahmar, that had already a demolition order issued by the Israeli army authorities. The chosen technique was the straw-bale wall, put on the existing concrete base. These thick and heavy structure lays on a sandbags base as protection from humidity and is contained into a wooden structure. A double ventilated roof controls the overheating, creates an outside open space and hides the building from the street.







LODI

2012

CLIENT: GE.CO. GENITORI CONSAPEVOLI

SET-UP

150 €

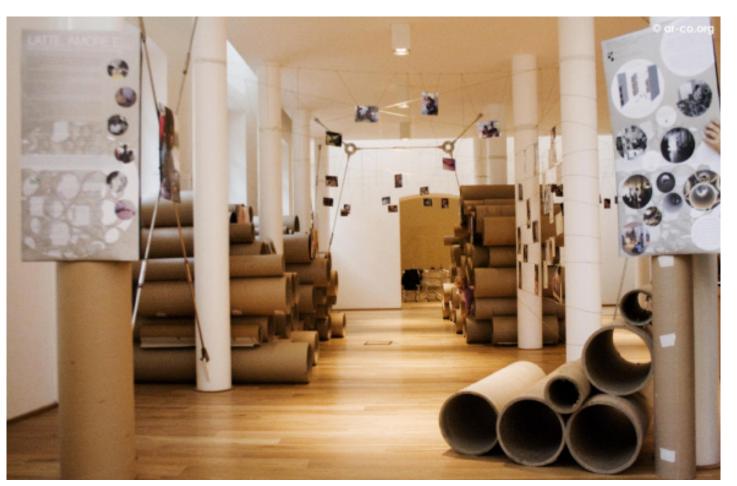
CARDBOARD RECYCLED PIPES

REALIZED





The project involves the installation of a photo exhibition divided into three types of images which correspond to three types of display. The main pictures are held on a system of recycled cardboard tubes, placed on the floor and wedged in the existing structure. The tubes are partially joined together with screws and bolts, but thanks to their weight they constitute a stable and resistant object.





KINDERGARTEN

UM AL NASSER VILLAGE, GAZA STRIP

2011 - DEMOLISHED DURING THE WAR OF 2014

PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO

DONORS: ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS – ITALIAN COOPERATION, CEI (CONFERENZA EPISCOPALE ITALIANA), MUNICIPALITY OF MILAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SESTO SAN GIO-VANNI, LUSH ITALIA

EDUCATION

180.000 €

EARTHBAGS

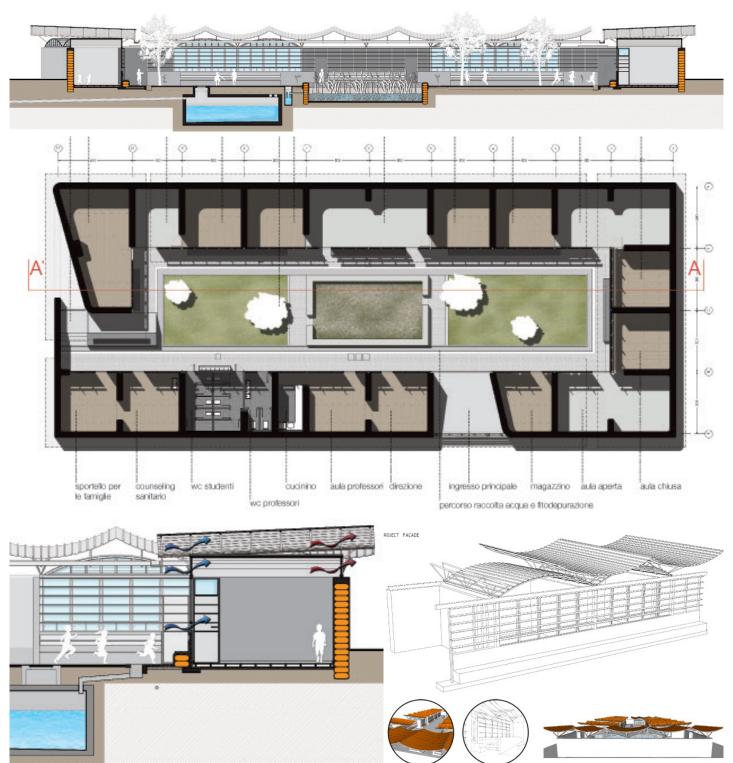








For this project, the children's center "Terra dei Bambini" teamed up with MCA Mario Cucinella Architects. Here a combination of three construction techniques has been used. First, earth bags, made with the involvement of the local community; then, a ventilated metallic covering system, sloped to ensure the recovery of rain water and the integration of solar panels. Finally, a system of wooden sun-shading brise soleil that allows to maintain the façade on the inner courtyard completely open and the external one totally closed with an earthen wall.





LIBRARY



AL AZARJE, WADI ABU HINDI BEDOUIN CAMP, WEST BANK.

PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO, JERUSALEM BEDOUIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE

2011

EDUCATION

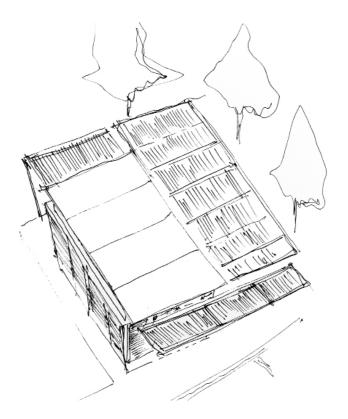
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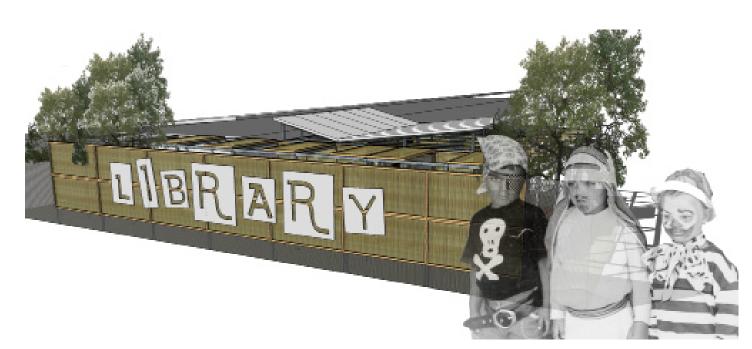
DESIGN



The project constitutes the second phase of the school in the desert project, from which it adopts the technical choices and constructive techniques. The new library is proposed as a new volume of squared plan articulated in two areas: from one side the main reading room, defined by library-walls and completely opened to the outdoor space so to become a place for people to gather and pass-trough. From the other side, the areas for facilities, more closed and protected. This articulation is expressed as well in the roof, solved in two opposed slopes, which recreate the natural ventilation mechanism from the school in the desert. The indoor spaces of the library are linked to the outdoor ones by the modular pergola made of bamboo panels.







PRIMARY SCHOOL

ABU HINDI BEDOUIN CAMP, WEST BANK.

2010



PROMOTER: VENTO DI TERRA NGO, JERUSALEM BEDOUIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE

DONOR: MCA MARIO CUCINELLA ARCHITECTS, CEI (CONFE-RENZA EPISCOPALE ITALIANA), UNICEF, UN OCHA (UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS)-ERF PROGRAMME

EDUCATION

45.000 €

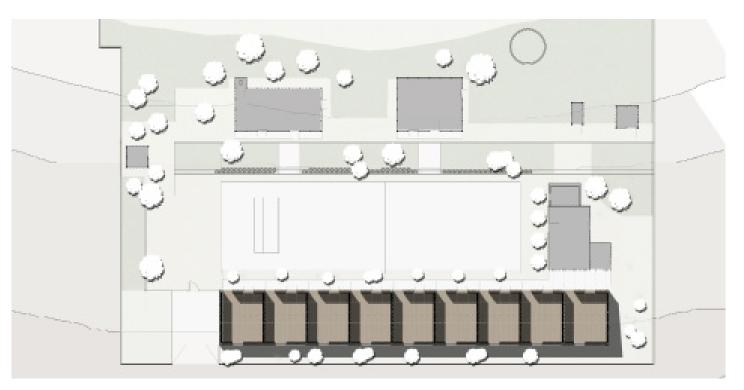
PISE' AND BAMBOO PANELS

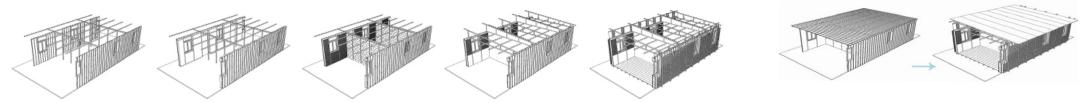






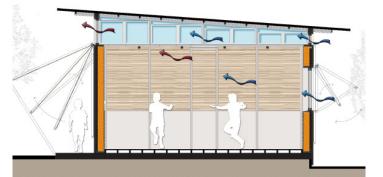
The project faces particular restrictions imposed by the Israeli military authority, which state the maintenance of the existing situation and the impossibility of volumetric reshaping for the existing school building. The project focuses on two main themes, which are natural ventilation and thermal insulation. Natural ventilation was created by raising and tilting the roof, thus realizing an efficient air circulation system. The existing metal sheet roof was substituted with sandwich panels, to improve the whole building thermal insulation. The thermal insulation of the external walls was realized by adapting the pisé technique to local needs. The final result in the school is a wall 34 cm thick, including lime plastering, bamboo panels as quarterdecks, soil and straw layer, existing external metal sheet, air cavity and a final external shading bamboo panel.











PRIMARY SCHOOL

AL KHAN AL AHMAR BEDOUIN CAMP, WEST BANK.

2009

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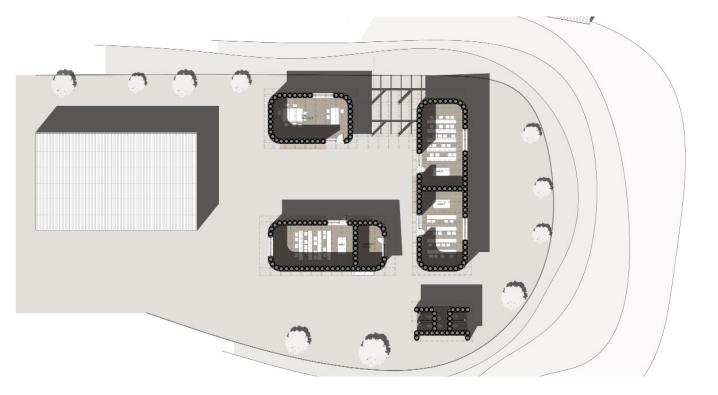
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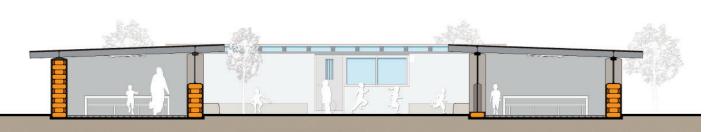




The starting constraints for this project were quite complex: absolute prohibition of using cement and foundations, due to the prohibition for the Palestinians of non-temporary artefacts in the area C of the West Bank; velocity and simplicity in the construction; minimum costs and local non-skilled manpower. From these constraints came up a project that brings together the rapid and simple construction with a high-level of comfort conditions. The walls made of tires filled with earth and the roof made with sandwich panels supported by wooden beams, were built in just two weeks. All the works have been carried out by manpower from the local community, under the technical direction of ARCò.











