

# FINAL REPORT

## *Somalia Shelter Cluster Training Modules 2*

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**SUSTAINABLE SHELTER SOLUTIONS**

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## 1 Background

There are an estimated 1.1 million IDPs in Somalia. The Shelter cluster strategic objectives for 2013-2015 take into account the needs of different categories of IDPs, i.e., people who have been IDPs for nearly two decades and those displaced more recently, vary.

The cluster will continue to provide emergency assistance to newly displaced people affected by natural and man-made disasters (flood, fire, drought, conflict and evictions).

UNHCR together with REACH, a partner organization of IMPACT and ACTED, and the Shelter Cluster Coordination for Somalia have been working on a Monitoring and Evaluation framework for implemented activities.

- Shelter Cluster has been using mobile technology to capture data at field level and has rolled out an infrastructure mapping exercise.
- UNHCR has a toolkit on-line where you shelter typologies can be uploaded.

Some lessons learnt from M&E activities are:

- As Somalia is very diverse, SOLUTIONS FOR SHELTER SHOULD BE LOCATION BASED. They should vary depending on the materials present, the market capacity, the labor capacity...
- COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: a main focus of the Shelter Cluster is advocating for a more owner driven approach and ensuring that the community is part of the decision making process.
- Use of local materials and localized solutions, linked to BUILDING BACK SAFER: this is linked to the different typologies and is closely linked to ownership.

In order to improve the capacity of implementing agencies to implement more sustainable shelter solution (Shelter Cluster Somalia; Concept Paper: Sustainable Shelter Solutions; IDP's in Somalia; <http://www.sheltercluster.org/response/somalia> ) the need was assessed for the Shelter Cluster and Cluster partners and other humanitarian agencies to improve the capacity of the Shelter Cluster partners through training.

Thanks to the support of the Danish Refugee Council, this cycle of workshop/training will be implemented in 2015.

The project includes two weeks training/workshops in Nairobi for the shelter cluster partners and three sets of shorter trainings at field level. The objectives of the respective trainings are as follows:

- Phase 1 (6 days: 18-23 April)
  - Strengthen the capacity of the Shelter Partners on the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework produced by REACH and cross cutting issues related to Shelter planning (site planning, typologies, localized solutions...). REACH, NRC, DRC and UNHCR staff will provide support with the different modules as guest speakers.
  - Target group: mainly for Shelter Cluster Project Managers, Regional Shelter Cluster Coordinators, Project Coordinators, M&E officers and other Shelter-related positions.

- Phase 2 (6 days: 25-30 April)
  - Strengthen the capacity of the Shelter Partners to ensure community participation, the use of local materials and building back safer. An expert in localized building techniques will provide support on the localized solutions and a consultant will be recruited for the PASSA introduction course.
  - Target group: mainly for Shelter Cluster Project Managers, Engineers, Project Officers, Regional Shelter Cluster Coordinators, Project Coordinators and other Shelter-related positions.
- Phase 3; Trainings in the field (May and June, 3 days per region); training for the regional shelter cluster coordinators and the project managers of the main shelter cluster partners: the main focus will be on the M&E framework, with cross cutting presentations on localized solutions, PASSA, mobile technology, mapping, site planning, typologies and Housing/land/Property.

## **2** Term of reference

The Technical Expert in Localized Solutions will be working closely with the Shelter Cluster Coordinator, the Infrastructure Coordinator of DRC and the overall facilitator of the phase 2 training.

- The Technical Expert in Localized Solutions will perform the following tasks and duties:
- Preparation of draft modules for the trainings: prepare and propose training session to Shelter Cluster
- Finalization of the modules and agenda
- Moderate a training on Building back safer, localized solutions and participatory approaches (1 week in Nairobi from 25-30th of April)
- Provide a final report of the training (2 days home based)

## **3** Mission output

- A module for the participants based on existing materials that are appropriate to the Shelter context in Somalia.
- A module for the field trainings (shorter version) for the field participants (same as above)
- An increased understanding by participants of cross cutting issues related to the Shelter projects: participatory approaches, localized solutions and typologies, site planning, urban solutions, and technical improvements to building practice

## **4** Expected results

- Modules for the trainings regarding localized solutions and building back safer finalized.
- Modules for the field trainings (shorter version) finalized.
- An increased understanding by participants of cross cutting issues related to the Shelter projects: participatory approaches, localized solutions and typologies, site planning, urban solutions, and technical improvements to building practice,

## 5 Training program

### Module 2 Agenda: 25-30 April, 2015

*Saturday 25 April*

Time	Session	Session Type	Facilitator
9:30-9:45	Opening Remarks	Greeting	TBD
9:45-10:15	Participant Introductions	Introductions	Clay
10:15-10:45	Pre-Training Survey	Assessment	Clay
10:45-11:00	Sustainable Shelter & HRP	Presentation	Martijn
11:00-11:30	Introduction to CRATERRE	Presentation	Olivier
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break/Prayers	Break	N/A
11:45-12:15	Objectives & Overview	Presentation/Discussion	Olivier
12:15-12:45	Participant Expectations	Full group exercise	Olivier
12:45-13:45	Lunch	Break	N/A
13:45-14:00	Energizer	Icebreaker/Energizer	Clay
14:00-14:45	Typology Projects & Local Building Links	Working Group	Olivier
Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CGI</li> <li>• New Hybrid – Puntland</li> <li>• Stone Blocks – Gaalkacyo</li> <li>• Stone &amp; Mud Mortar – Gaalkacyo</li> </ul>			
14:45-15:45	Typology Presentations	Working Group Presentations	Olivier, Clay
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break/Prayers	Break	N/A
16:15-16:30	SWOT Analysis Explanation	Presentation	Clay
16:30-16:45	SWOT Analysis Using Local Building Links	Working Group	Olivier
Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CGI</li> <li>• New Hybrid – Puntland</li> <li>• Stone Blocks – Gaalkacyo</li> <li>• Stone &amp; Mud Mortar – Gaalkacyo</li> </ul>			
16:45-17:00	SWOT Analysis Presentations	Working Group Presentations	Olivier
17:00-17:30	Question & Answer	Review, Assessment	Clay

*Sunday 26 April*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Session Type</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>8:30-8:45</b>	<b>Review of Previous Day &amp; Overview of Current Day</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Olivier/Clay</b>
<b>8:45-9:15</b>	<b>LRRD</b>	<b>Presentation/Exercise</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>9:15-9:45</b>	<b>SWOT Analysis of LRRD</b>	<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<u>Groups:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CGI - Kismayo</li> <li>• New Hybrid – Puntland</li> <li>• Cement Blocks – Gaalkacyo</li> <li>• Stone &amp; Mud Mortar – Gaalkacyo</li> </ul>			
<b>9:45-10:15</b>	<b>Introduction to Local Building Culture (LBC) Concept</b>	<b>Presentation/Exercise</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Prayers</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>SWOT Analysis Using LBC</b>	<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<u>Groups:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CGI - Kismayo</li> <li>• New Hybrid – Puntland</li> <li>• Cement Blocks – Gaalkacyo</li> <li>• Stone &amp; Mud Mortar – Gaalkacyo</li> </ul>			
<b>11:15-11:30</b>	<b>Building Back Safer</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>SWOT Analysis Using BBS</b>	<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
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<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>13:00-13:15</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Icebreaker/Energizer</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>13:15-14:00</b>	<b>Organize SWOTs</b>	<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Olivier/Clay</b>
<u>Groups:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CGI - Kismayo</li> <li>• New Hybrid – Puntland</li> <li>• Cement Blocks – Gaalkacyo</li> <li>• Stone &amp; Mud Mortar – Gaalkacyo</li> </ul>			
<b>14:00-14:30</b>	<b>Review SWOT Categorization</b>	<b>Group Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>14:30-14:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Prayers</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>14:45-15:15</b>	<b>Difficulty/Importance Analysis</b>	<b>Working Groups</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>15:15-15:45</b>	<b>Project Presentations</b>	<b>Plenary Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>15:45-16:00</b>	<b>Question &amp; Answer</b>	<b>Review, Assessment</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Open Presentation Session</b>	<b>Participant Presentations</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Monday 27 April

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Session Type</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>8:30-8:45</b>	<b>Review of Previous Day &amp; Overview of Current Day</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Olivier/Clay</b>
<b>8:45-9:00</b>	<b>Select Topics to be Discussed in Ongoing Sessions</b>	<b>Full Group Activity</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>9:00-9:30</b>	<b>Introduction to Earth and Construction</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Earth Construction and Experience from Participants</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Prayers</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:15-11:30</b>	<b>Introduction of Earth Practical Session</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b>Practical Session on Earth</b>	<b>Practical Exercise</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>13:30-13:45</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Icebreaker/Energizer</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>13:45-15:30</b>	<b>Practical Session on Earth</b>	<b>Practical Exercise</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>15:30-15:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>15:45-16:00</b>	<b>Question &amp; Answer</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Open Session</b>	<b>Participant Presentations</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Tuesday 28 April

