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THE ROLE OF EMERGENT AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

**A VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT IN BENIN**

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MOTIVATION

- Housing priorities
- Africa builds more
- Current housing projects

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- Cities
- Current construction

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- Design methodology

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- Housing block concept
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- Urban Cluster hierarchy
- Typical spatial situations

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- Housing concept

- Housing inspiration
- A roof as starting point

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- Construction process

LIFE INSIDE

- Starter home
- 4 roofs 1 courtyard
- Housing + Social concept
- Implementation
- Scale it up
- Family house
- Generations house

NARRATIVE OF ELEMENTS

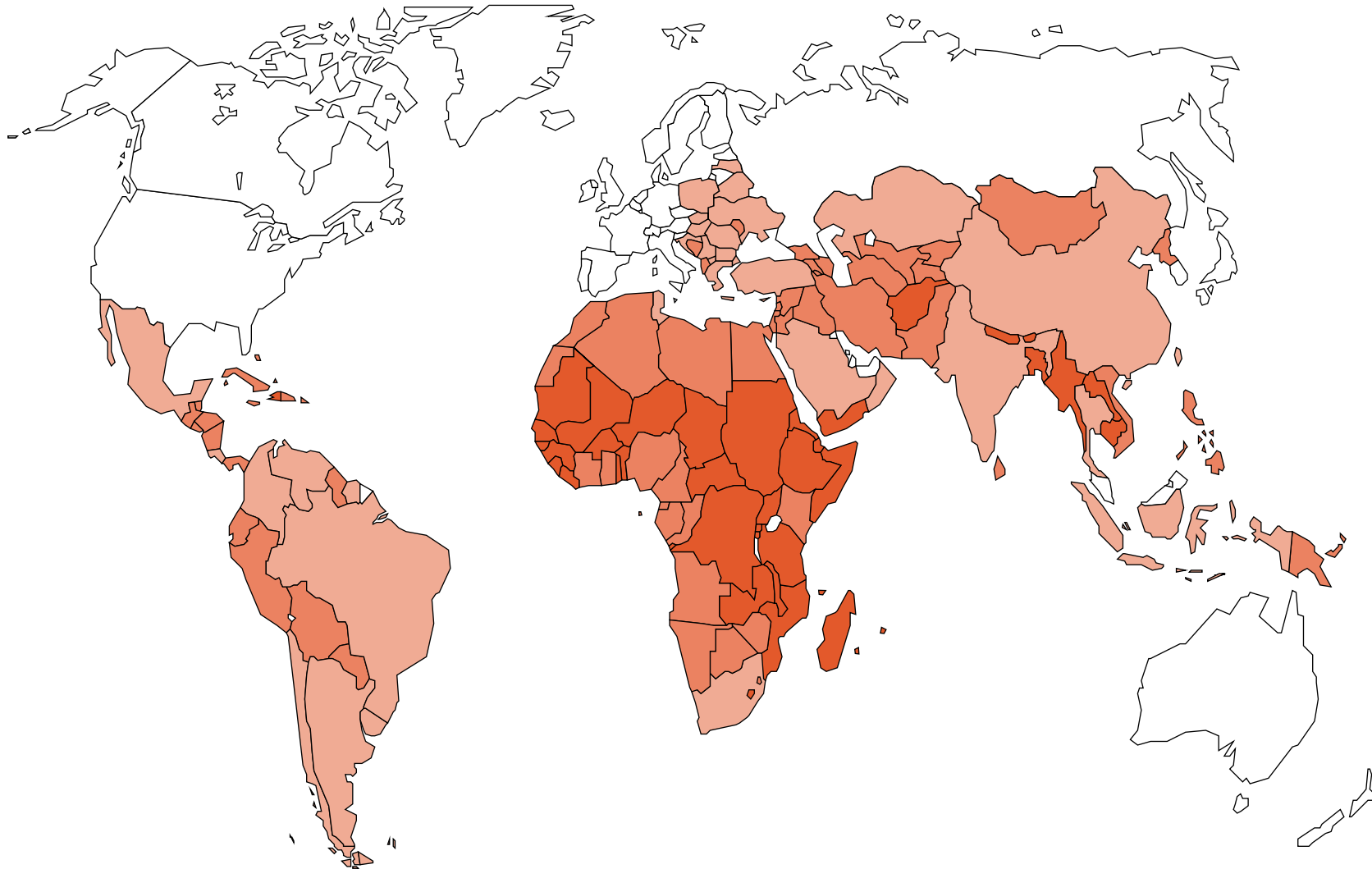
- Details to increase quality of life
- Water is precious
- Sun is powerfull
- Shade is essential
- Ventilation gives comfort
- Materials application gives comfort

LIFE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

MOTIVATION

HOUSING PRIORITIES

"The most extensive housing projects will take place outside the industrialised countries in the coming decades."



- Least Developed Countries
- Other Developing Economies
- Emerging Industrial Economies
- Industrialized Economies

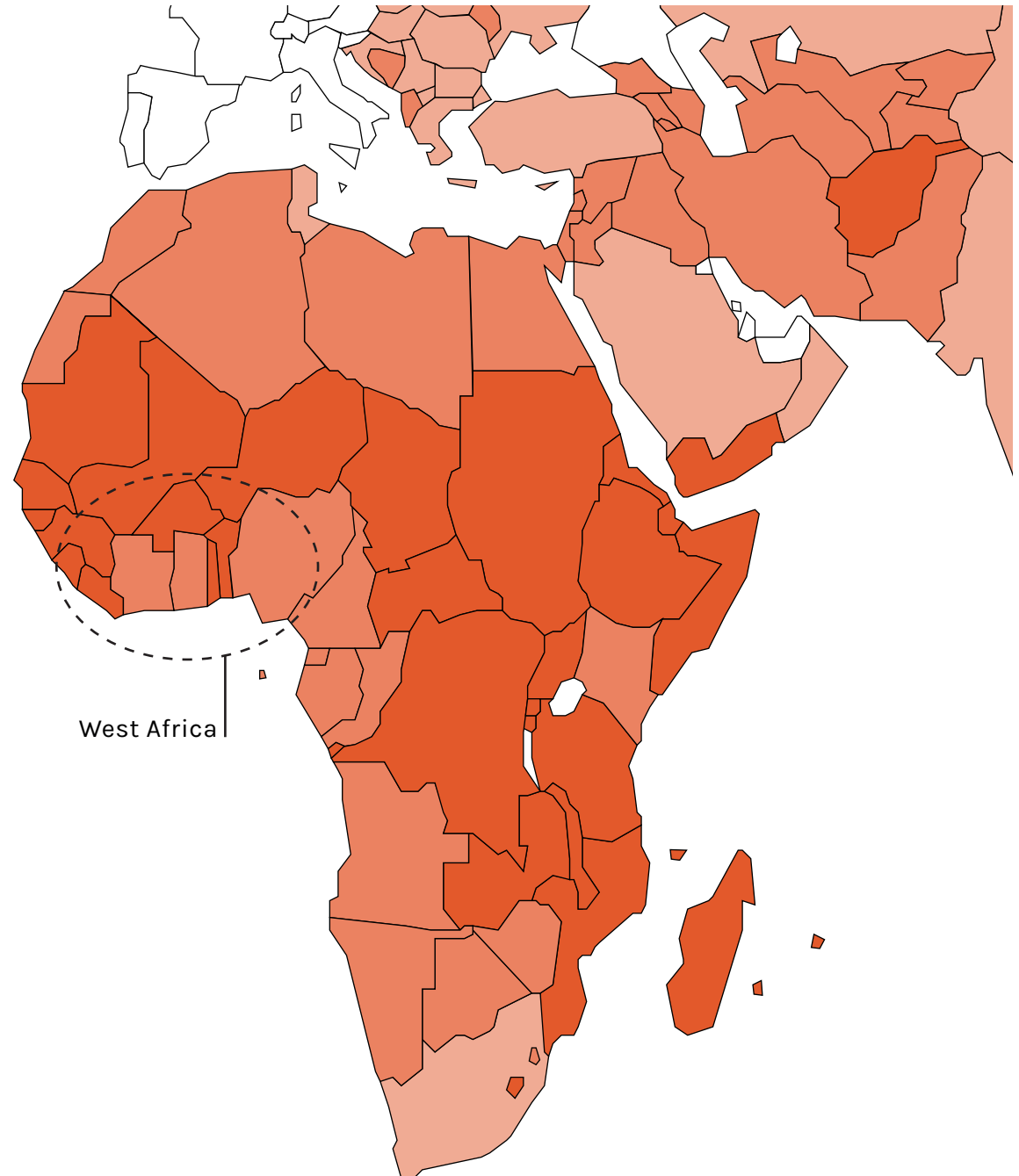
AFRICA BUILTS MORE

For Africa, UN-Habitat predicts that population and urbanization rates will increase more than 50% by 2040. This also means that the number of **urban dwellings will triple** from 400 million to 1.26 billion by 2050.

80% of buildings in sub-Saharan Africa are not yet built, compared to 30% in Europe.

While it is difficult to generalise given the regional and intraregional disparities, it is clear that the areas concerned will be particularly vulnerable to the consequences of poorly managed massive urbanisation.

Today's choices will have an impact on the decades to come.



CURRENT HOUSING PROJECTS

In West Africa currently there is a **housing shortage** estimated at **3.5 million units**. This housing deficit is growing with a yearly rate of approximately 3%.

West Africa is currently in a massive urbanization phase and the respective governments have established mass housing programs:

"Copy-cat architecture that is outdated."