COMPETITIONS

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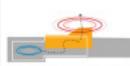
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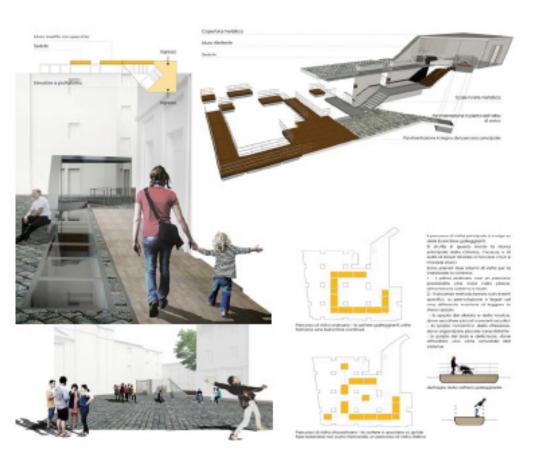
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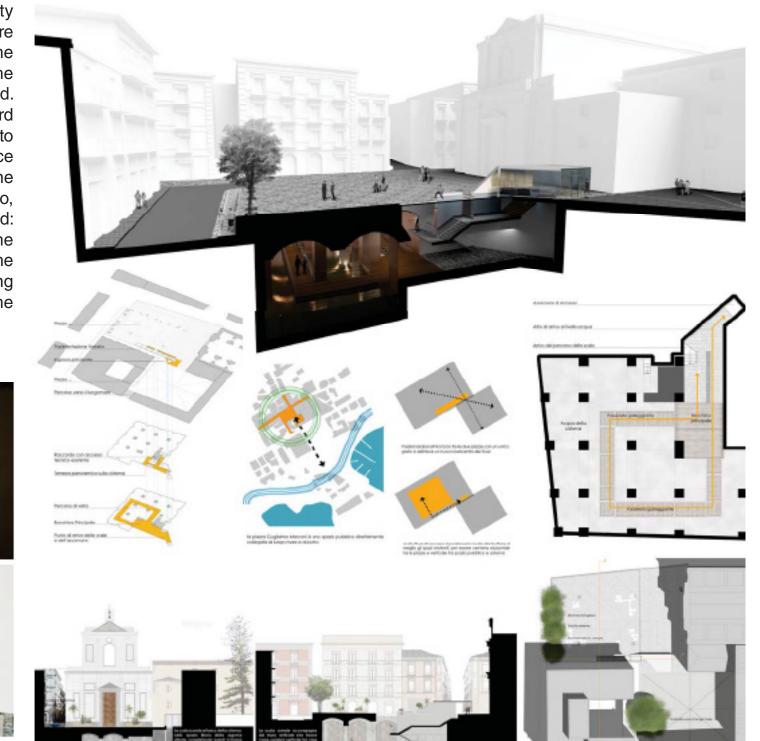
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The project intended to realize a complexity of actions with the simple, familiar gesture of building a wall. This plays as a cut in the horizontal space of the square, and in the vertical space of the perceived public void. The goal was to design a high standard architectural artefact that could contribute to the environmental quality of the public space by working on different levels and at the same time as a virtual connection. In order to do so. two parallel lines of thought were developed: one lying on the surface and dealing with the relation between the public space and the built environment, and the other one working underneath, in the underground space of the void cistern







RECOVERY OF THE SPACE OF **BUSSA OVERBRIDGE**



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CLIENT: MUNICIPALITY OF MILAN

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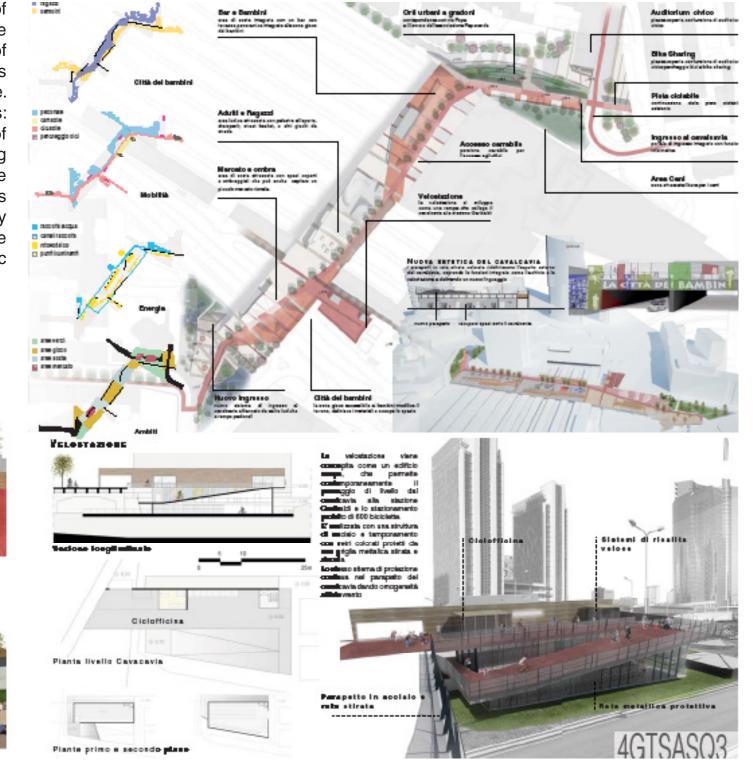
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The design of the rehabilitation of the spaces of Bussa overpass stems from a reflection on the ways of use of the city and on the possibility of using the weak users, in this case children, as the real engine of reactivation of public space. The design followed three basic guidelines: defining some key points as the sequence of nodes, situations, centres of gravity breaking the linearity of the overpass; providing for the establishment of a macro-area, which develops in a linear completely accessible to children by defining a landscape playful throughout the intervention; reflecting on energy and economic compensation of the new spaces created.