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Session Type</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>8:30-8:45</b>	<b>Review of Previous Day &amp; Overview of Current Day</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Olivier/Clay</b>
<b>8:45-10:15</b>	<b>Discussion on Technical Solutions for Earth Construction</b>	<b>Presentation/Plenary Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Prayers</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:30-12:30</b>	<b>Technical Discussion on Issues Identified by Participants</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>13:30-13:45</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Icebreaker/Energizer</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>13:45-14:45</b>	<b>Technical Discussion on Issues Identified by Participants</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>14:45-15:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Prayers</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>15:00-15:45</b>	<b>Technical Discussion on Issues Identified by Participants</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>15:45-16:00</b>	<b>Question &amp; Answer</b>	<b>Review, Assessment</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Open Session</b>	<b>Participant Presentations</b>	<b>N/A</b>

*Wednesday 29 April*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Session Type</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>8:30-8:45</b>	<b>Review of Previous Day &amp; Overview of Current Day</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Olivier/Clay</b>
<b>8:45-9:30</b>	<b>Introduction to Assessing Local Building Practices</b>	<b>Presentation/ Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>9:30-10:45</b>	<b>First Assessment of Existing LBC In Area of Intervention</b>	<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>10:45-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Prayers</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>11:00-11:45</b>	<b>Discussion on Assessment of LBC</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>11:45-12:45</b>	<b>Case Study Presentation</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>12:45-13:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>13:45-14:00</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Icebreaker/Energizer</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>14:00-14:45</b>	<b>Wrap-Up on Technical Topics (Product) &amp; Future Projects (Process)</b>	<b>Guided Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier, Martijn, Clay</b>
<b>14:45-15:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Prayers</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>15:00-15:45</b>	<b>Wrap-Up on Technical Topics (Product)</b>	<b>Guided Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier, Martijn, Clay</b>
<b>15:45-16:00</b>	<b>Question &amp; Answer</b>	<b>Review, Assessment</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Open Session</b>	<b>Participant Presentations</b>	<b>N/A</b>

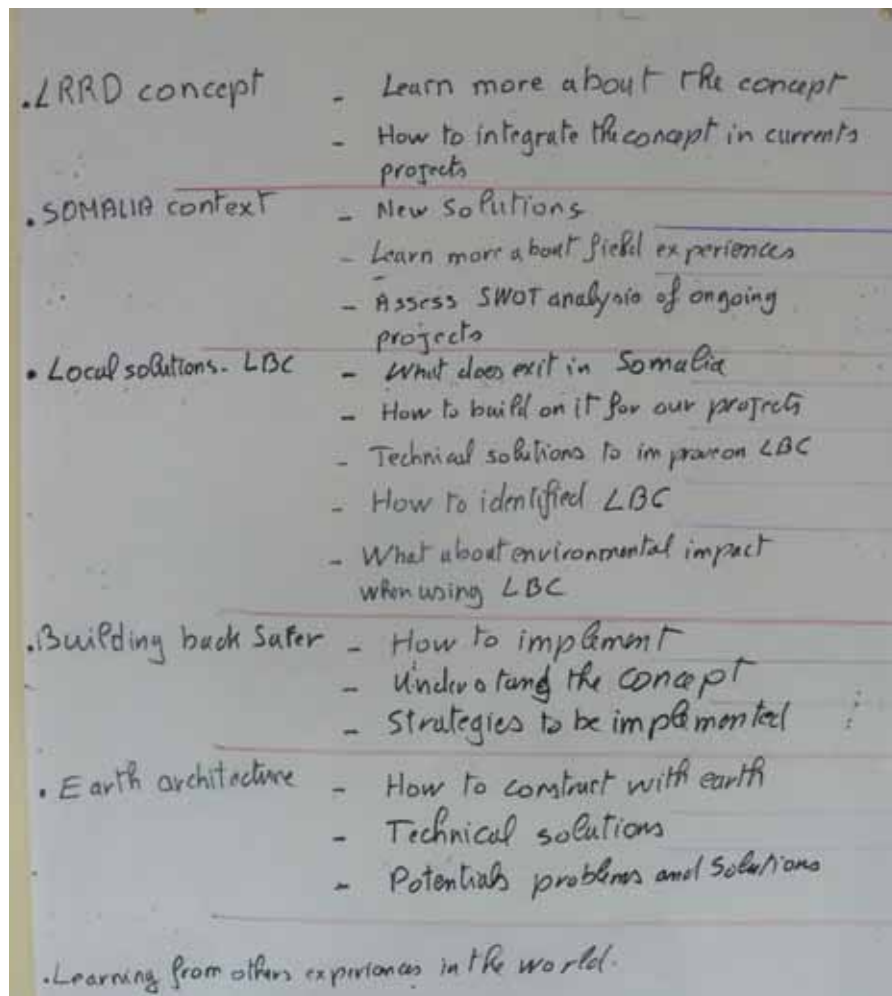
*Thursday 30 April*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Session Type</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>8:30-8:45</b>	<b>Review of Previous Day &amp; Overview of Current Day</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Olivier/Clay</b>
<b>8:45-10:30</b>	<b>Wrap-Up on How to Improve Future Projects (Recommendations)</b>	<b>Guided Discussion</b>	<b>Olivier</b>
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:45-11:45</b>	<b>Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</b>	<b>Review, Assessment</b>	<b>Clay, Martijn</b>
<b>11:45-12:00</b>	<b>Post-Training Survey</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>13:00-16:30</b>	<b>Practical Session on Earth</b>	<b>Practice</b>	<b>Olivier</b>



## 6 Participants expectations before the training

Participants expectations before the training	
LRRD; Linking Relief, Rehabilitation , Development	Learn more about the concept
	How to integrate the concept in current projects
Somalia context	New solutions
	Learn more about field experiences
	Assess SWOT analysis of ongoing projects
LBC; Local Building Culture	What does exist in Somalia
	How to build on it regarding our projects
	Technical solutions to improve on LBC
	How to identify LBC
	Environmental impact when using LBC
BBS; Building Back Safer	How to implement
	Understand the concept
	Strategies to be implemented
Earthen Architecture	How to construct with earth
	Technical solutions
	Potential problems and solutions
Others	Learning from others experiences in the world



Handwritten notes summarizing the expectations:

- LRRD concept
  - Learn more about the concept
  - How to integrate the concept in current projects
- SOMALIA context
  - New solutions
  - Learn more about field experiences
  - Assess SWOT analysis of ongoing projects
- Local solutions - LBC
  - What does exist in Somalia
  - How to build on it for our projects
  - Technical solutions to improve on LBC
  - How to identify LBC
  - What about environmental impact when using LBC
- Building back Safer
  - How to implement
  - Understanding the concept
  - Strategies to be implemented
- Earth architecture
  - How to construct with earth
  - Technical solutions
  - Potential problems and solutions
- Learning from others experiences in the world.