SENEGAL +100K



TOGO +20K



GHANA +100K



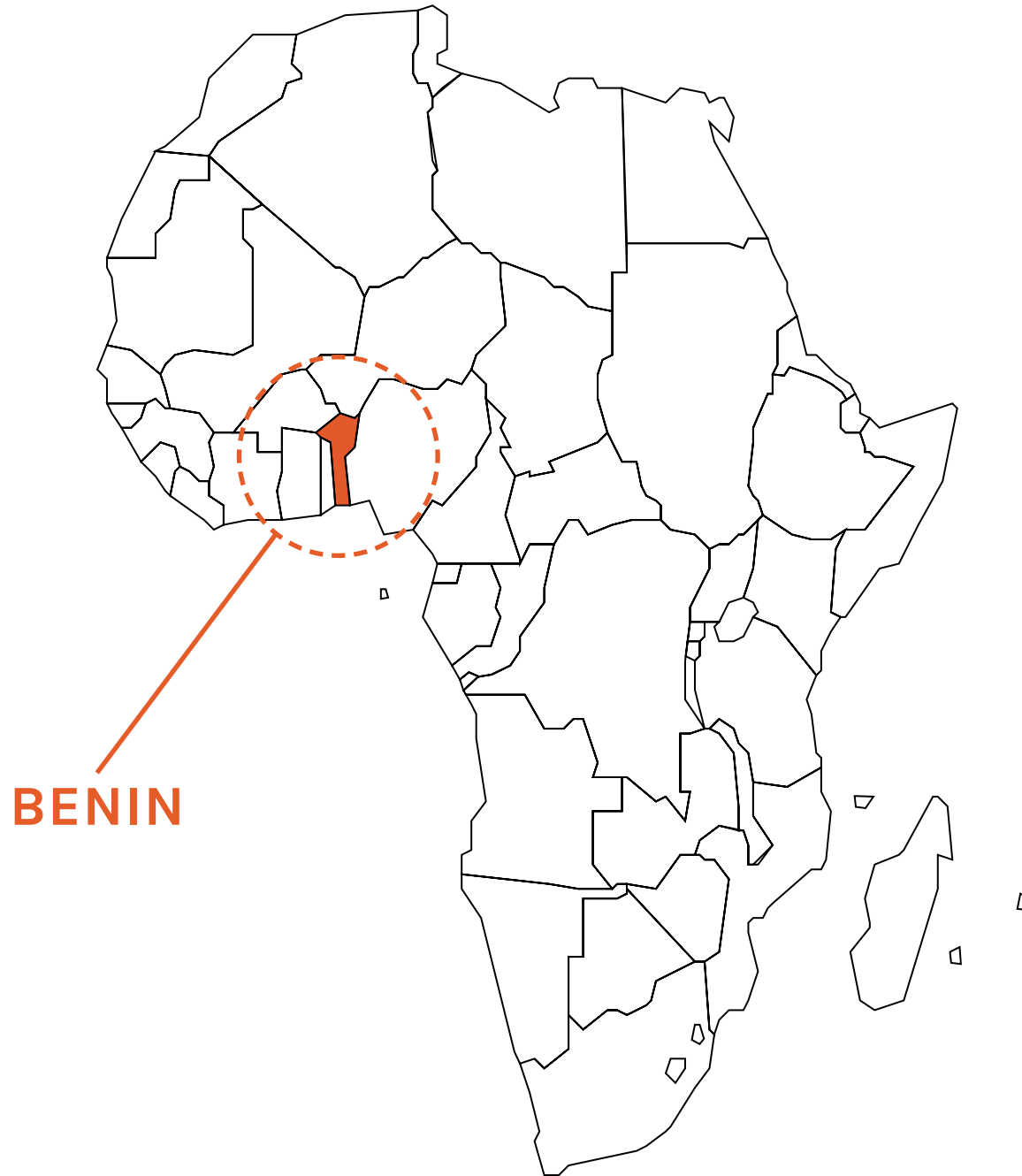
MALI +50K



NIGERIA +300K

CONTEXT

PLACE OF FOCUS



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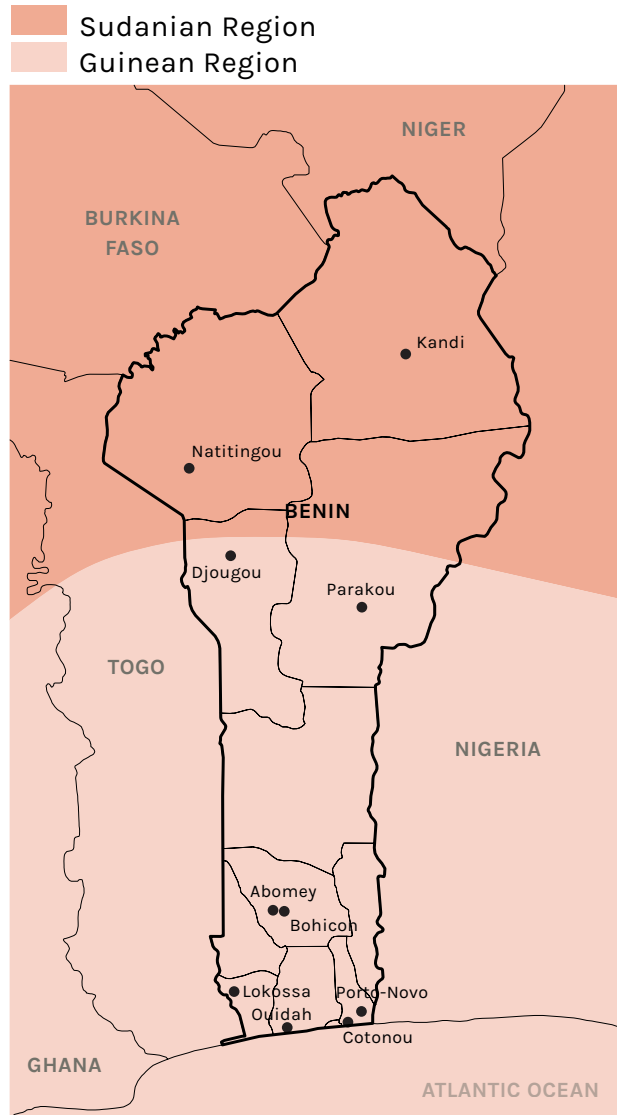
Area **114 763 km²**
Population **12.5 Mio**

Administrative Capital
Porto-Novo

Capital of Trade
and Largest City
Cotonou



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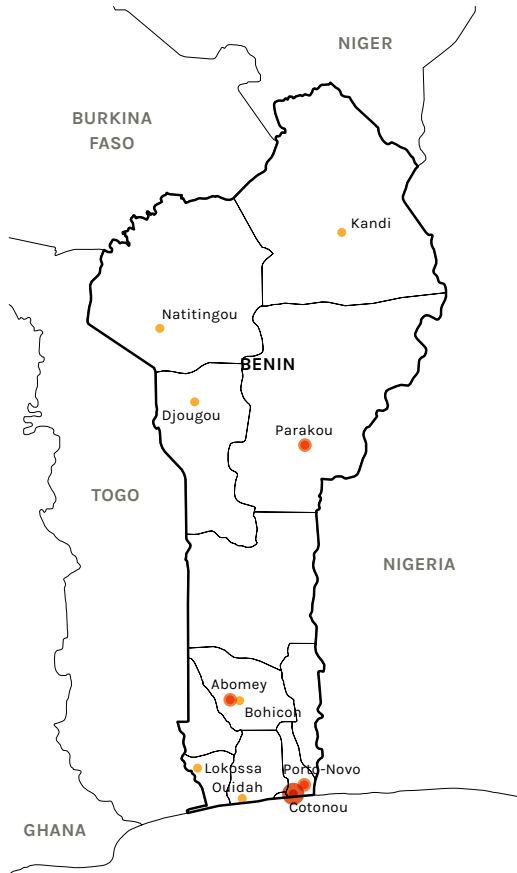
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Avg humidity 84%, ventilation is key



PLACE OF FOCUS



10 Largest cities

+ 500k

1. Cotonou

+100k-500k

2. Porto-Novo

3. Parakou

4. Abomey

<100k

5. Djougou

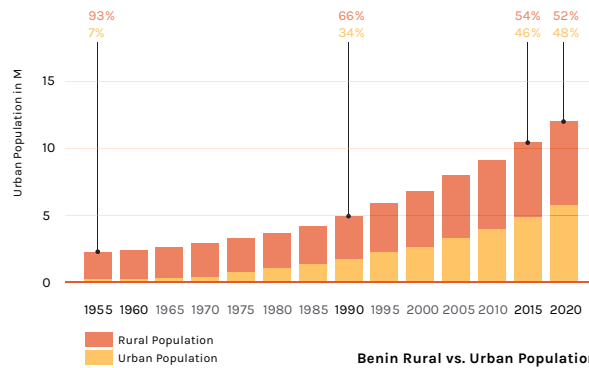
6. Bohicon

7. Kandi

8. Natitingou

9. Ouidah

10. Lokossa



Context



CURRENT CONSTRUCTION



Overdimensioned concrete construction

"In Benin, today, when we talk about new construction, we talk about concrete buildings and this, is a reality that we have to face."

J.P. Houndeffo



CURRENT CONSTRUCTION



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No regard for climate design



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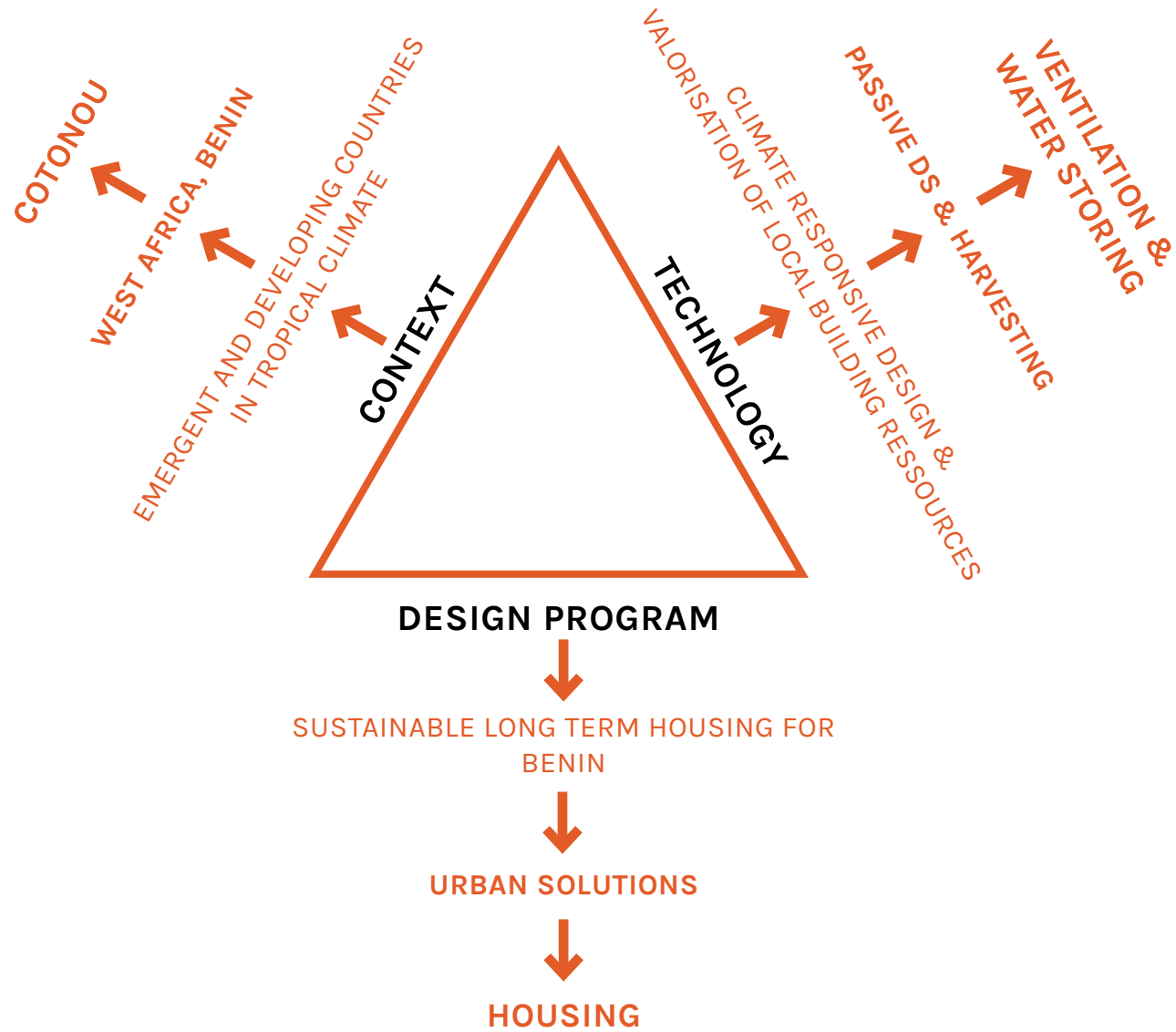