MILAN

2014

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WOOD AND STRAW

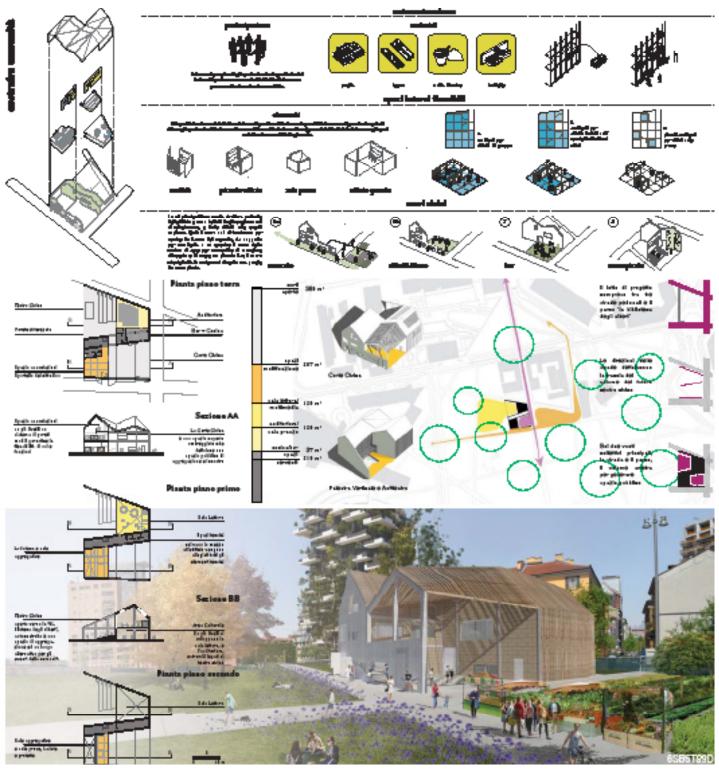
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The wall is the founding act of architecture: it defines and embraces spaces, protects and isolates them, defines the belonging of a place to a community. The project for the Civic Center in the Isola neighbourhood originates from a reflection on the value of the construction of a wall may have for the inhabitants. In line with the participatory process that has lead to the definition of the functional program, this project intended to erect the building following the principles of assisted self-construction.





EXPO 2015 ARCHITECTONIC FACILITIES AND RELATED



STRAW BALES WALLS

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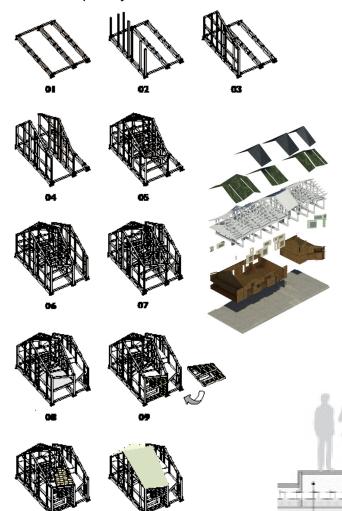