## 7 Participants evaluation after the training

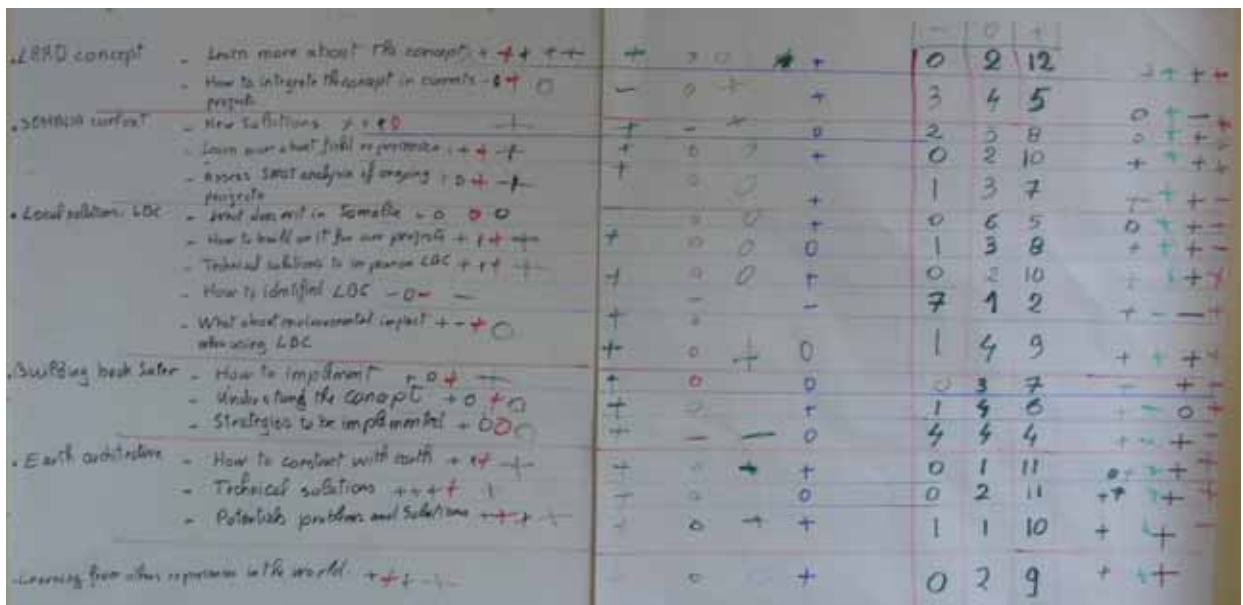
Participants expectations before the training (marks regarding achievements of expectations; 14 participants)		No idea	Less than expected	As expected	More than expected
LRRD; Linking Relief, Rehabilitation, Development	Learn more about the concept	0	0	2	12
	How to integrate the concept in current projects	2	3	4	5
LRRD; Linking Relief, Rehabilitation, Development		8%	11%	21%	60%
Somalia context	New solutions	1	2	3	8
	Learn more about field experiences	2	0	2	10
	Assess SWOT analysis of ongoing projects	3	1	3	7
Somalia context		14%	7%	19%	60%
LBC; Local Building Culture	What does exist in Somalia	3	0	6	5
	How to build on it regarding our projects	2	1	3	8
	Technical solutions to improve on LBC	2	0	2	10
	How to identify LBC	4	7	1	2
	Environmental impact when using LBC	0	1	4	9
LBC; Local Building Culture		16%	12%	23%	49%
BBS; Building Back Safer	How to implement	4	0	3	7
	Understand the concept	3	1	4	6
	Strategies to be implemented	2	4	4	4
BBS; Building Back Safer		21%	13%	26%	40%
Earthen Architecture	How to construct with earth	2	0	1	11
	Technical solutions	1	0	2	11
	Potential problems and solutions	2	1	1	10
Earthen Architecture		12%	2%	10%	76%
Others	Learning from others experiences in the world	3	0	2	9
	Learning from others experiences in the world	21%	0%	14%	64%

From this matrix, we can assess that if most of the concept are well understood, participants are not really comfortable when it will be about implementation in the field.

In fact, 50% of the participants would like to know better on how to identify LBC, while about 30 % of them do not really see how to integrate LRRD in their projects and what type of activities could be implemented in order to achieve BBS.

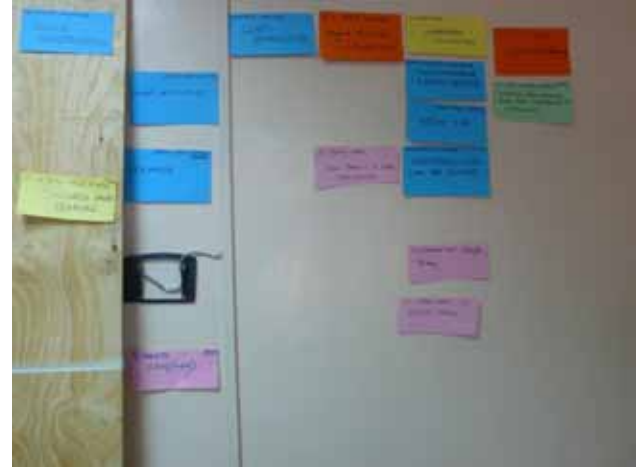
It is assumed that these issues cannot really be achieved without some experience gained (or built) from field experience.

However, for the organizations that will buy the concept, it is strongly recommended to pilot the approach in the further month, this in order to develop future proposal that will include the approaches based on a first practical experience.

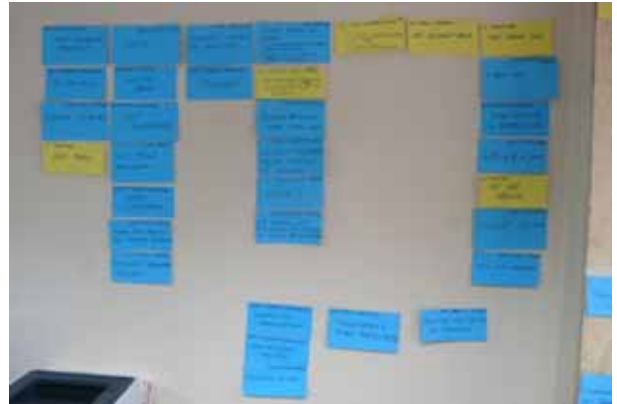


The image shows a handwritten version of the evaluation table. The columns are labeled with symbols: '+' for 'More than expected', '0' for 'As expected', '-' for 'Less than expected', and 'o' for 'No idea'. The rows correspond to the categories in the printed table above, such as 'LRRD concept', 'Somalia context', 'Local solution LBC', 'Building back safer', 'Earth architecture', and 'Learning from others experiences in the world'. The counts are written in the cells, matching the data in the printed table.

## 8 SWOT analysis



STRENGTHS			
Products			
Technics	Durable	Plastering	Damp proof course
		Rot Painting	Roof anchorage
		Strong Foundation Base	Metal Gutter
		Ring Beam	Solid Structure
	Affordability	Cost effective (investment in regard to product achieved)	
	Easy logistics	Materials are available in the market	Quick to construct
Social	Can be improved	Upgradable / extendable	Transportable / dismantable
		100m2 site	Rectangular, can be divided
	Attractive	New concept / New type	
	Sustainability	Site planning exists	Local integration
		Secured land tenure	
		Comfort	Veranda
	Privacy	Social Space	
	Doors are lockable; security		
Environment	Hazard resistant	Cement blocks are fire, flood and wind resistant	Doors steps, (for flood resistance)
Process			
Social	Training	Beneficiaries capacity building	
	Participatory approach	Stakeholders involved	Community driven
		Layout, design is locally accepted	
Economics	Poverty alleviation	Promotion of livelihoods	Local markets supported
Environment	Environment impact	Environmentally friendly	
Cultural	Local Building Culture	Materials are locally available and familiar to most of the population	Vision future for the community



<b>WEKNESSSES</b>			
<b>Products</b>			
<b>Technics</b>	<b>Durable</b>	<b>No tie beam</b>	<b>Not plastered</b>
		<b>Roof may need to be better anchored</b>	<b>Plywood degradation possible</b>
		<b>Extension requires dismantling part of the roof</b>	<b>Upgrade difficult</b>
		<b>Not dismantable</b>	
<b>Economic</b>	<b>Poverty alleviation</b>	<b>Material imported</b>	<b>Short lifespan</b>
	<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Needs more quality control</b>	<b>Time consuming for construction</b>
		<b>High cost</b>	
<b>Social</b>	<b>Attractive</b>	<b>Insecure</b>	<b>Size of doors are small (not disabled friendly)</b>
		<b>Latrines should be detached</b>	
	<b>Sustainability</b>	<b>Need to provide text / description on typology</b>	
	<b>Comfort</b>	<b>Very hot / cold</b>	<b>No privacy</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>Hazard resistant</b>	<b>Not flood resistant</b>	<b>Roof overhang too long (wind resistance)</b>
<b>Process</b>			
<b>Social</b>	<b>Impact on host community</b>	<b>Too permanent / Too temporary / T-shelter. Product should be carefully designed according to beneficiaries and host communities characteristics</b>	
	<b>Participatory approach</b>	<b>Contractor driven</b>	
<b>Economics</b>	<b>Poverty alleviation</b>	<b>Does not promote skill building use of local laborers</b>	<b>Imported material (stone are imported as there are stone locally available).</b>
		<b>Material fluctuation</b>	<b>Need close monitoring</b>
		<b>Livelihood imported</b>	<b>Machinery / fuel required</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>Environment impact</b>	<b>Impact on soil degradation</b>	<b>Local impact / global impact</b>



<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
<b>Products</b>			
<b>Environment</b>	<b>Pollution</b>	<b>Climate / environment friendly</b>	
<b>Economic</b>	<b>Poverty alleviation</b>	<b>Create livelihood</b>	<b>Value for money</b>
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<b>Social</b>	<b>Participatory approach</b>	<b>Community involvement</b>	
<b>Process</b>			
<b>Social</b>	<b>Participatory approach</b>	<b>Community driven</b>	<b>Community acceptance</b>
		<b>Integration</b>	
<b>Economics</b>	<b>Poverty alleviation</b>	<b>Opportunity for job creation</b>	<b>Contribute to livelihood</b>



THREATS			
<b>Products</b>			
<b>Environment</b>	<b>Pollution</b>	<b>Resource competition</b>	
<b>Economic</b>	<b>Poverty alleviation</b>	<b>High cost</b>	
<b>Technical</b>	<b>In line with funding agencies policies</b>	<b>Recommended by funding agencies</b>	
<b>Social</b>	<b>Host communities</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Attraction from host communities</b>
	<b>Comfort</b>	<b>Insecurity</b>	
<b>Process</b>			
<b>Social</b>	<b>Effectiveness</b>	<b>Diversion</b>	

## 9 Participants global recommendations

From the results of the SWOT analysis, participants were asked to give recommendations in order to build on existing strengths to address weaknesses, this taking into account existing opportunities while taking care of potentials threats.