Use of concrete at any scale and for all the building parts



PROJECT VISION

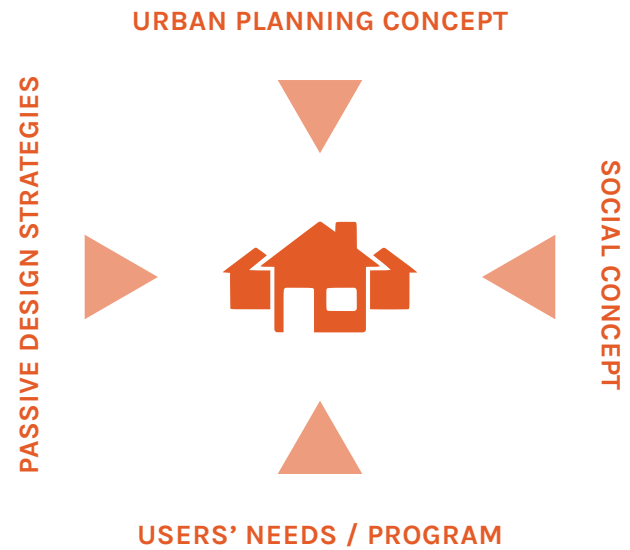
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SYMBIOSIS BETWEEN SCIENCE & CULTURE

THE MEASURABLE & NON MEASURABLE



URBAN NARRATIVE

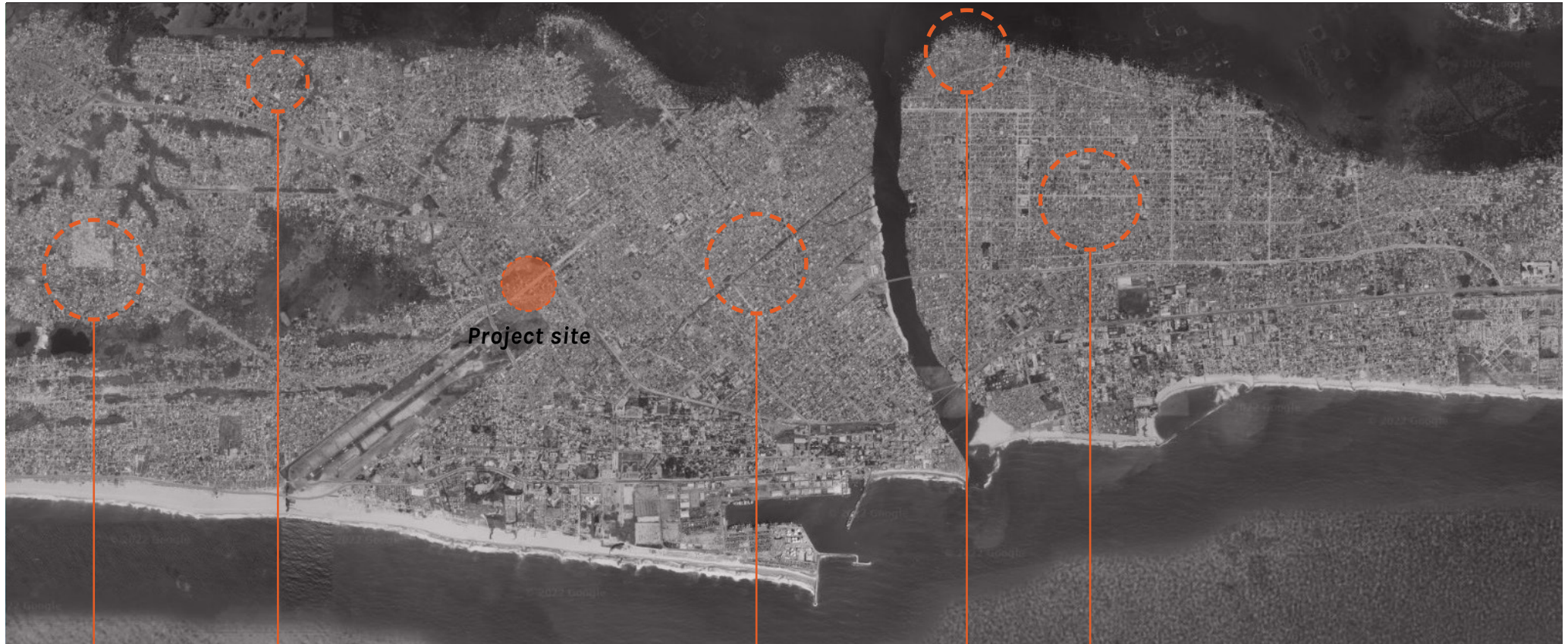
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HOUSING BLOCK CONCEPT



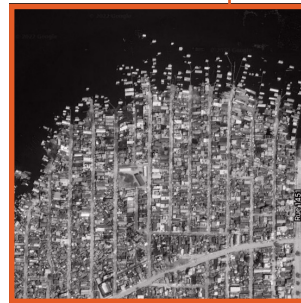
Project site



Informally grown structure



Colonial structure



Informally grown structure on water



City growth grid

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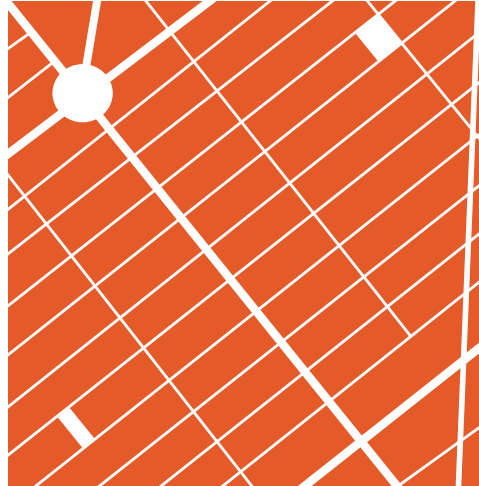
Grown Structure



Expresses the needs of the users

vs.

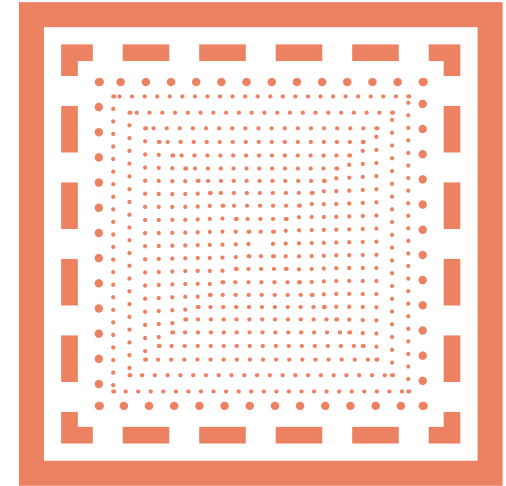
Planned Structure

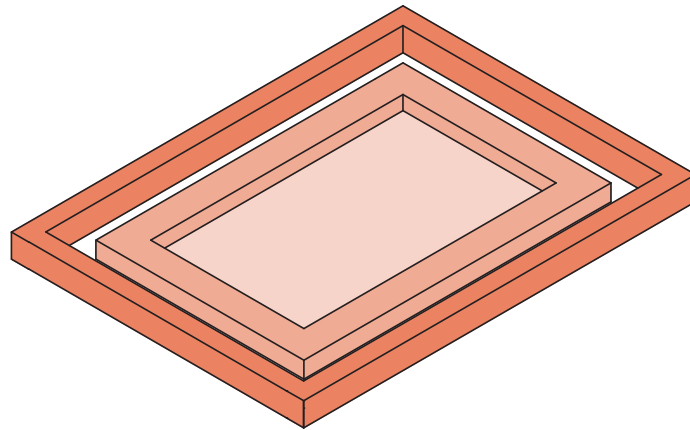


Meets the requirements of a modern city (technical development, traffic, orientation etc.)

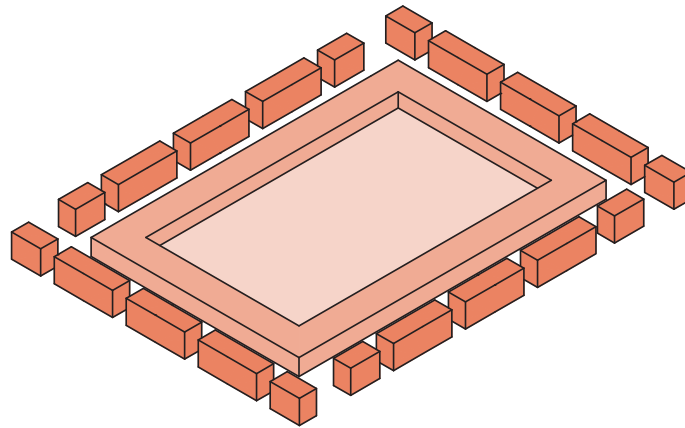
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Hybrid Structure