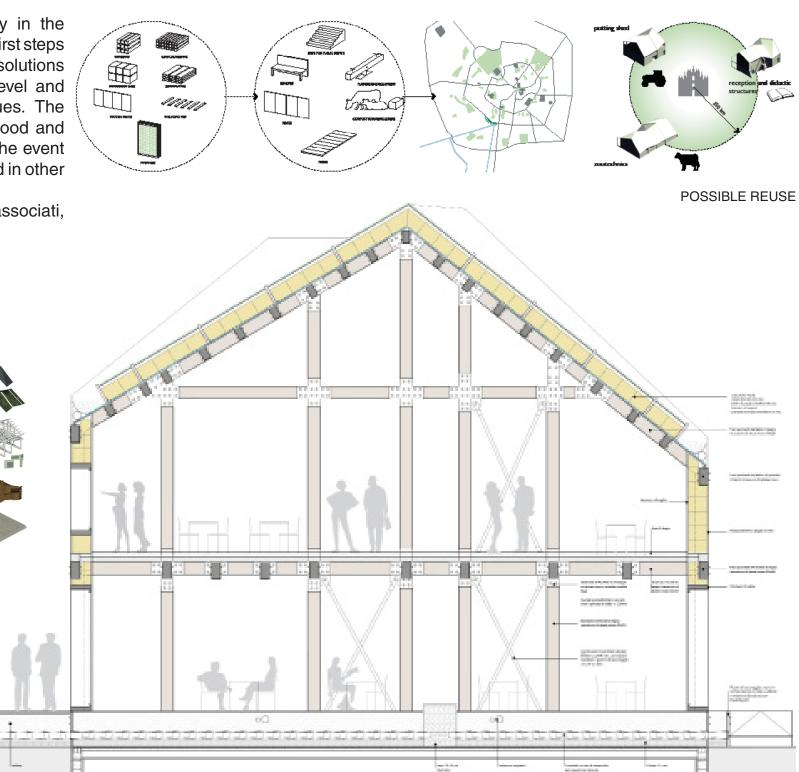




This projects integrates sustainability in the whole architectural process, since the first steps of design. The use of engineering solutions is limited to the control of comfort level and the bioclimatic architecture techniques. The modular balloon-frame structure of wood and straw can be easily dismantled after the event to reuse the materials, or re-assembled in other places to host new functions.

Team: ARCò, E-plus Studio, Made associati, Metamorphosys, U-Boot.

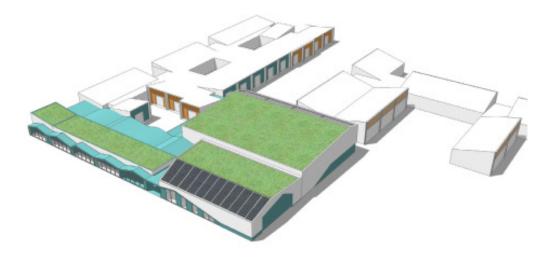












The Spring 2012 earthquake strongly signed the local community, so the project started with an investigation about citizens' perception of the place as it was. The collection of memories informed the strategy for the design of the outside spaces: a small courtyard was created between the existing and the new buildings, as core of distribution and functions. The new building was designed with a compact shape to leave space for outdoor activities. The used natural structures consisted of wooden structures and straw bale prefab walls. Environmental strategies as solar greenhouses outside the workshops were used to reduce the energy usage. The green roof, together with the straw-bales walls, strongly cuts the energy losses in wintertime, while natural ventilation refreshes the building during summertime, when PV panels harvest energy. PARLARE CON LA NATURA

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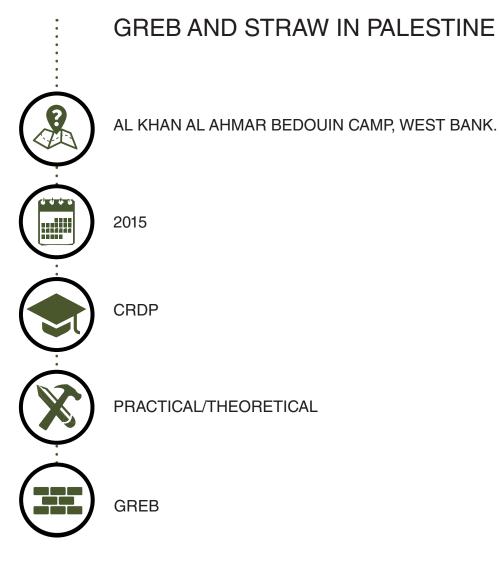
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WORKSHOPS



The Workshop took place in the Bedouin village of Al Khan Al Ahmar -East Jerusalem, within the program of "The Community Resilience and Development programme for Area C and East Jerusalem" funded by the Swedish, Austrian and Norwegian governments. Students from the Bedouin community participated to the lectures and then contributed to the construction of a wall made with straw using the technique of greb. This technique involves the use of panels of wood and liquid plaster mainly based on lime, in order to obtain a perfectly coplanar surface, more resistant to weathering.





THE GREB STRAW BALE BUILDING TECHNIQUE

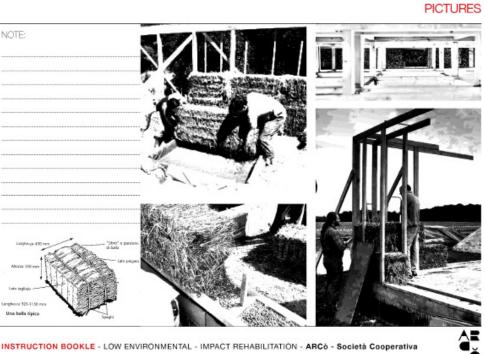


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A workshop for students of engineering-architecture which took place in the outside areas of the Tor Vergata University (Rome). It consisted of self-building of outdoor furniture, recycling unused materials from the construction site of the unfinished Calatrava's Sports City project, abandoned for 5 years. ARCò coordinated and supervised the work of the 24 student participants who were selected through a call for Students Cultural Activities. The aim of the workshop was to transform a space untapped by the students in a liveable and shareable one. The promotion of a certain way of doing architecture, sustainable and participatory, was pursued by self-constructing the objects with recycled materials.









ORDINE ARCHITETTI TRAPANI





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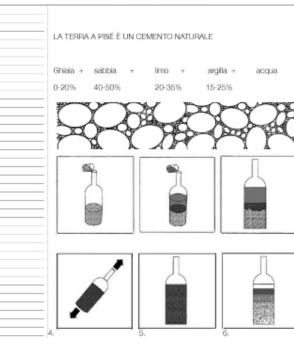
PRACTICAL/THEORETICAL

PISE' + STRAW BALES WALLS

A series of lectures at the Architects Register of Trapani, dealing with the issues of construction with pisè and straw, involving theoretical knowledge and demonstrative practical workshop with the creation of portions of masonry.