Nevertheless, it is important to mention that there was not enough time to question what the participants had come up with. Results presented herewith only represent a draft for Somalia. Therefore, it will be recommended to further work with the working group on this matrix and update it regularly.

STRENGTHS	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT
NOT DIFFICULT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing the local resources available and hazards, design durable shelter (strong foundation, walling, concrete beam/wall plate and strong roofing)</li> <li>Assess the available resources and use as much as possible to contribute the local market and enhance livelihoods of the beneficiaries</li> <li>To avoid conflict and reduce the challenges, involve all stakeholders (beneficiaries, local authorities, clusters and land owners) for their participation, contribution, preference and acceptability.</li> <li>Adequate ventilation should be taken care of depending on the context (climate, culture,...) in the area</li> <li>Community-Driven for more participation and contribution from the community and enhancing the quality and ownership aspect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the local building culture and use simple construction techniques to utilize the local people's manpower and to make easy for them to rehabilitate in the future for sustainability of the project.</li> <li>Cost effective to reach more beneficiaries and respect local people's affordability.</li> <li>Adequate space for Extension- through site planning ensure an adequate plot is allocated for the household for future extension</li> <li>Environmentally friendly-considering the availability of the materials and the governmental systems in place.</li> </ul>
DIFFICULT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land tenure- To protect the right of the vulnerable people and safeguard their dignity, ensure proper documentation is in place</li> </ul>	
OPPORTUNITY	VERY IMPORTANT	
NOT DIFFICULT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the available resource (materials, market capacity, manpower/skills) and utilize as much as possible</li> </ul>	
DIFFICULT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the possibility of securing permanent land and advocate through the relative bodies in the area</li> <li>Assess the needs on the ground and donors and advocate for funds</li> </ul>	
WEAKNESSESS	VERY IMPORTANT	
NOT DIFFICULT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure water resistant roofing are built during construction (<b>Roofing Designs</b>) <b>LBC concept</b></li> <li>Mainstreaming WASH into shelter projects throughout</li> <li>Use the available local resources for the shelter</li> <li>Reduce time taken by increasing the manpower</li> <li>Mobilize local resources (LBC concept) <b>Cost effectiveness</b></li> </ul>	
THREATS	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT
NOT DIFFICULT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30% of project beneficiaries should be host community in order to avoid any possible <b>conflicts</b> among communities. <b>LBC concept</b></li> <li>Engage local government and other stakeholders i.e. communities to secure more <b>land</b> for shelter projects <b>LBC</b></li> <li>Beneficiaries should be trained on <b>DRR –LRRD concept</b></li> <li><b>Standardize shelter designs (latrines issue) LRRD concept</b></li> </ul>	
DIFFICULT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate &amp; discuss protection needs/mechanisms for beneficiaries with the local authorities i.e. having police stations in the IDP camps (Safety) <b>LRRD concept</b></li> <li>Community involvement <b>LBC concept</b></li> <li>Prior funding mechanism should be put in place at the agency level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce the time taken by increasing labor- depending on the financial resources available</li> </ul>
VERY DIFFICULT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accountability mechanisms should be put in place(<b>conflict of interest</b>)</li> <li>Transparency and accountability trainings/workshop for beneficiaries should be conducted regularly –<b>LBC concept</b></li> </ul>	



## 10 Participants specifics recommendations

From the previous recommendations, participants were asked to develop specific one regarding a better use of localized building solution for their ongoing projects.

Recommendations that came out of this exercise are summarized below.

### Assessments

- Assess the local (natural) resources available for shelter construction
- Assess availability of materials on local market
- Assess local capacities (financial, technical skills, time, IDP community)
- Assess potential local and global environmental impact of natural resource use
  - Include project activities that compensate for local environmental impact
- Assess existing hazards in priority areas
  - Regional cluster coordinators organize cluster partners to map existing hazards in priority areas
- Review current shelter typologies in reference to existing local building practices

### Planning & Design

- Review existing stakeholders and assess respective interests in shelter project
  - Involve all stakeholders (beneficiaries, local authorities, clusters, host community authorities, and \*land owners\*) at each stage of the project cycle
  - Ensure benefits of shelter project are communicated, understood, and adopted
- Engage with donors to advocate for localized shelter solutions
- Include flexibility for pilot implementation in project proposal budget
- Ensure use of available resources contributes to the local economy and enhances beneficiary livelihoods
  - Shelter design, labor, and materials should directly impact the local economy
- Design localized, contextually-appropriate shelter
  - Foundation, walls, bracing, and appropriate roofing
  - Ensure adequate ventilation depending on the context and preferences of community
  - WASH infrastructure should be built using local cultural behavior
  - Use Building Back Safer principles
  - Ensure cost-effective and linked to local replicability
- Shelter programming in host communities should be linked to local livelihoods
- Ensure land is secured for shelter project through direct engagement with appropriate local authorities

### Implementation

- Pilot new and/or more localized shelter solutions by end of 2015
  - Demonstrate possibility of upgrade, extendibility, or relocation of shelter
  - Include training on maintenance
- Stronger focus on capacity building and BBS

### Monitoring & Evaluation

- Measure and disseminate impact of shelter programming on local economy and livelihoods



## 11 Proposal for new indicators for shelter project in Somalia

Follow the workshop, some teams brainstormed on and came up with one possible indicator for measuring progress on localized building solutions. The idea behind this move being to ensure that we increase the local content of the shelter solutions used in Somalia. Almost directly linked to this is the contribution to the local economy, and livelihoods, which may come from use of locally harvested materials, local transportation and distribution, local skills employment and labor. Easily, this can be expressed in economic terms.

Consequently, the outcome indicator would read like this;

*% of local content in the shelter solutions provided. This would have a %age of the overall sheltering cost, in which case we measure the level of procurement, or costs that leads to investments in the local economy / region. Naturally, imported items or materials would be excluded from this component.*

At the output levels, we could possibly be looking at the following;

*Number of persons employed by the shelter project.*

*Amount of locally harvested materials used to develop the shelter project. Could be measured in volume, weight, etc.*

These are but suggestions, and it would be good to hear from the rest of the team on the same before considering it for inclusion in our indicator list.

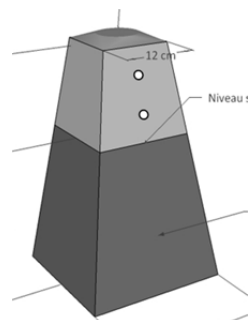
## 12 Compilation of technical issues discussed during the workshop

### CGI

- No bracing is done and no protection of the wood in the ground.

In some areas (like Puntland) protection of the wood in the ground is not problematic as there are no termites, insects or rain. In others areas, it is highly recommended to add appropriate technical details, this in order to increase the shelter life expectation as well as to reduce impact in local environment (deforestation).

Bracing is recommended everywhere, this in order to reinforce the shelter capacity to handle strong wind.



- All wood is never treated

There is different quality of wood that will resist differently regarding rotting and insect attacks. Red wood is known to have a better resistance than “white wood”. Of course if there is no risk of decease, this is not necessary to invest on an expensive wood, even if stronger.

In areas where there are risks of decease, wood resistance can be improved in different ways.

- Carbonation can be achieved by burning smoothly the part of the wood that will be buried in the ground.
- Impregnation with gasoil or dead oil will achieve some protection
- Chemical treatments are somehow expensive, but achieve good results.

On top of these solutions, it is recommended to assess local solution developed by native population in order to increase life expectation of wood used in the construction sector.

- All nails are sticking out on the inside of the shelter

There is a risk regarding harming inhabitant. Of course, to bind the nails will be an option, but it could make more difficult the shelter to be dismantled and displaced. During the process, many CGI sheet maybe damage, and this will reduce the potential income of beneficiaries if they will to sell recycle CGI.

The best solution seems to use the right nails length when fixing the shelter. A length of  $2/3^{\text{rd}}$  of the wood thickness will certainly achieved a good CGI anchorage to the wood structure.

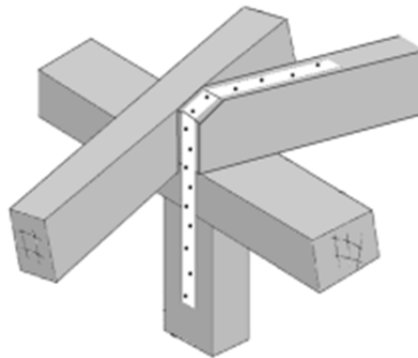
- The size of the shelter is not modular towards the CGI sheets. There are many CGIs that are cut and lose their value

It is obvious that the size of the shelter should be designed (modular) according to the size of the materials used for walling (CGI Sheets, Plywood), this in order to save time and money (no need to cut) and increase flexibility in reusing, improving, adapting the shelter to inhabitant evolution conditions. What is true for the wall is also true for the roof (dimension defined in order to avoid wasting material).