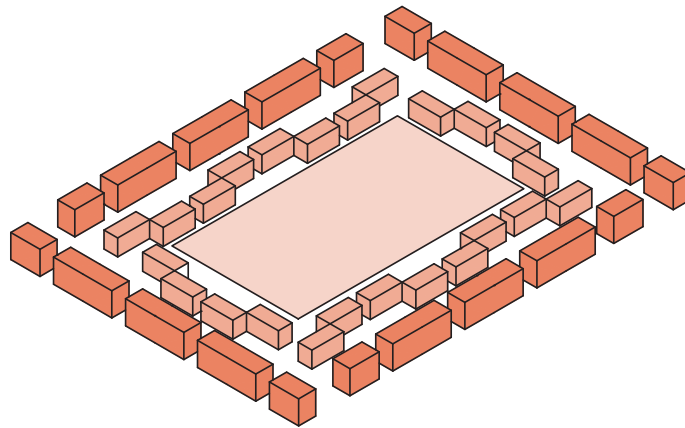




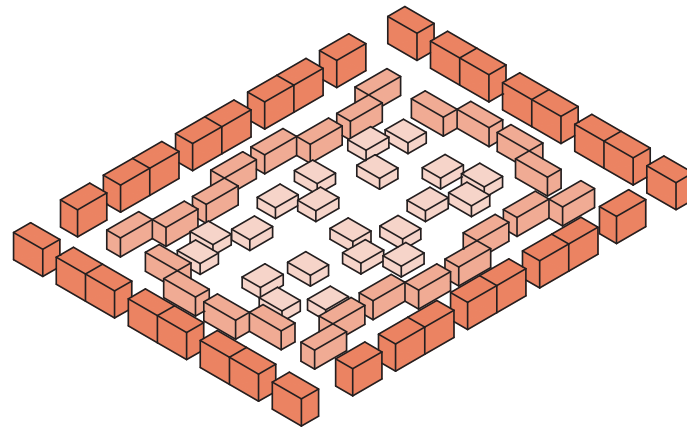
1. 3 Layers



2. Divide for circulation and ventilation

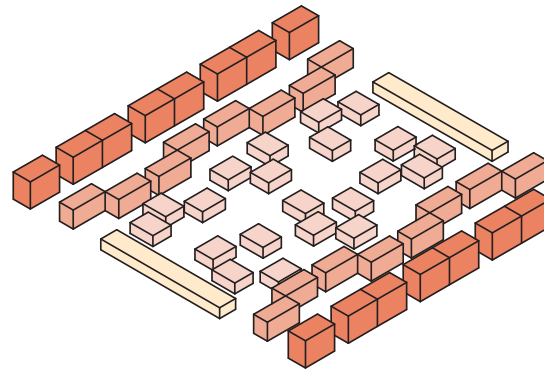


3. Shift for ventilation



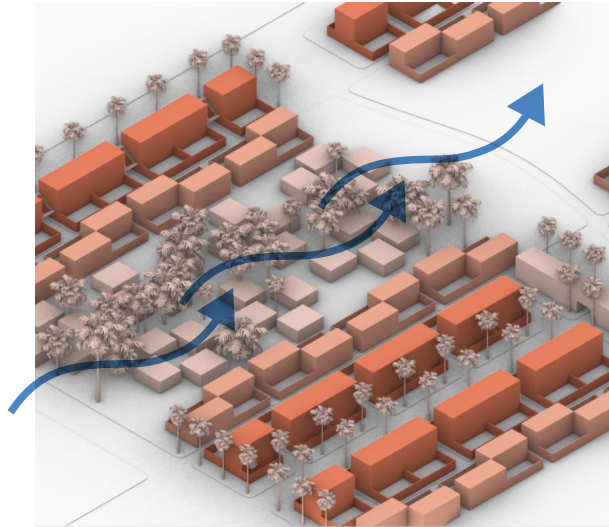
4. Scater and cluster

HOUSING BLOCK CONCEPT



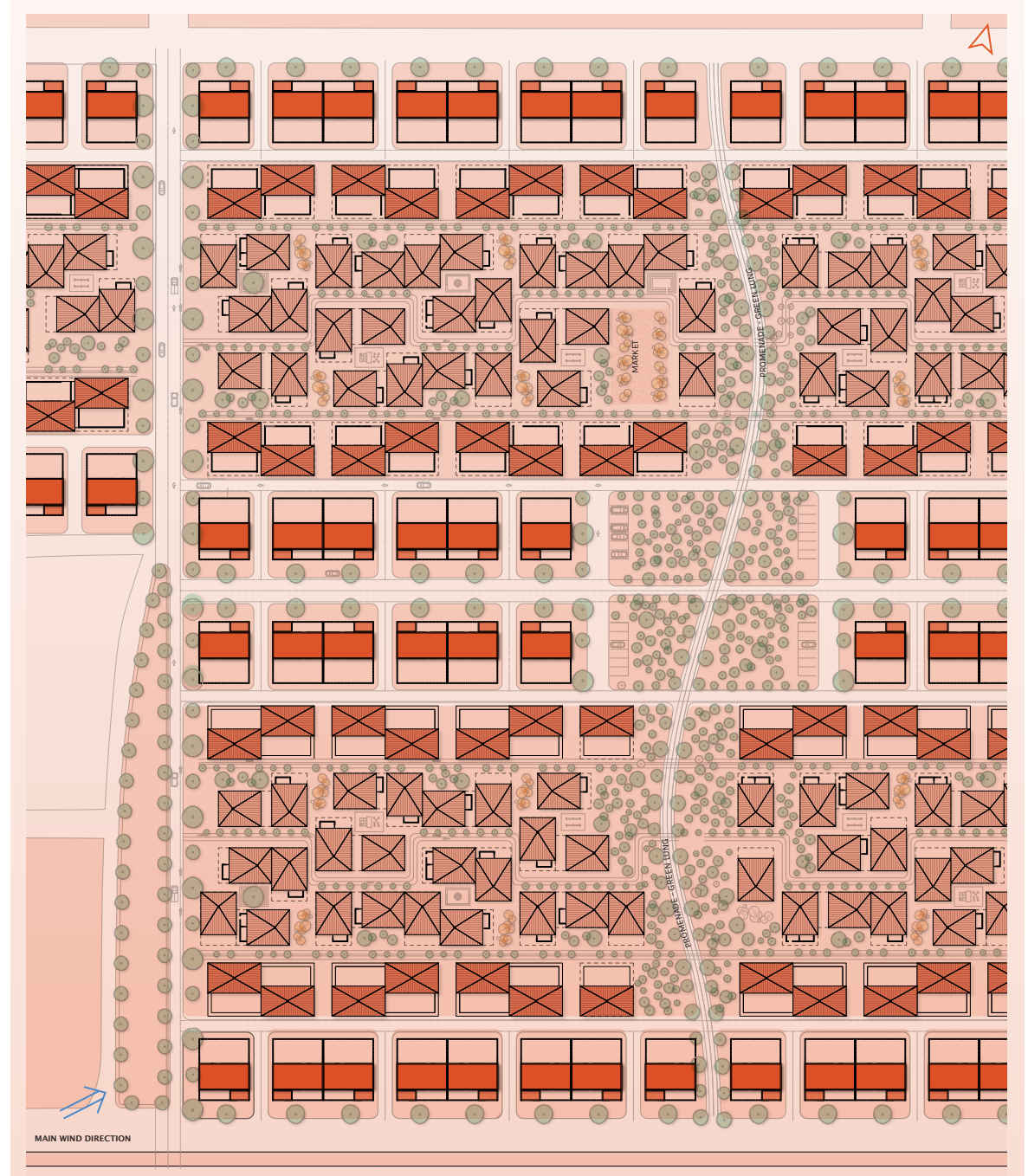
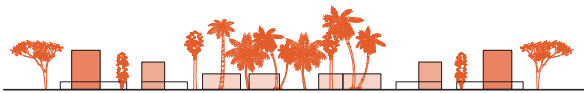
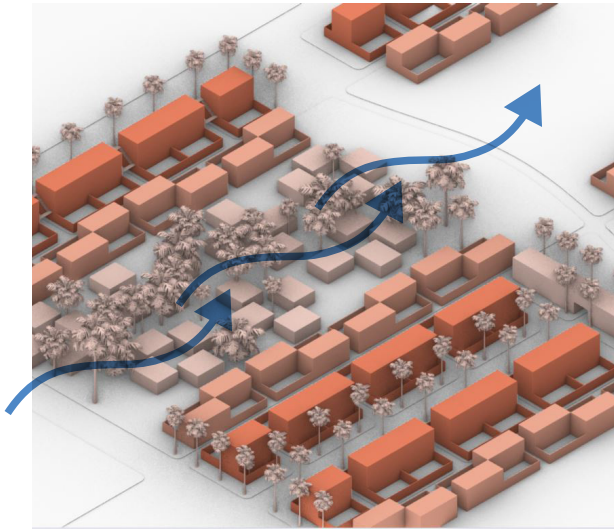
5. Lower the edges that are perpendicular to prevailing wind

HOUSING BLOCK CONCEPT



6. Add vegetation for green ventilation corridors

MASTERPLAN

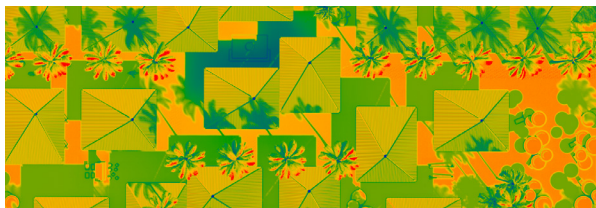


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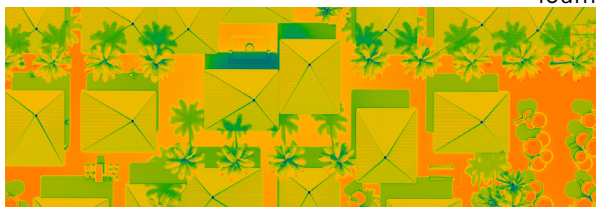
Climate Concept

The horizontal streets of the overall housing block are oriented in Southwest. The block itself is structured as a valley to protect the neighbourhood from the noise of the street. At the centre of the block a green lung, or shadow umbrella is becoming a place for social activities, gathering or crossing the block shaded by the sun. The family house and generation house benefit of their own micro-climate within they property due to a garden.