Composizione | Estrazione | Filtrare | Testare



LA TERRA | STEP 1.4

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- 6. Attendere un'ora e la proporzione rimenente è
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IL MURO | STEP 2.5

Basamento | Struttura | Intonaco

Paggiunta l'altezza desiderata con le balle di paglia, coprile con un doppio cordolo in legno come qualo appoggiato sullo zoccolo e riempito di argita espansa. Eventualmente anche di chiaia o paglia.

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Ogni 3 metri il muro si dovebbe abbassare di circa 10/15 om grazie ai tranti ben tesi. Dopo 6 settimane dall'appoggio dei tetto ci possono essere assestamenti dei 95-96%.

A questo punto il muro si è stabilizzato alla sua massima compressione.

Una muratura in paglia portante può reggere fino a 25 volte Il peso di un tetto di pietra.





IL MURO | STEP 2.6

L'intonacatura si attacca meglio sulla parte di taglio rispetto quella di piego della balla, e avviene in quattro fasi successive:

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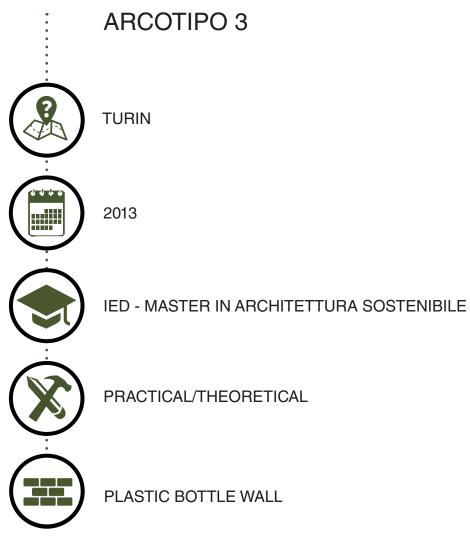
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Basamento| Struttura | Intonaco









PLASTIC BOTTLE WALL

The workshop take place for the third year in the IED (European Institute of Design), as part of the Professional Master course in Sustainable Architecture, which ARCò coordinated together with Arch. Riccardo Balbo. The one month workshop consisted first of a theoretical part, dealing with the Urban Design of the Waterfront of Jounieh, Lebanon. Then, of a practical part during which a prototype was built in selfconstruction by the students to test the constructive techniques previously elaborated. The prototype, named ARCOTIPO 3, was realized in the Miraorti Area in Turin, using recycled plastic bottles and pallets to create outdoor furniture and structures to provide shade to the urban farmers.













PAESAGGI STRAORDINARI

LOCATE DI TRIULZI (MI)



2013



MASTER PAESAGGI STRAORDINARI + NABA - NUO-VA ACCADEMIA DELLE ARTI MILANO AND POLI-TECNICO DI MILANO



PRACTICAL/THEORETICAL

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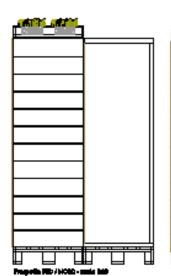
The week-long workshop concerned the design of a potting shed for the public allotments of the city of Locate di Triulzi. The design criteria were the sustainability of the materials, the process and the flexibility of use. After the design, the participants built a prototype of the selected project that was placed in the orchards.











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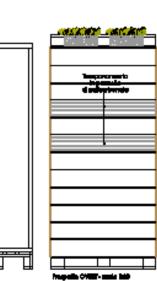
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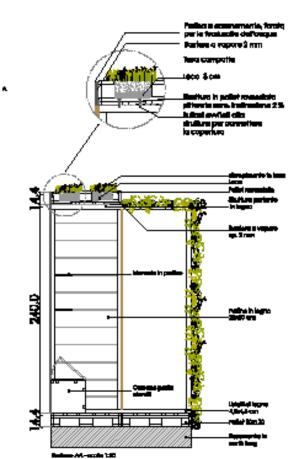
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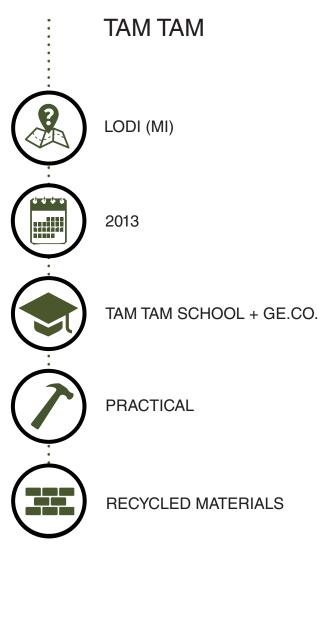


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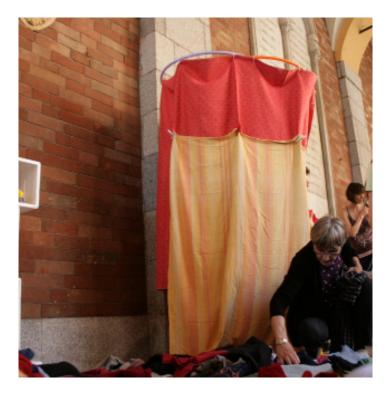