- No real anchorage of the roof to the main structure. Most elements are connected to each other with only nails. Especially in coastal areas and in Puntland/Somaliland, wind can be very high.

Due to change of moisture contents, wood expand and shrink continuously. It happen the same to nails due to change in temperature along the days and the seasons. As results, after few years, the connections given by the nails between the roof and the main structure will become weak. In areas where there is a lot of wind, this may end to the roof to be blind off from the shelter.

It is highly recommended to reinforce the roof anchorage to the main structure by using metal strap, robs, wire, or any other strong and long lasting material.



### NEW Hybrid shelter

- This is a pilot and we do not have much experience.

Proper documentation should be done. Evaluation could be done regarding recommendations given by the participant of the workshop on localized solution.

- Bracing should be important for all wooden structures

See comments on Bracing regarding CGI model

- How the deep of the foundation related to the idea to upgrade the shelter to more permanent solutions.

If the shelter given to the beneficiaries is supposed to evolve on permanent building, it is obvious that the foundation of the shelter should be designed in order to support this evolution.

In order to achieve this, there is a need to assess the various options beneficiaries will have to improve their shelter in permanent houses. What kind of materials they will use for the walls, for the roof. According to the characteristics of these materials (compressive strength, load, water resistance, etc...), the project will need to designed adapted foundation solutions and apply them to the shelter they will deliver.

The foundation should be designed in order to properly transfer the upper structure load to a stable and resistant enough soil, this taking into account the nature and characteristics of the materials used to achieve the foundation itself.

- Plywood. In more humid areas, the wooden boards will rot quite quickly. Is it necessary to treat?

Treated plywood will last some few years more than non-treated plywood. Nevertheless, normal plywood is not a material supposed to be use for external wall, exposed to water. Beside treatment, it may be a plus to see how the plywood exposure to moisture should be achieved. This can be done by taking care of the shelter orientation, the roof overhang (related to rainfall inclination), the protection of the base of the plywood (same principle than picture below).



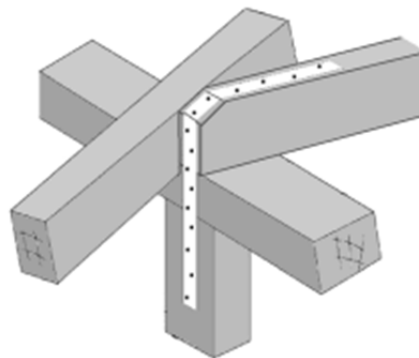
- It would be good to make the shelter modular towards the size of the plywood in order to re-use the material afterwards (as suggested for internal walling).

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- Anchorage of the roof to the superstructure.

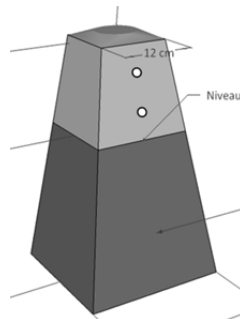
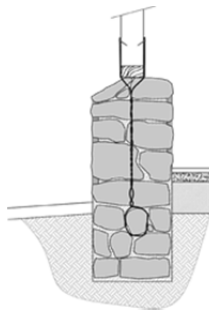
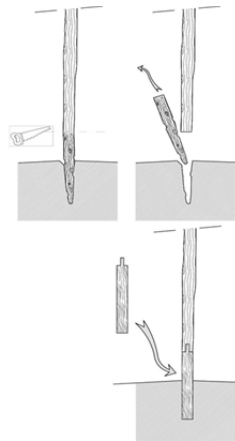
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It is highly recommended to reinforce the roof anchorage to the main structure by using metal strap, robs, wire, or any other strong and long lasting material.



- How are we going to properly attach the wooden superstructure to the base?

Many options exist. But, one should take care of the tensile resistance of the material used to ensure the anchorage as well as its resistance against rotting and breakage if too much solicited. Particular details may be developed in order to replace any damaged parts by a new one.





### STONE BLOCKS and mud mortar

- Quality of the mud mortar used

A good mortar for masonry should help a good vertical load transfer from the structure to the ground. It needs to have a good structure and to be stable regarding change in its moisture content.

Moreover, it should not be too sticky in order to avoid masons to lost time because the mortar will stick too much to their trowels.

The maximum size of the sand should be related to the mortar thickness. Most of the time, this maximum size shouldn't exceeds 1mm.

- Plastering is an extra big cost and we could reduce by just filling the joints in-between the stones.

This is a common practice in many areas.

Pointing can be achieved by using cement / lime / sans mortar (1vol cement / 3 vol limes / 12 vol sands) or sand/cement mortar (1 vol cement / 6 vol sand).

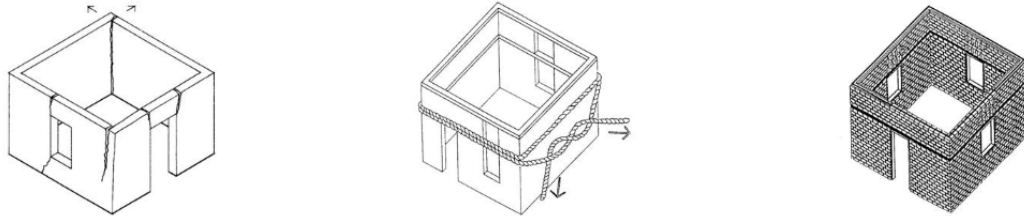
Pointing should be at least 3 cm (1") deep to achieve enough strength to resist against erosion and water penetration.





- Tie-beam at the top of the building could be reduced to one. Now there are two tie-beams, one above the windows and one at the top.

Tie beam function is essentially to avoid walls to disconnect themselves.



In order to fully play its role, a tie beam needs to be loaded. To achieve this, a solution can be to position it at the lintel level.

To have a tie beam at the top of the walls, if not linked to the ground with column in order to confine the masonry inside a concrete framed structure, will not really achieve its function.



- Veranda is quite expensive with a full tie-beam and two/three concrete columns

Option using wood structure may be studied



- These houses have been built since beginning 2012. We should have some inputs now on the problems that are showing.

As the workshop participant recommended, it will be useful to document strength and weaknesses of each shelter project after their implementation. It will be very good to monitor how the beneficiaries appropriate the shelter few years after their completion.

### CEMENT BLOCK

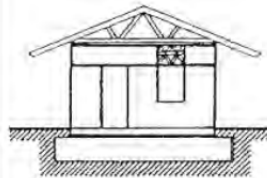
- What kind of foundation is being used? In many cases, the foundation is as wide as the top walls.

The foundation spreads onto the ground the weight of the walls, the roof, the slabs and the inhabitants.

The size of the foundation depends on the nature of the ground and the quality of the peripheral drainage

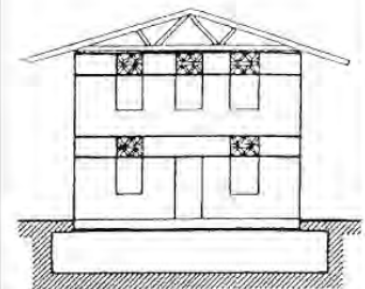
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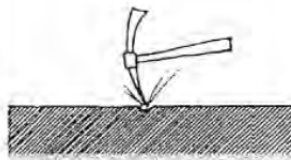


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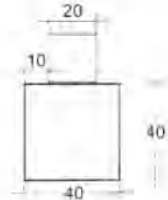
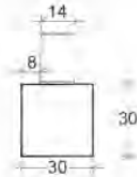
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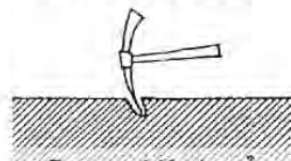
#### GOOD SOIL



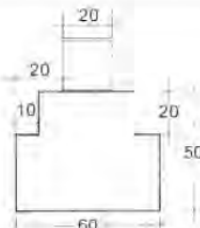
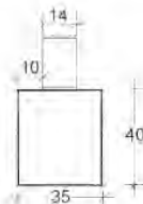
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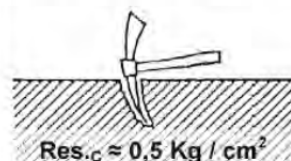
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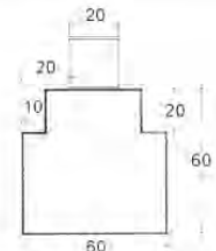
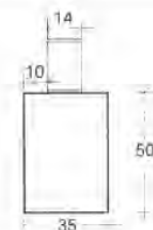
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#### BAD SOIL



$\text{Res.}_c \approx 0,5 \text{ Kg / cm}^2$



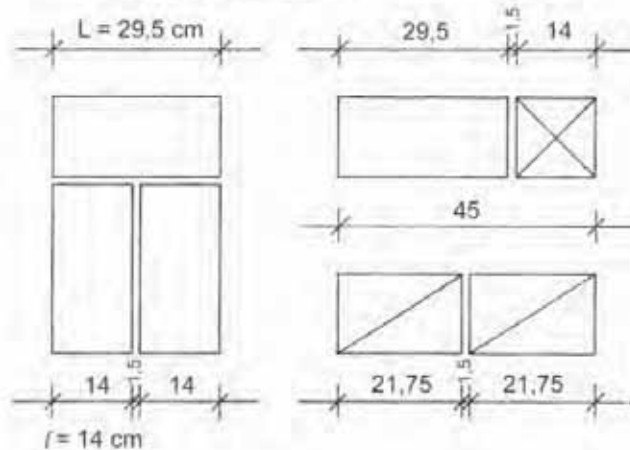


- Possibility in some areas to use this as foundation but proceed with mud blocks/adobe on top if local resources would permit.