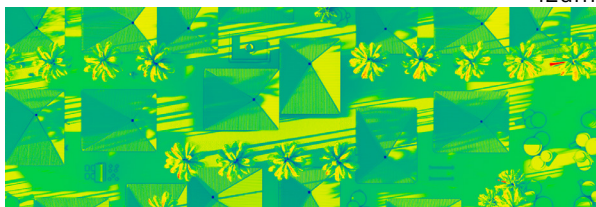
Heat map



10am



12pm



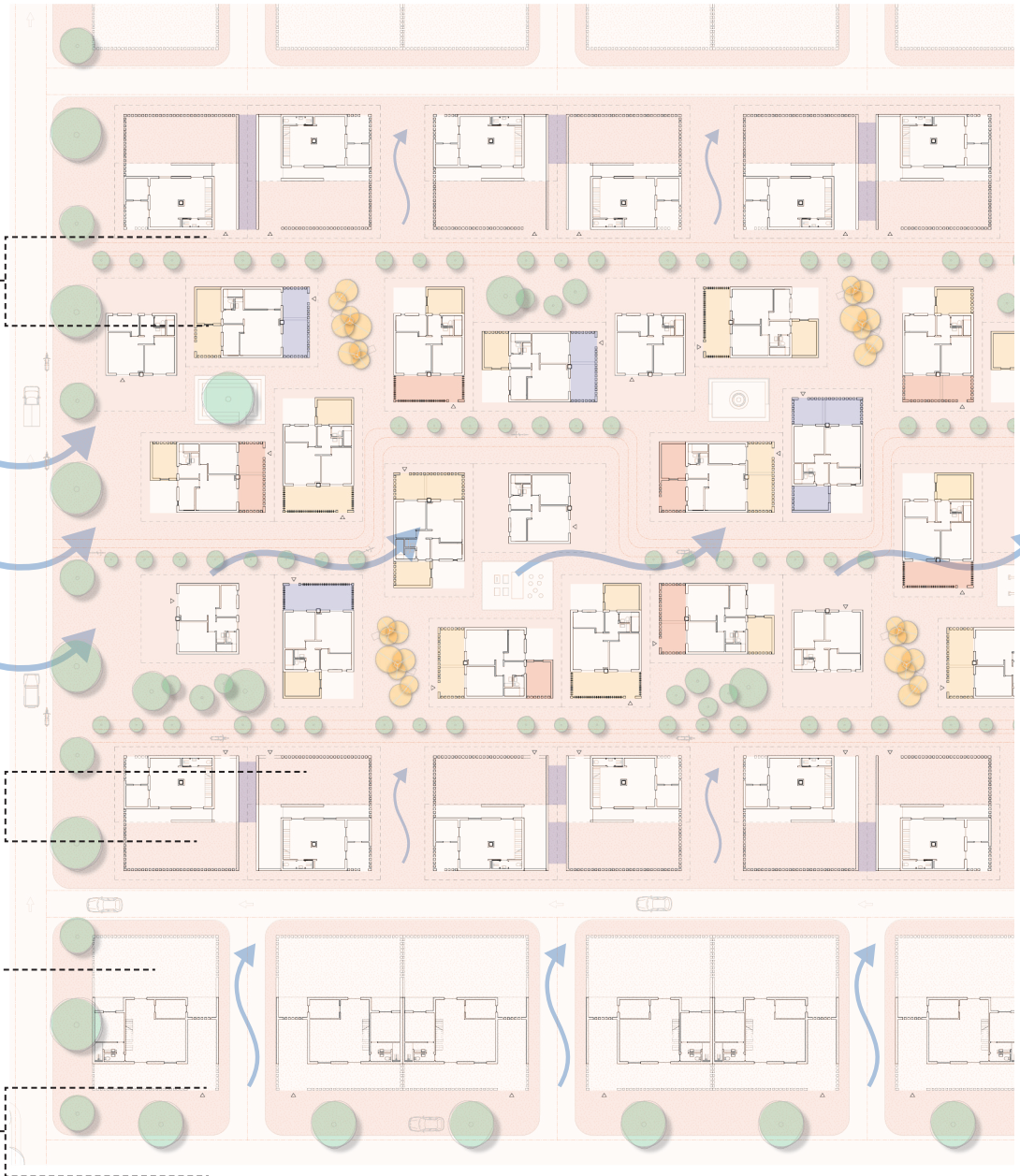
5pm



Passive overhead shade

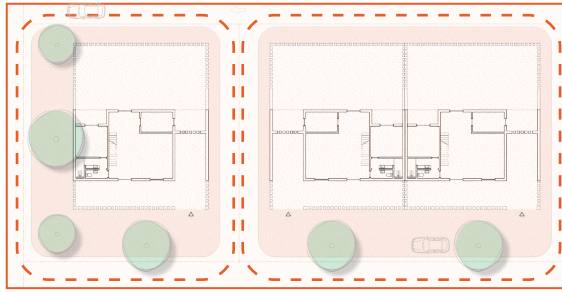
Micro-climates

Passive overhead shade



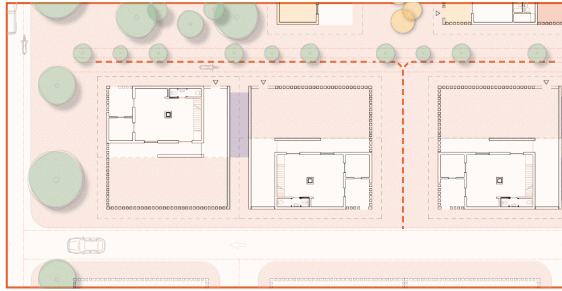
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Access Concept



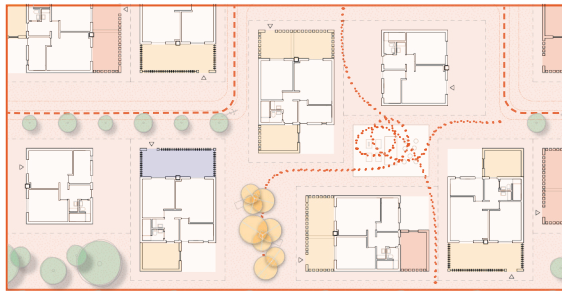
Access by Car

Generations House and Family House are fully accessible by car and are provided with a parking spot on their property.



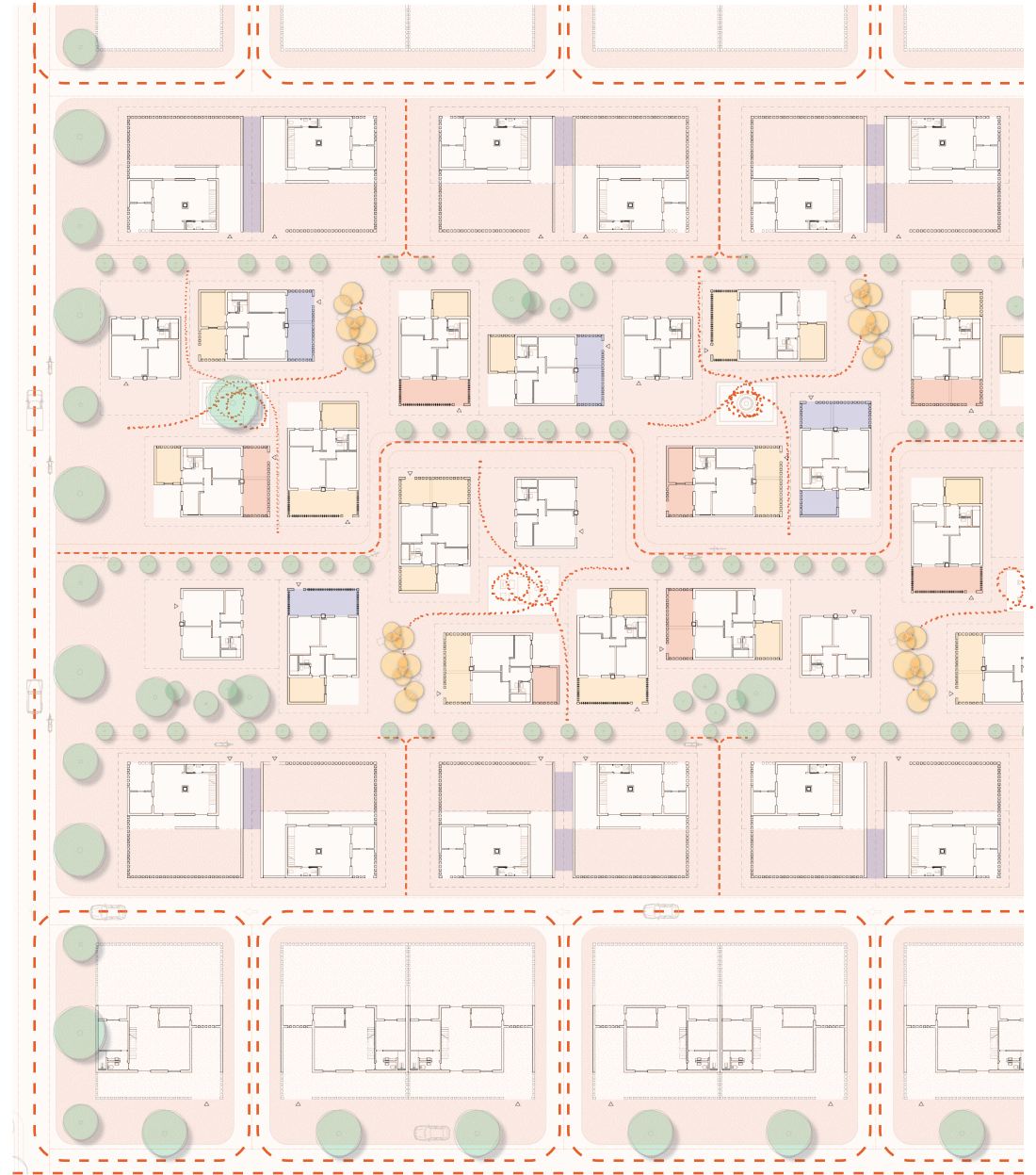
Access by Scooter

Beyond the point of family houses traffic is slowed down and we are entire a zone accessible by scooter and bikes, allow to easily access the flats in the inner part of the block.



Pedestrian zone

The centre part of the housing block is reserved to pedestrians. Here the residents can gather and children can play safely.



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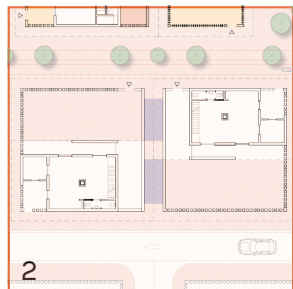
Housing Concept

People and families from different social classes live in the housing block. Accordingly, I have developed 3 different types of houses.