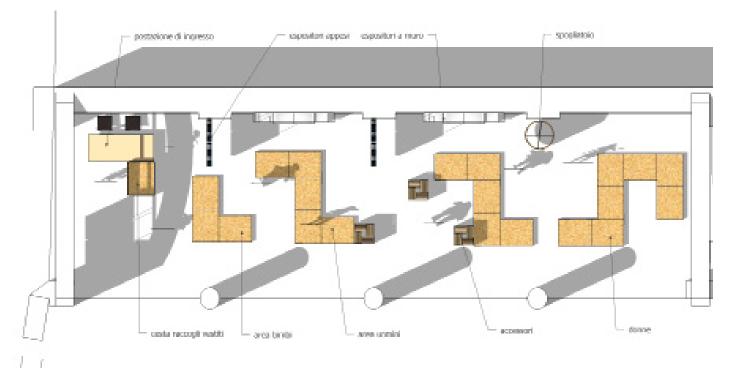


The workshop consisted in designing a space for free exchange market in Lodi. Students were asked to design a piece of furniture made with recycled material. Temporarily used objects and material were the scenario of a one-day-event in which people met to exchange used clothes and accessories. Students themselves constructed the whole space in one morning.



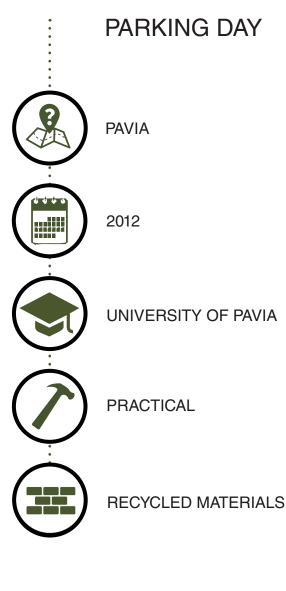












The subject of the workshop was to think of possible alternative uses of a parking space. Students were lead to think at a parking area as a small size public space for people to gather, rest or play. The prototype was realized by the students and displayed in a public exhibition in Piazza Castello in Milan.

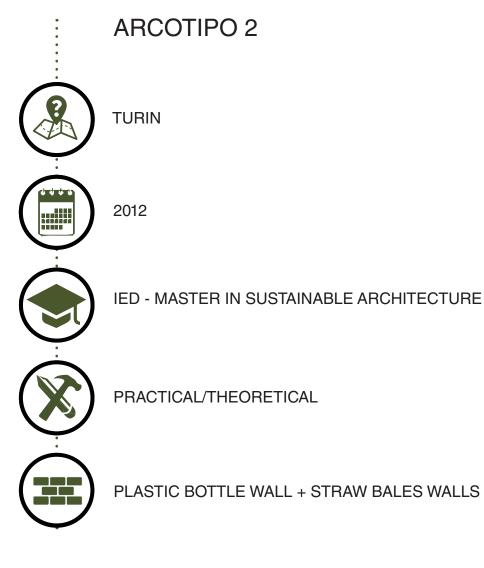












The workshop was developed in the frame of the "Master in sustainable architecture" that saw for the second time ARCò as co-coordinator together with Architect Riccardo Balbo. The prototype, named ARCOTIPO was realized on Michelotti park, in auto-construction by the master students with the support of local professionals. It consisted of small constructions realized in straw with the Nebraska technique and walls of recycled plastic bottles and clay.







ARCOTIPO 1



2011



IED - MASTER IN SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE

PRACTICAL/THEORETICAL

EARTHSHIP + EARTHBAGS

The workshop was developed in the frame of the "Master in sustainable architecture" in which ARCò was co-coordinator together with Architect Riccardo Balbo. The workshop took place during a month and consisted firstly of a theoretical part, during which the students developed the project for a school in the Gaza Strip, following the indications of the functional program and the specific locations suggested by the local authorities. Finally, a practical part started, with the realization of a prototype in which to test the constructive techniques previously envisioned: recycled tyres filled with soil, earth-bags, green roof. The prototype, an earthship named ARCOTIPO was realized in Michelotti park in Turin, with self-construction technique by the master students with the support of local professionals.

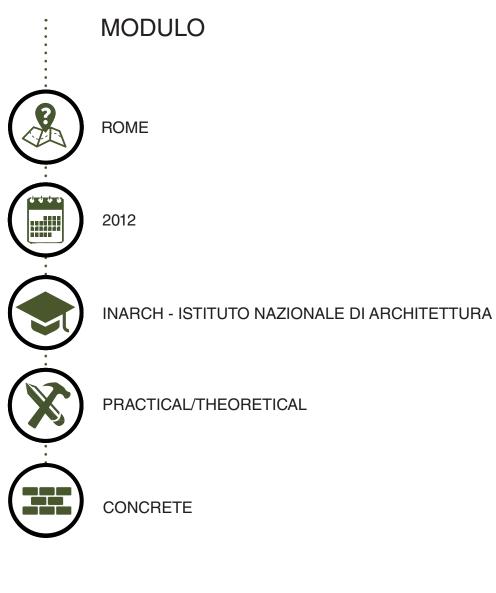












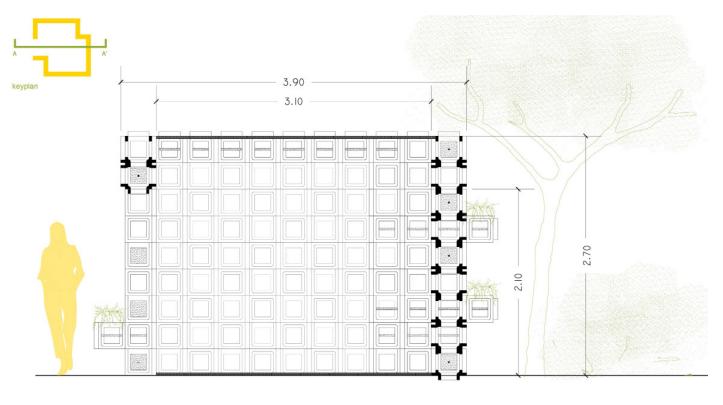
The workshop, in the frame of the Master Course "Expert designer in emerging technologies," concerned the design of a house module and the realization of a prototype in partnership with ITALCEMENTI.