- Adapt the size of the shelter to the size of the blocks

The masonry is well dimensioned when all the elements (walls, openings) are dimensioned according to the size of the brick, and when all the mortar joints are equal in thickness.

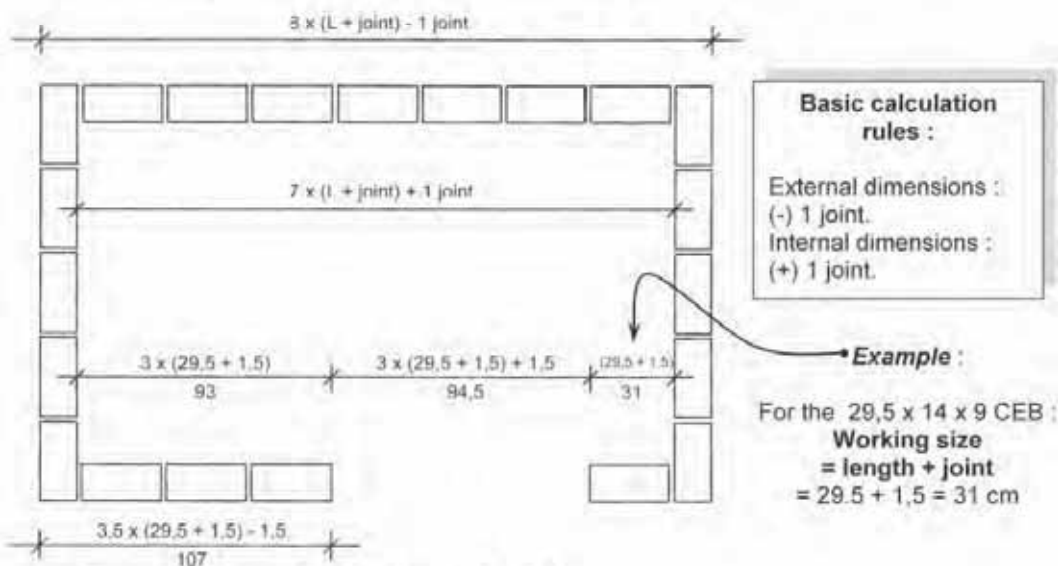


- Therefore, it is essential to take into consideration the size of the brick and its derived products (half or  $\frac{3}{4}$  brick)

**Example :**

- For the  $29,5 \times 14 \times 9$  CEB :
- the thickness of the joint is  $L - 2 t = 1,5 \text{ cm}$ .
  - the length of the  $\frac{3}{4}$  brick is  $(L + t) / 2 = 21,75 \text{ cm}$ .

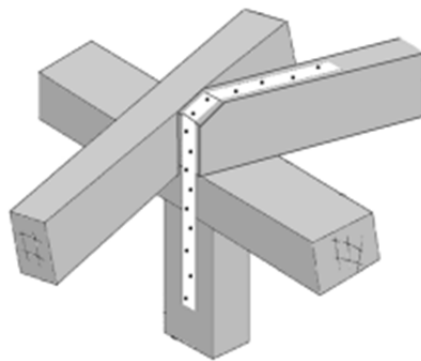
- All the bricks are drawn to check the bonding. All dimensions are calculated according to the size of the « brick + the mortar joint ».



- The good reasons for drawing each brick :**
  - The plan is easier to read.
  - Bricks will not be wasted due to excessive cutting on site.
  - Bonding patterns are easy to implement.
  - The speed of laying the bricks is increased.

- Anchorage of roof to the structure

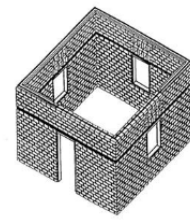
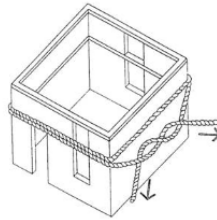
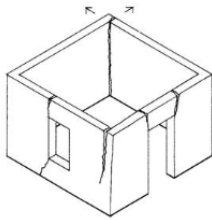
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- Tie-beam, where is it placed... Can a tie-beam be put on the slope of the roof?

Tie beam function is essentially to avoid walls to disconnect themselves.

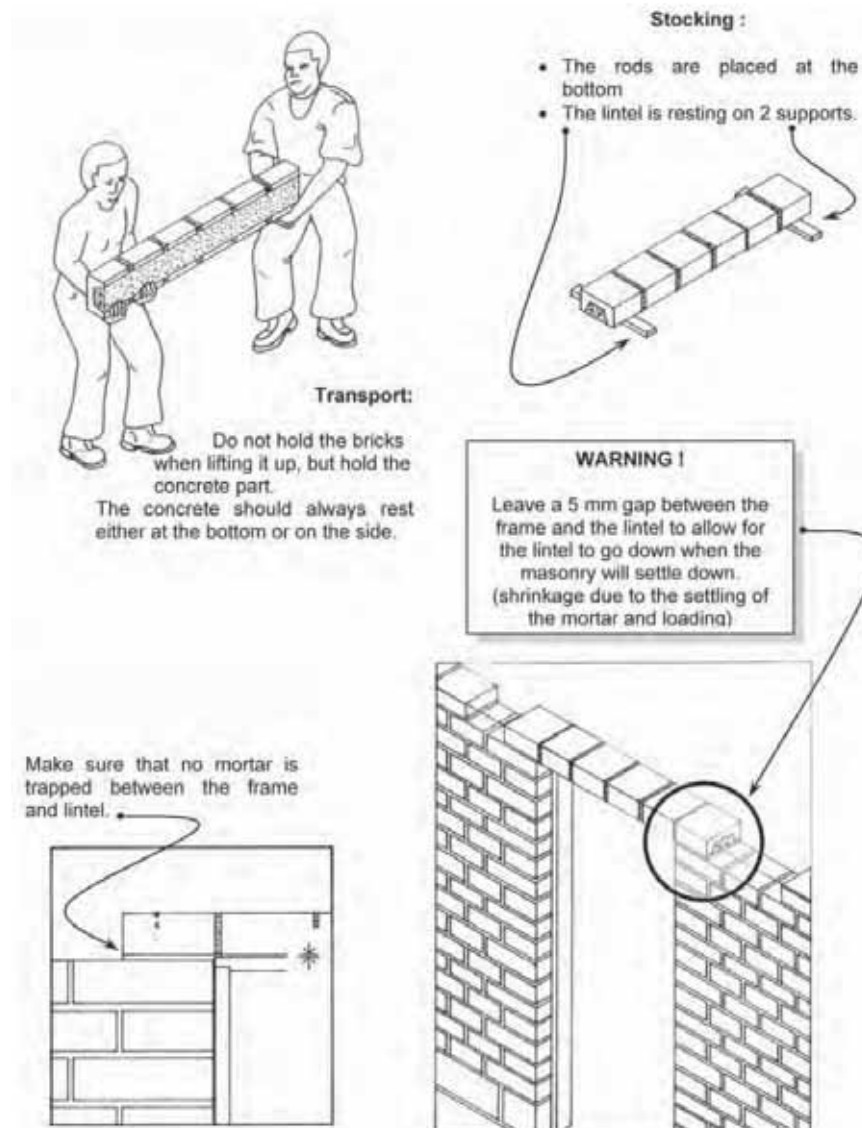
If tie-beam will be put on the slope of the roof, this main function will not be fully achieved. So, it is recommended to put the tie-beam horizontally.



- Window openings? Lintels, sometimes no lintels but blocks rest on the window frame.

If lintels are resting on the windows frame, they are not playing a role of lintel.

Most common practice is that the lintels to last on a minimum of 15 cm of masonry, both side of the windows.