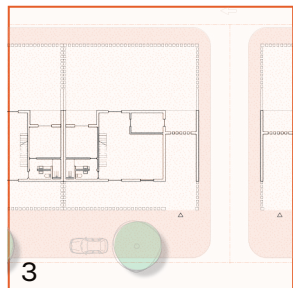
Starter family house

1 Floor
Type: 1 flat
Plot size: 100 m²
Habitable Space: max app 80 m²
Persons: 1-3



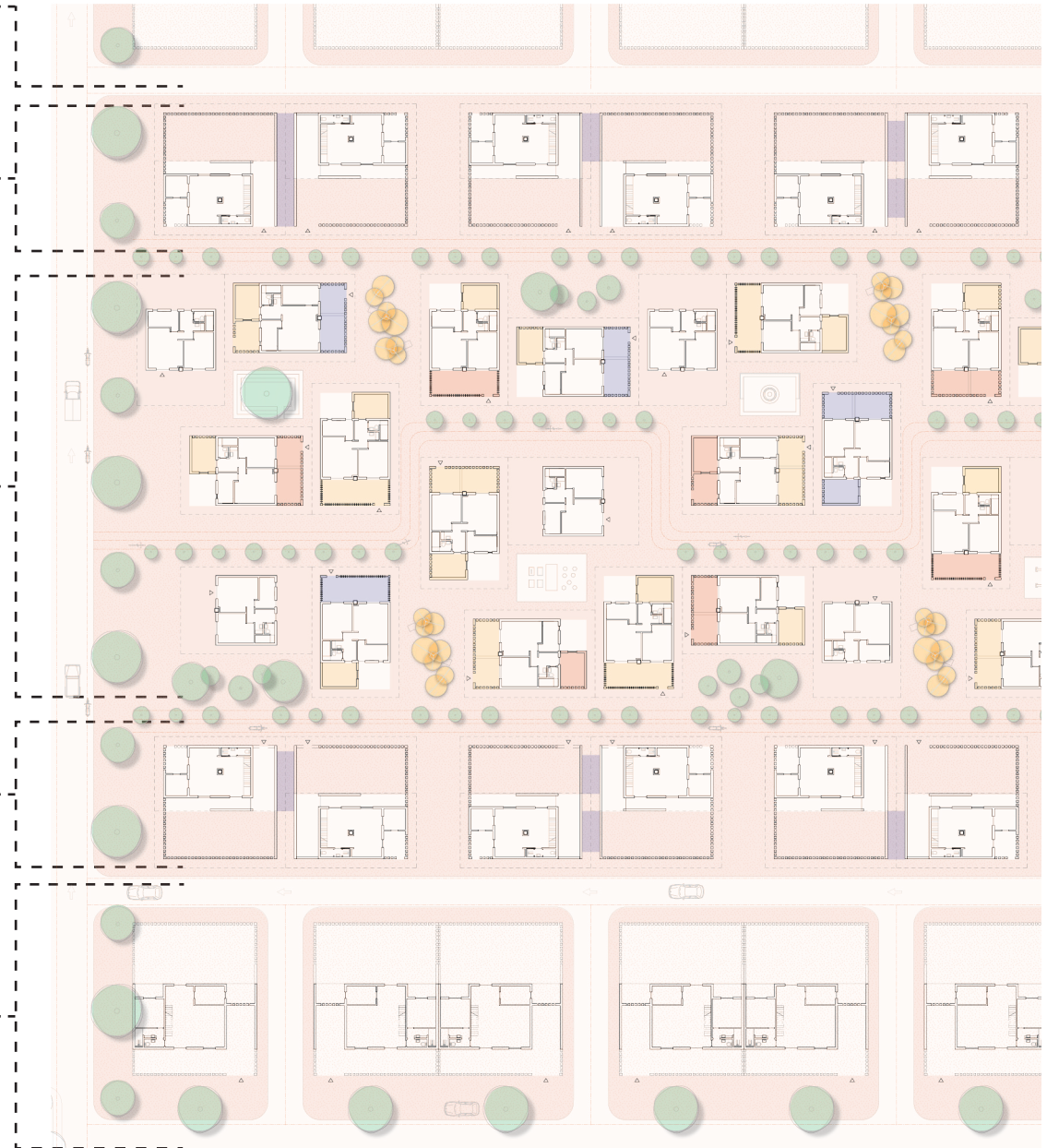
Family House

2 Floors
Type: 1 house
Plot size: 168 m²
Habitable Space: 84 m²
Persons: 4-6



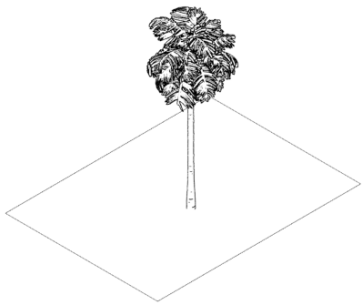
Generations House

3 Floors
Type: 3 flats
Plot size: 224 m²
Habitable Space: 240 m²
Persons: 10-12

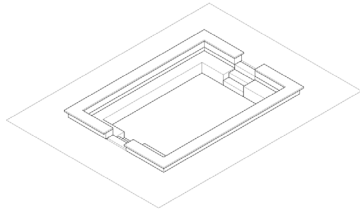


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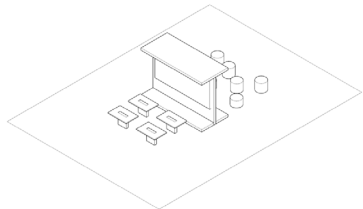
Social Concept