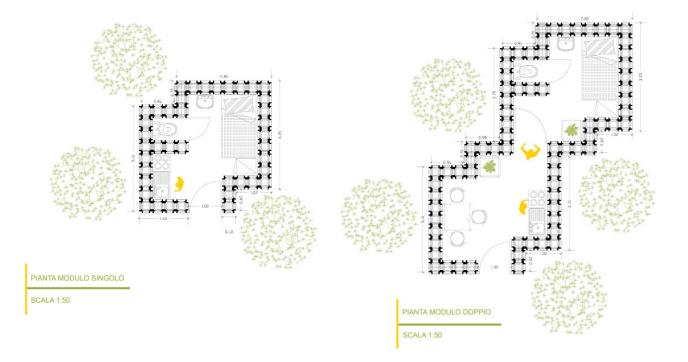
Students were led to think about standard solutions for the construction of buildings to be realized in emergency context or post disaster situations. The designed structures should display specific characteristics: easy to build, easy to transport, quick to build.

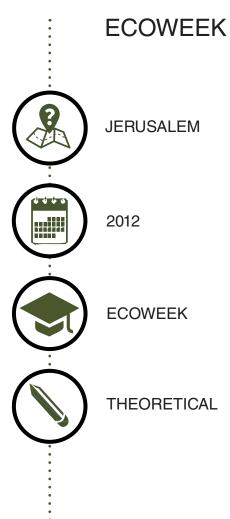










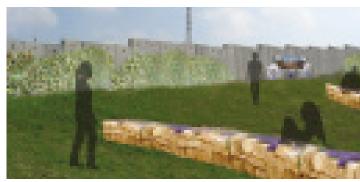


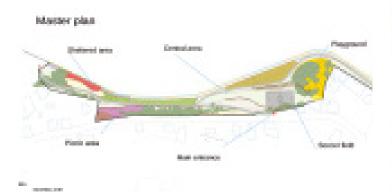
The workshop started with the description of several examples of sustainable auto-construction architectures and public spaces. Sustainable building techniques, innovative uses of low cost and recycled materials, specific needs, participation proceedings, education of inhabitants in self-construction techniques as the target topics. Participants were involved in the analysis and creation of a proposal for a self-construction project for a park in the village of AI Walajeh, in the outskirts of Jerusalem. The exercise focused on the particular situation of the village of AI Walajeh, and the consequences of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on its public space, on the possibility to build a collective place for the local community and integrate it with the existing and newly-planned surroundings.













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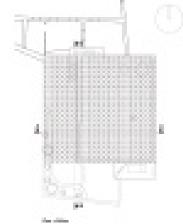


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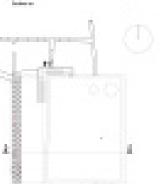
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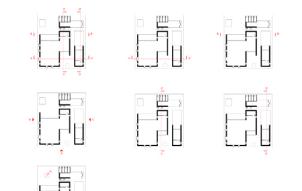


The starting point of the work proposed to the student was the case of the Gypsy Camps in Italy. Students were led to find solutions to provide temporary houses for Gypsies using materials such as earthbags, tires and straw bales. The purpose was, as usual in the philosophy of the studio, to build innovative solutions through practical research experience.



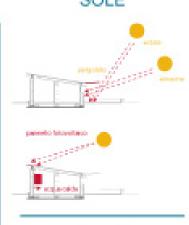




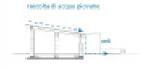




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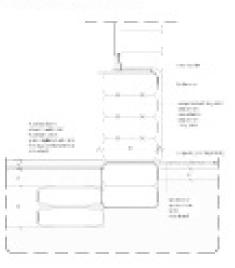


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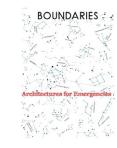
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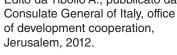




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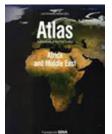
2010 IL GIORNALE n. 11-12



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2016 RI.U.SO. 05 Rigenerazione Urbana Sostenibile, indetto dal Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti Pianificatori Paesaggisti e

Conservatori

2015

Terzo classificato



Architect Sans Frontiere International Award 2015, 'Learning South of North' menzione di onore.



2012 Global Holcim Awards

finalisti dei Global Holcim Awards, con il progetto Rinnovamento sostenibile di una scuola primaria nel campo beduino Wadi Abu Hindi, Territori Occupati Palestinesi.



2012 Medaglia d'Oro alla Architettura Italiana IV edizione Finalista menzione d'onore architettura ed emergenze



2011

HOLCIM AWARDS

Medaglia d'argento per la sezione "Africa and Middle East"



2011 PREMIO EME3 CITY AWARDS

- Menzione speciale per i progetti
- "Schools in the desert. Bio-climatic
- architecture for education in the
- Bedouin communities in Palestine".



2011

PREMIO FONDAZIONE **RENZO PIANO** Secondo posto per il progetto "la scuola nel deserto".



2011 PREMIO SPECIALE SELINUNTE

Per il contributo al miglioramento dell'ambiente.



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