## 13 Soil analysis

### BAIDOA 1



Grain size distribution:	From 1cm to fine component. 60 % of aggregate. Soil inert component are well graduated
Cigar test:	Very cohesive soil Clay is very active. Not enough fine component to fill the gap between sand and gravel
Cake test:	Slight shrinkage with slight cracks. Many big aggregates.
Conclusions:	Good structure / grain size distribution. Very cohesive. Soil structure can be improve if some fine sans is added.
Recommendations:	Remove the biggest gravel (1 cm and more) using a sieve Add some fine sand up to obtain a continuous grain size distribution from gravel to clay (can be check looking at the aspect of the soil when doing the cigar test or the cake test)
Potential use:	Adobe. Production tests can be done with the natural soil, then with adding some fine sand. Dry blocks should be tested regarding cracks development, shrinkage and compressive strength.

## KISMAYO



Grain size distribution:

Very fine component.  
50 % of fine sand.

Cigar test:

Medium cohesive soil

Cake test:

Slight shrinkage.

Conclusions:

Good structure / grain size distribution.  
Slight shrinkage with fine structure. Not very active clay.

Potential use:

Plastering. Maybe necessary to add some few percentage of sand  
maybe good for SSCB if some coarse sand is added.

## BOSSASO



Grain size distribution:	Biggest aggregates are 2 cm diameter. Grain size distribution is not good. 70 % of inert component.
Cigar test:	Low cohesive soil
Cake test:	Very slight shrinkage.
Conclusions:	Grain size distribution to be improved if this soil has to be used Slight shrinkage with fine structure. Not very active clay.
Potential use:	Plastering? But cohesion may not be good enough. And soil will need to be sieved at 1 mm. Maybe good for SSCB if some coarse sand is added. But again, cohesion may be not good enough to ensure SSCB to be removed from the press after compression.

### BAIDOA 3



Grain size distribution:

Biggest aggregates are 2 cm diameter. Grain size distribution is not good from 1cm to bigger. From 1cm to clay, grain size distribution is regular.

50 % of inert component.

Cigar test:

High cohesive soil

Cake test:

Very large shrinkage and many big cracks

Conclusions:

Grain size distribution to be improved if this soil has to be used (dependent of the mold size, remove the gravel bigger than 1 cm, or add some coarse sand to improve on the size distribution).

Potential use:

Maybe good for Adobe if shrinkage is not too high and if adobe do not develop cracks while drying. May be good to go for square adobe, for example, 20 cm \* 20 cm \* 12 cm (less cracks risk when drying).

If shrinkage is too high, or if too many cracks appear, it could be relevant to add grasses in the soil.

## GAROWE



Grain size distribution:

Biggest aggregates are 1 cm diameter. Grain size distribution is irregular from 0.2 cm to 1cm to bigger. Then, from 0.2 cm to clay, it becomes regular.

60 % of inert component.

Cigar test:

High cohesive soil

Cake test:

Large shrinkage and no / slight cracks

Conclusions:

Grain size distribution to be improved if this soil has to be used. Shrinkage may create problems for plaster, adobe, SSCB.

Potential use:

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## BAIDOA 2



Grain size distribution:	Biggest aggregates are 1 cm diameter. Grain size distribution is good from 0.5 cm to clay. 60 % of inert component.
Cigar test:	High cohesive soil
Cake test:	Large shrinkage and no / slight cracks
Conclusions:	May be expansive clay.
Potential use:	Maybe good for Adobe if shrinkage is not too high and if adobe do not develop cracks while drying. May be good to go for square adobe, for example, 20 cm * 20 cm * 12 cm (less cracks risk when drying). If shrinkage is too high, or if too many cracks appear, it could be relevant to add grasses in the soil.



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## Supplies List

Quantity	Item	Notes
20	Multi-colored permanent markers	
60	Sheets of thick paper (A4)	Any color
2	Reams of multi-colored paper (A4)	
10	Rolls of large, clear shipping tape	
2	Reams of plain white paper (A4)	
60	Pens	Black, ballpoint
5	Large flipcharts	
5	Bulletin boards/cardboard sheets	
5 or more	Soils sample (1kg min) from various region of Somalia	To be collected by participants
10	Plastic basin	
1	Camera	Just to be sure that at least someone will have one to capture SWOT analysis evolution along the training.
1	Video projector	
5	Transparent glass bottle with large opening (0.75 l mini)	
5	Measuring tape (2 m mini)	
10	Clothes	To dry hand after every practice on earthen material
5	Buckets	(to store water close to the practice)



## Annex, PPT presentations:

## **Local Building Culture:**

### **Take into consideration the local construction cultures for a greater efficiency in the housing programs**

Taking into account the local housing specificities is essential to fight efficiently against poverty, improve the living conditions and sustainable development. Then, it is most important for development actors to agree on a vision and clear strategies allowing better choices when intervening in post-emergencies but also when acting before, on reduction and risk prevention.

### **Century old experiences to be emphasized**

The history of constructions shows that builders have always adapted their housing to the local resources available to achieve a better answer to their needs, taking into account the social and climatic constraints and the natural risks.

As such, all over the world the various societies have developed local housing specificities, as a result of a “contextual architecture”, and ways of specific constructions, the fruit of a balance between man and nature, what would be called nowadays “sustainable development». Unfortunately, with globalization, this knowledge is under-considered, and disappearing.

Housing culture research and teaching are nearly non-existing, which is a limit to their evolution, the invention of new models allowing a better integration of new technologies, and their development where necessary.

Yet, we have here vast potentialities which are not sufficiently considered in (re)construction programs, when, in spite of external help, more than 90% of post-emergency efforts are locally supported. There are several consequences:

- The local knowledge is depreciated in favor of imported models which are often inappropriate.
- Technical solutions are often privileged though they can't be duplicated as too expensive or too sophisticated.
- Low-quality imitations or ill-calculated technological mixtures with a weak resistance to natural hazards which are less compared to purely local proposals.
- Beneficiaries are not at the center of the decisional process, yet this is essential if the aim is their autonomy.

Though this fact is being slowly integrated, the increase of emergencies and the pressure coming from the medias make quantity privileged over quality, with solutions said to be “universal” or ready-made, bringing a short-term answer, but which are less efficacious, or even counter-productive on the mid or long run if the chosen standards are inadequate or answering to hopes which can't be fulfilled.

**Some principles to be respected:**

To benefit from this potential at the utmost in the case of housing programs, here are several suggestions:

- The population must be at the center of the analysis process of the needs and the local capacities: through participatory approaches, enhancing the people who have local knowledge and practice, strengthening social links and helping everybody to recover his dignity.
- Detect the capacities and the functioning of local organizations leading to resilience strategies and housing protections and integrate these elements when elaborating the programs to be carried on.
- Through successful examples, value and show the possibilities of local materials in the building of quality housing.
- Get into the improvement process of housing, integrating local competences, modern technologies and major risk prevention.
- Be attentive to questions of accessibility, so that duplication is possible for a great number “Give a man a **fish**, feed him for a day. Teach a man **to fish**, feed him for a lifetime”<sup>1</sup>
- Integrate the reinforcement of local capacities and competences, working with the local teaching institutions that will insure a long term effect.
- Make sure that the invested budgets in house-building generate again income generating activities having a maximum impact on the local economy and development.
- Clarify standards guaranteeing quality in the choice of materials and in the process, influencing decision-making institutions helping to the development of responsible managers in the field of construction.

**A shared responsibility**

The organizations involved in this initiative are committed into promoting and spreading all approaches based on valuing local resources and building cultures in their reconstruction programs.

To be efficient and make these approaches last at a global level, here is their proposal:

- Build up experimental projects.
- Coordinate their actions and create synergies to achieve a better share of the necessary investments to spread this new approach.
- Reinforce the follow up and evaluation of their programs, create documents and share their experiences.
- Re-examine the quality criteria and the success indicators of their ongoing projects.
- Make their results widely known.
- Work on the awareness of their partners and the Medias so that they give a positive image of the local building cultures and those who know them.

**The PPT presented during the workshop give some evidence about what is a Local Building Culture.**

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<sup>1</sup> Confucius

Local Building Cultures

## LBC

### Local Building Cultures

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Local Building Cultures

Local Building Cultures: A base for sustainable URD housing project

Local Building Cultures

Building system and architecture typologies

Local Building Cultures

Same material? Different shapes and architectures

Local Building Cultures

Private Commercial building Public building

Related to technical and financial capacities

Local Building Cultures

Result of socio-cultural aspects!

Local Building Cultures

Linked to socio-economic aspects

Local Building Cultures

Integrate challenges from local environment, even the world...

Local Building Cultures

Integrate challenges from local environment, even the world...

Local Building Cultures

environmental Cultural

social ECONOMIC

Local Building Cultures

Not looking at beauty of natural material Not promoting heritage conservation

Local Building Cultures

Local Building Cultures

Learning from experiences.