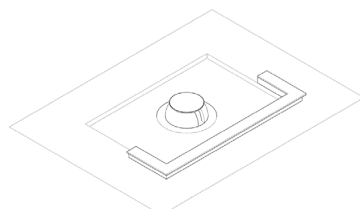
 UNDER A TREE



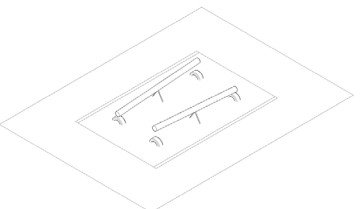
 GATHER



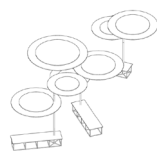
 EDUCATION



 OUTDOOR COOKING



 PLAYGROUND



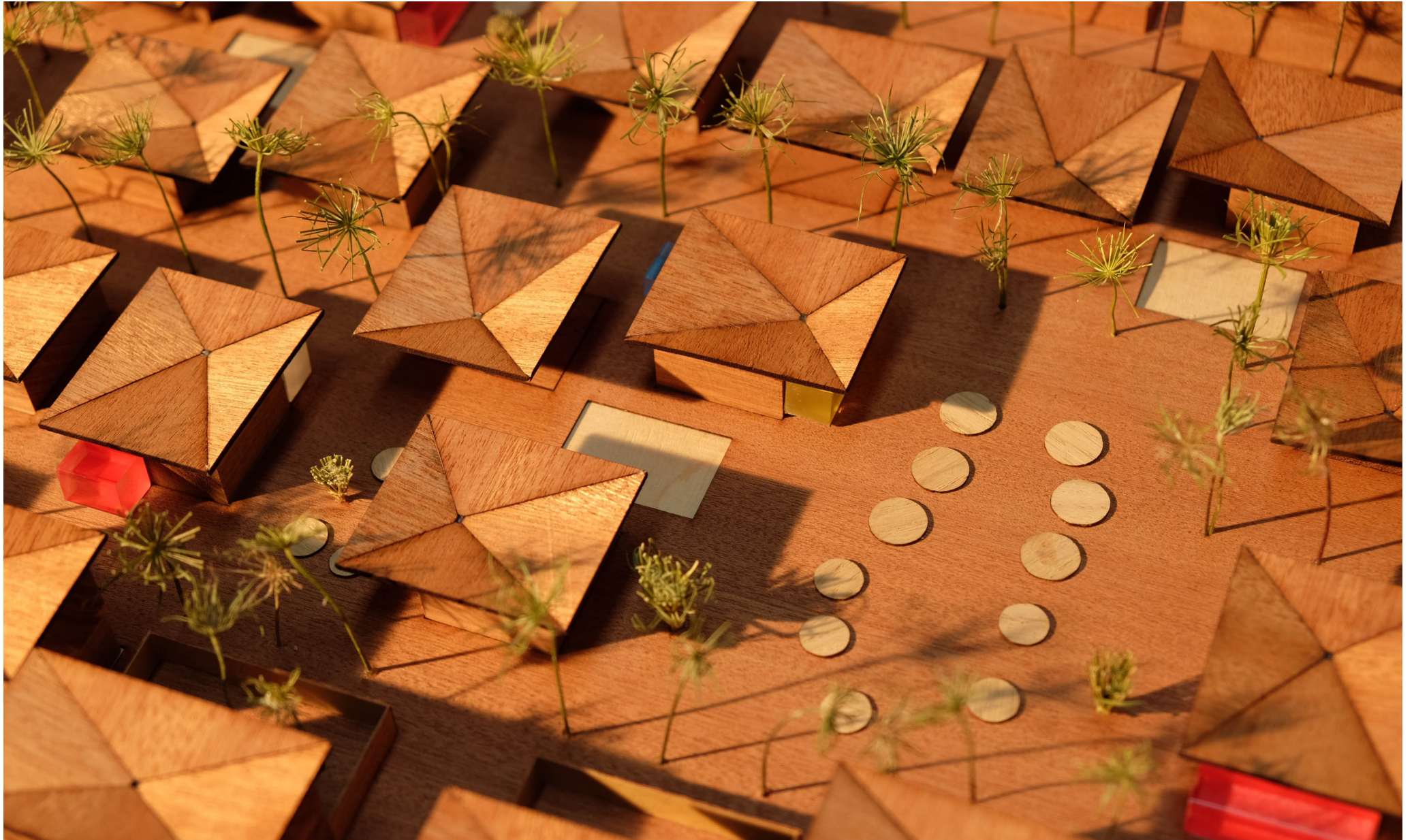
 PUBLIC OBJECTS



GREEN LUNG



MARKET

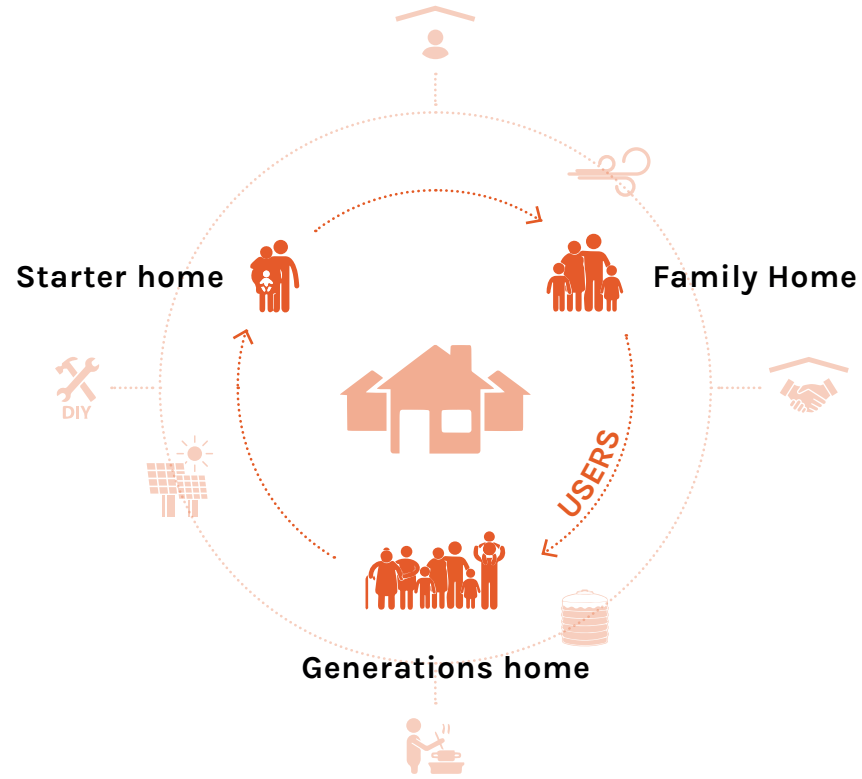


HOUSING & IN-BETWEEN SPACES

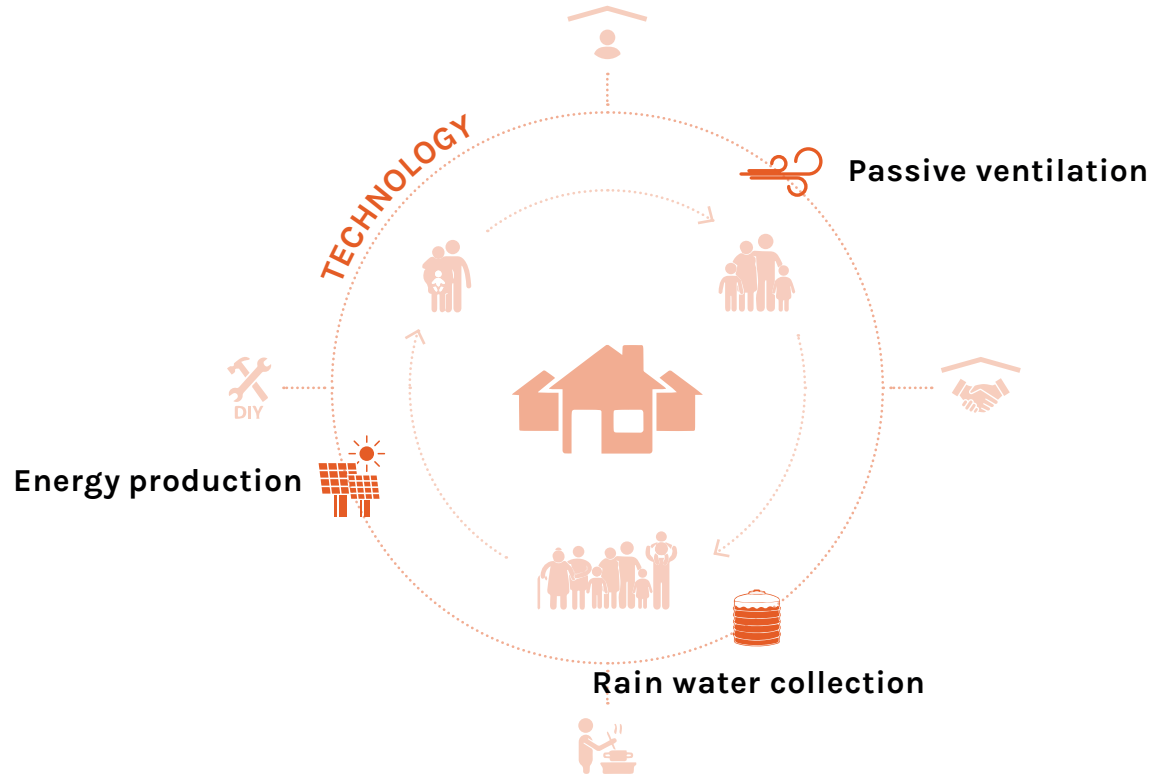


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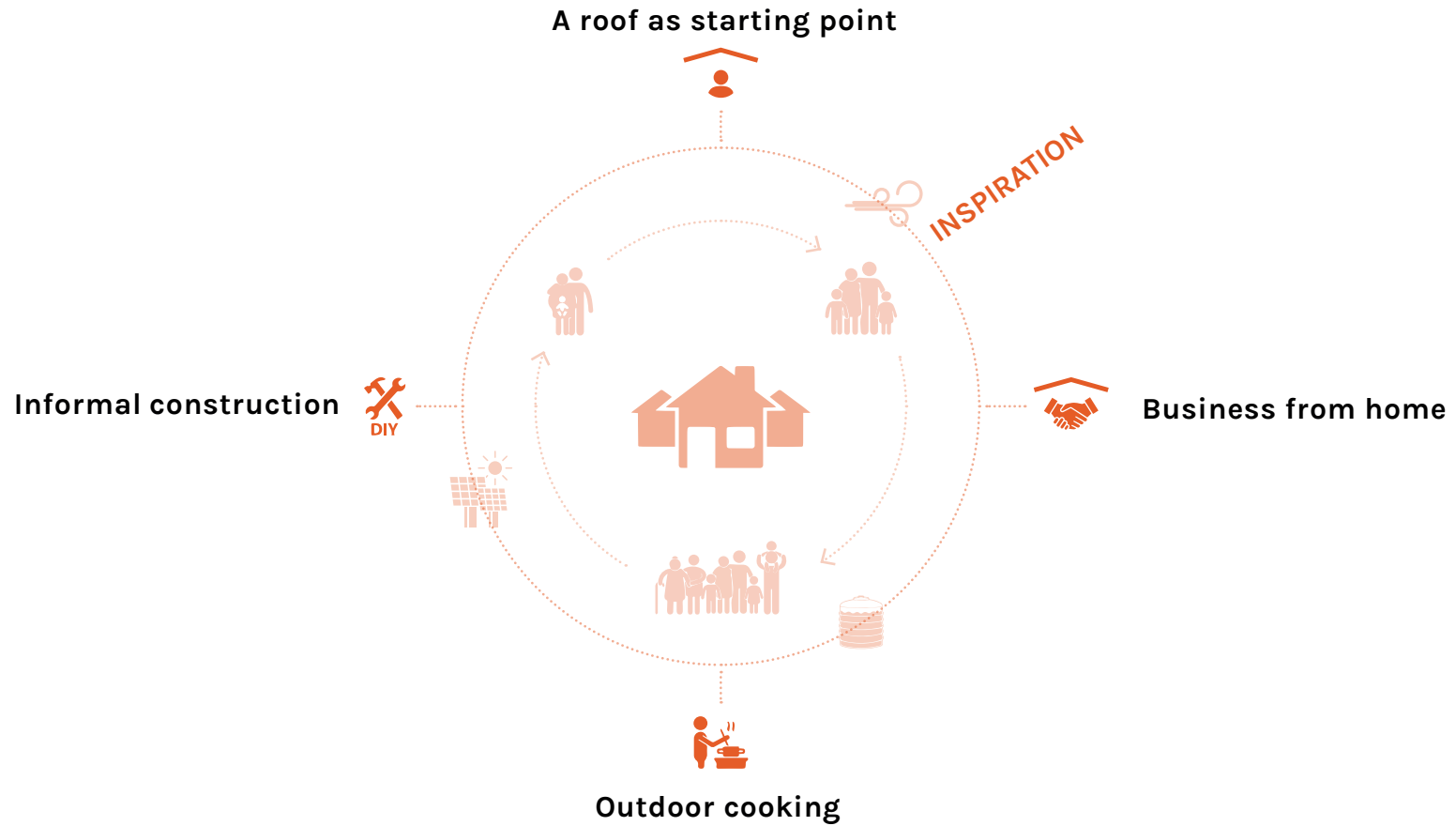
HOUSING CONCEPT



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HOUSING INSPIRATION



Roof as starting point



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Informal construction



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Cooking Outside



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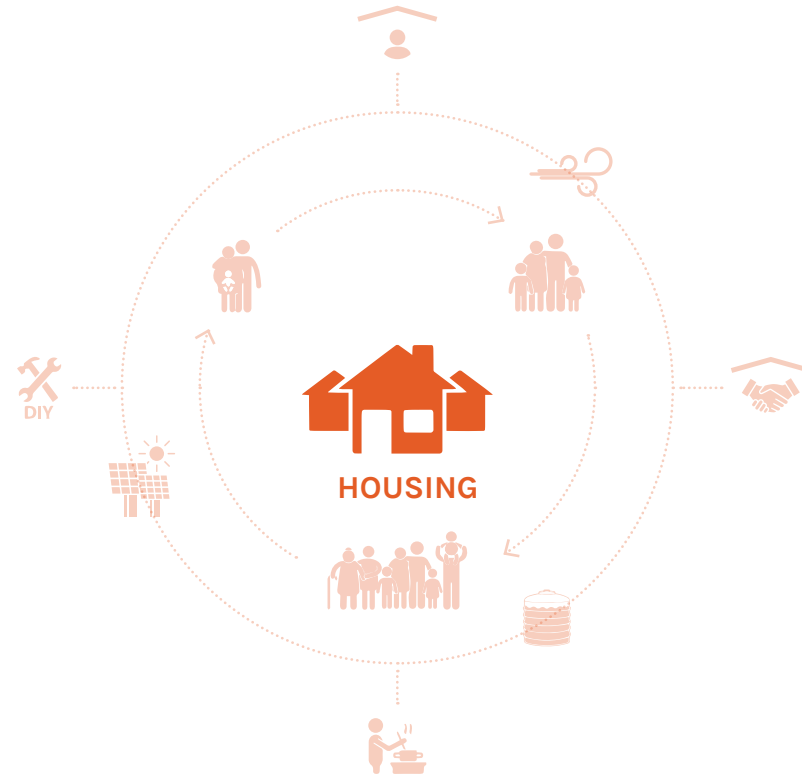
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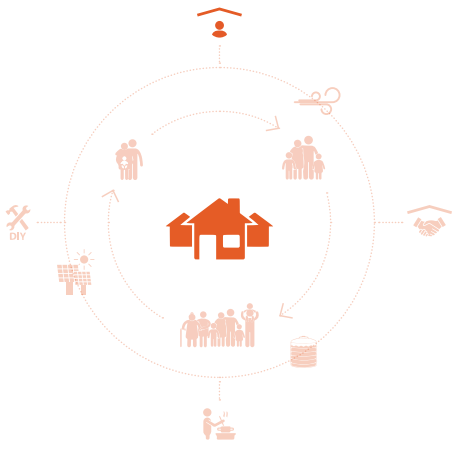
Business from home



HOUSING CONCEPT

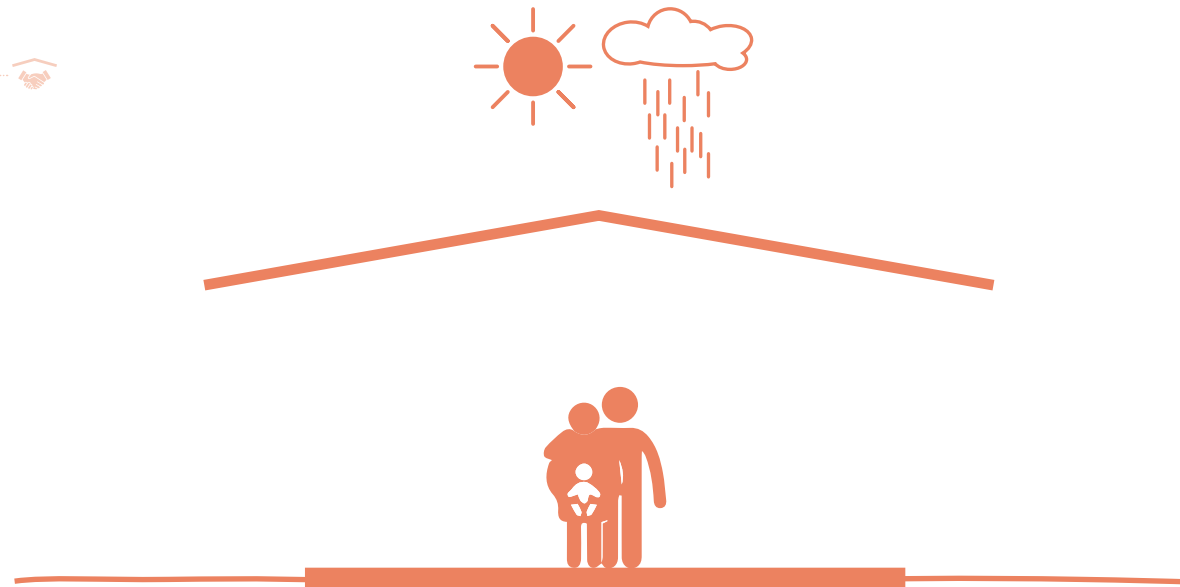
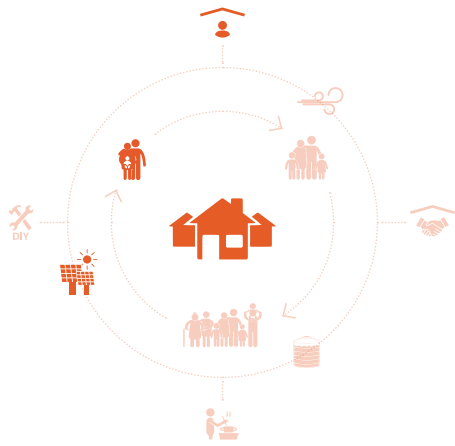