Local Building Cultures

Local Building Cultures



### **Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development:**

After a "natural" disaster, humanitarian aid workers distribute tents and/or implement temporary shelters in affected areas. From that moment onwards, it is important to use materials and construction techniques that will, in adaptation to each context, be viable in terms of implementation and maintenance, while making sure not to break away from local building cultures. It is clear that the imported technologies most commonly used do not meet such requirements.

Standards have been developed to improve the quality of assistance to affected populations by advocating a thorough analysis of program requirements and a pragmatic assessment of results through quantitative indicators (The Sphere Project, 2004). The danger is to end up with a levelness of responses by applying these standards in the strict sense, and thus reduce the potentials inherent to local dynamics. In the intention to further promote relevant local development, studies on the possibilities of using variable qualitative criteria are available (Groupe URD).

Simultaneously, the scope of humanitarian aid widens towards approaches that emphasize prevention (Disaster-Preparedness Programme, DIPECHO), seeking to bridge the gap between emergency relief and development. The emphasis is not only placed on the "quality of the finished product", but also the relevance of responses to relocate populations, and this, in light of multiple criteria (resistance to risk, ownership by beneficiaries, cultural continuum, reinforcement of local economy...).

Since the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction 1990- 1999, disaster risk reduction has even been recognized by the cooperation sector as a pre-condition for development.

However, the sectorization of funding agencies for aid projects (development, risk reduction, emergency) results in a sectorization of professional aid organizations bringing assistance to affected populations, which sometimes makes it difficult to implement programs based on a global approach to risk management.

### **The PPT presented during the workshop give example of LRRD approaches.**



LRRD Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development

## LRRD

### Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development

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**Impact of crisis**  
But also impacts of external supports

**Support vs Risks**

Introduction *but/ and* also intrusion of new models  
New techniques *but/ and* progressive loss of know-how  
Social and economic evolution *but/ and* risk of injustice...

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DEMONSTRATION OF IMPROVED LOCAL HOUSING TYPOLOGIES (SAFER HOUSES)

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LOCAL HOUSING REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT

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DISASTER SHELTER RESPONSE PROTOTYPE

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Local Building Culture





LHD: Living facility Rehabilitation and Development

Activities required	Number of houses to be repaired / built				
	20	50	100	200	500
Materials					
Labour					
Management					
Where are the resources available?					
Local					
Region					
Country					
Outside the country					
Examples to improve resource impact at the local level?					
Can't help resources to be available at a more local level?					
Size of the project					
Choice of building material					
Choice of building technologies and process					
Capacity building					
Etc.					



### **Building Back Safer**

The reconstruction phase after a disaster is a valuable opportunity to implement measures to reduce the vulnerability of local populations and their habitat.

The approach adopted by the bodies responsible for organizing relocations has an impact in the long run, not only on the quality of constructions, but also on the lives of communities, restoring their social balance, especially by strengthening their capacities.

To recognize that affected populations are not passive recipients of humanitarian aid, but protagonists, responsible for their own survival and future, endowed with skills and aspirations, may allow the adoption of solutions, materials and techniques that are appropriate to local contexts, and thus, to achieve pertinent and effective results. To consider the reconstruction phase as a process generated “by” the people, rather than “for” the people, can promote the self-determination and autonomy of communities, applying strategies to reduce their vulnerability, and thus strengthen their resilience.

The enthusiasm and appreciation for a reconstruction project depends on its degree of adaptation to the specific aspirations and needs of populations. The adaptation of Man to his environment is connected to his perception of the manifestations of nature, both ordinary and extreme, which led him to play with matter and form shapes, in a quest to find the balanced dynamics adapted to particular situations.

Building cultures are thus permeated by an evolved intelligence, transmitted from generation to generation, according to contextual characteristics, resulting in a multitude of vernacular typologies.

Local cultures can be characterized by social strategies aimed at reducing the vulnerability of individuals and/or by construction strategies aimed at reducing the vulnerability of built structures. Populations have increased their resilience by controlling the use of locally available resources and materials.

Empirical, but based on centuries of experience and observation, their understanding can adapt to the evolution of contemporary contexts and help to consider viable (re)construction approaches.

Such approaches, relevant to each specific context, can then become part of a local sustainable development, respectful of the environment.

### **The PPT presented during the workshop give some example of project that implemented BBS strategies.**

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Over 165,000 new houses constructed in approved local seismically safer construction technologies





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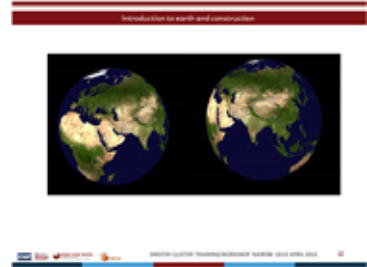
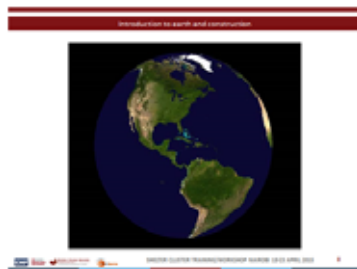
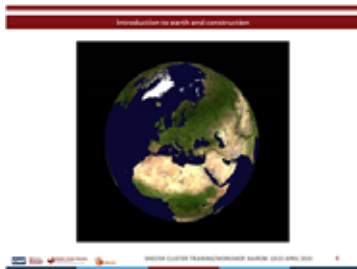
## **Introduction to earth architecture**

Earth has been used for eleven millennia and today remains the most widely used building material around the world.

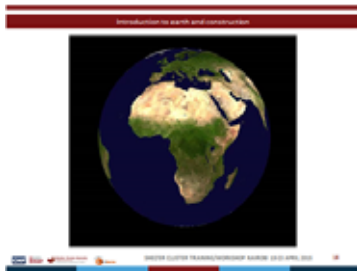
One third of the total human population lives in a building made of earth – more than two billion people in 150 countries.

Earthen architectures, simple and monumental, are present in a diversity of contexts and meet a vast array of needs.

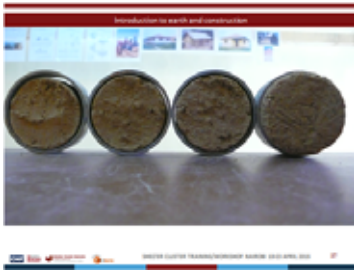
**The PPT presented during the workshop give an overview of earthen architecture and its potential**











Earth Architecture, Building Back Safer

## Earth Architecture Building Back Safer

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**Building Best Later**

How to properly anchor the shelter when the soil is rocky ?

CRAterre

**Building Best Later**

How to improve the roof resistance to strong wind

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**Earth Architecture, Building Best Later**

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**Building Best Later**

Family rooms separation walls

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**Building Best Later**

What is good ventilation

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What is good insulation?

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Roofs?

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Introduction to assessing Local Building Practices

## Introduction to assessing Local Building Practices

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WHY, And to do WHAT?

Introduction to assessing Local Building Practices

A participatory approach to co-design projects

Introduction to assessing Local Building Practices

**Objectives:**

To understand local practice and factors that are influencing the housing evolution in a given context

To identify key components that may end to improve local living conditions while improving local communities resilience.

- Local practice and capacities
- Threats and opportunities
- Needs and priorities

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Resources      Local capacities

Strengths and weaknesses      Priorities

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House

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Contexts      Human and natural resources      Natural and built environment

Architecture      Risk and vulnerability

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Site / Weather / Population / Livelihood

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Urban / Rural - Land tenure - Infrastructures

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Protection practice / Resources management

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Local architecture

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Difference in the same site

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How does people use the different spaces

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Equipment, Woman

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Ventilation/ Lighting / Small details



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Building details and typologies

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Weaknesses and local solutions

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Strength and local good practice

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Construction products and processes

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Process evolution

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Individuals / Groups / Community / CBO / NGO / Organisation...

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- Participatory approach
- Adaptation / flexibility

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PARTICIPATION ?

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- Moderation
- Question / Actions
- Co-monitoring

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Ask questions BEFORE to give any answers.  
Moderate the debate to get the answers from the local partners

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Observing + Asking + Checking

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What? Why? How? Who? When?

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Mapping



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### Implementation Steps

- Before
- On site
- After

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- Before**
  - Define the objectives
  - Documentation
  - Identify key resources persons
  - First contact and introduction visit
  - Develop appropriate tools
  - Action plan
- On site
- After

Introduction to assessing Local Building Practices

- Before
- On site**
  - Meeting with the community
  - Mapping
  - Site visit
  - Documentation of local architecture
  - Meeting with local artisans
  - Meeting with others stakeholders involved in the building sector
- After

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- Before
- On site
- After**
  - Analysis and reporting
  - Wrap-up with local stakeholders
  - Convergence on the proposal
  - Finalisation



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Reporting

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