A ROOF AS STARTING POINT



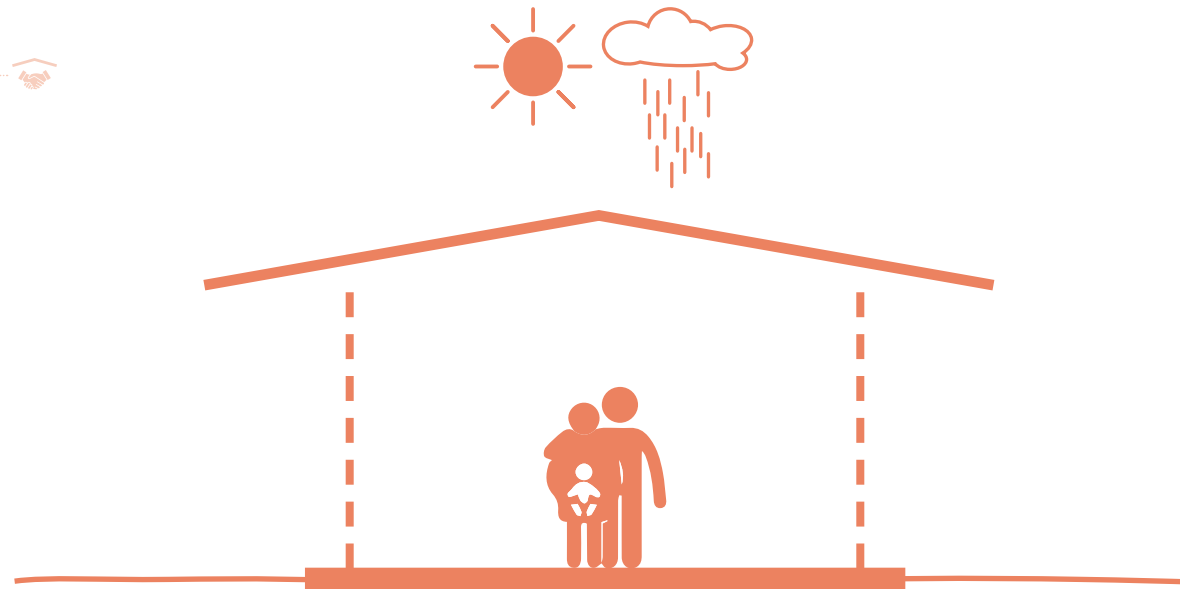
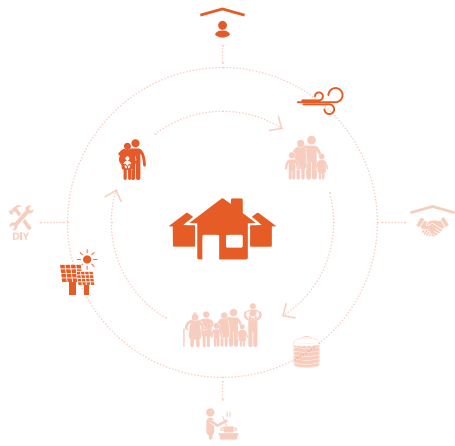
Roof and Ground

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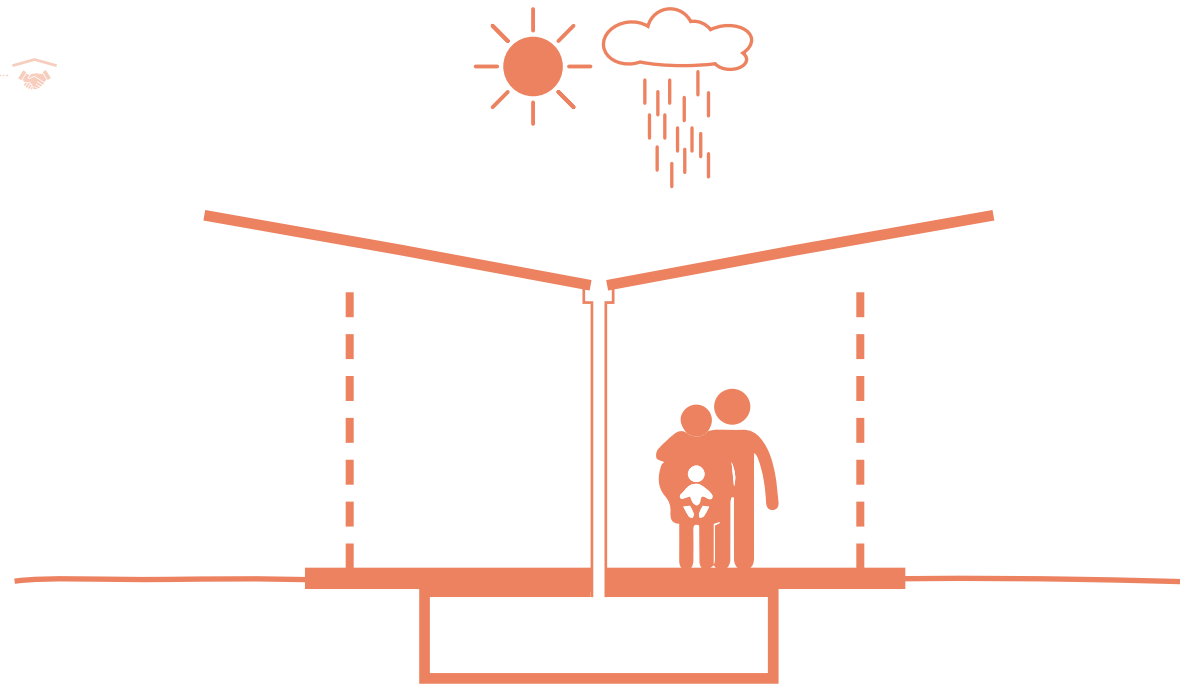
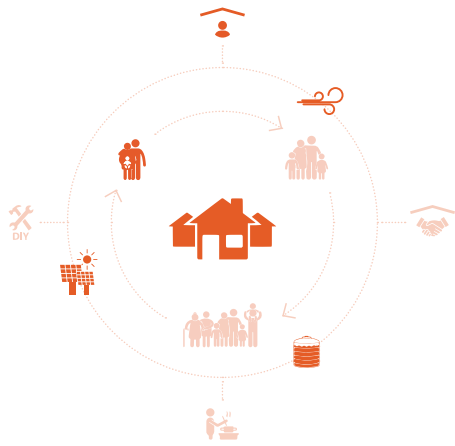
Protect from Sun and Rain

A ROOF AS STARTING POINT



Enclose for Privacy

A ROOF AS STARTING POINT



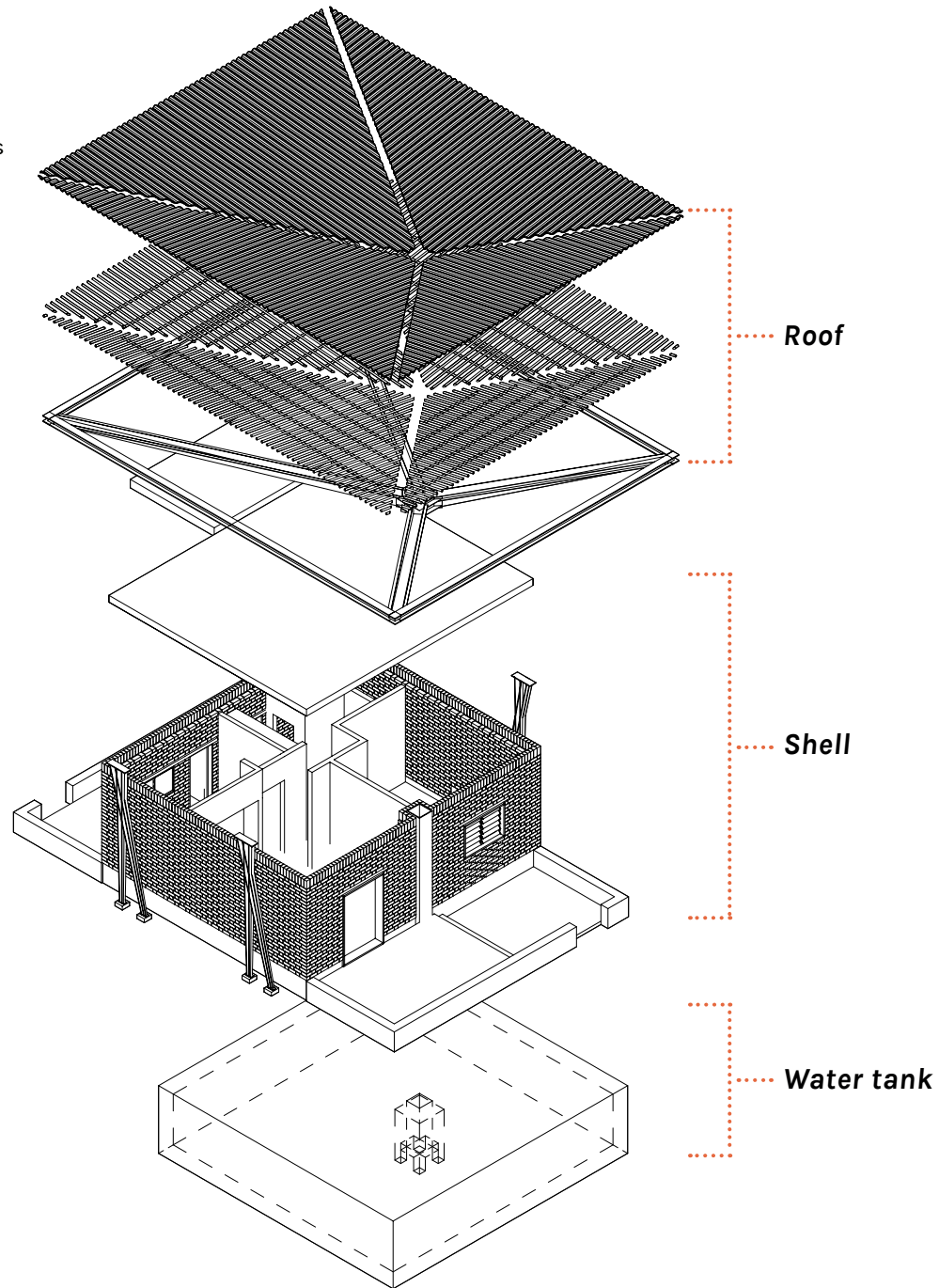
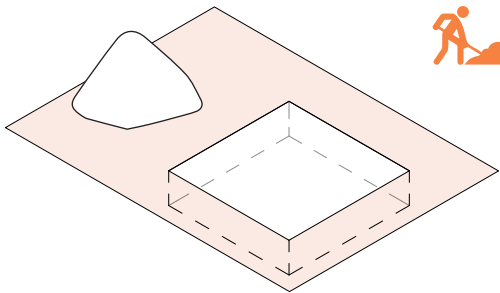
Roof and Water tank

BUILDING NARRATIVE

CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

1. Excavate

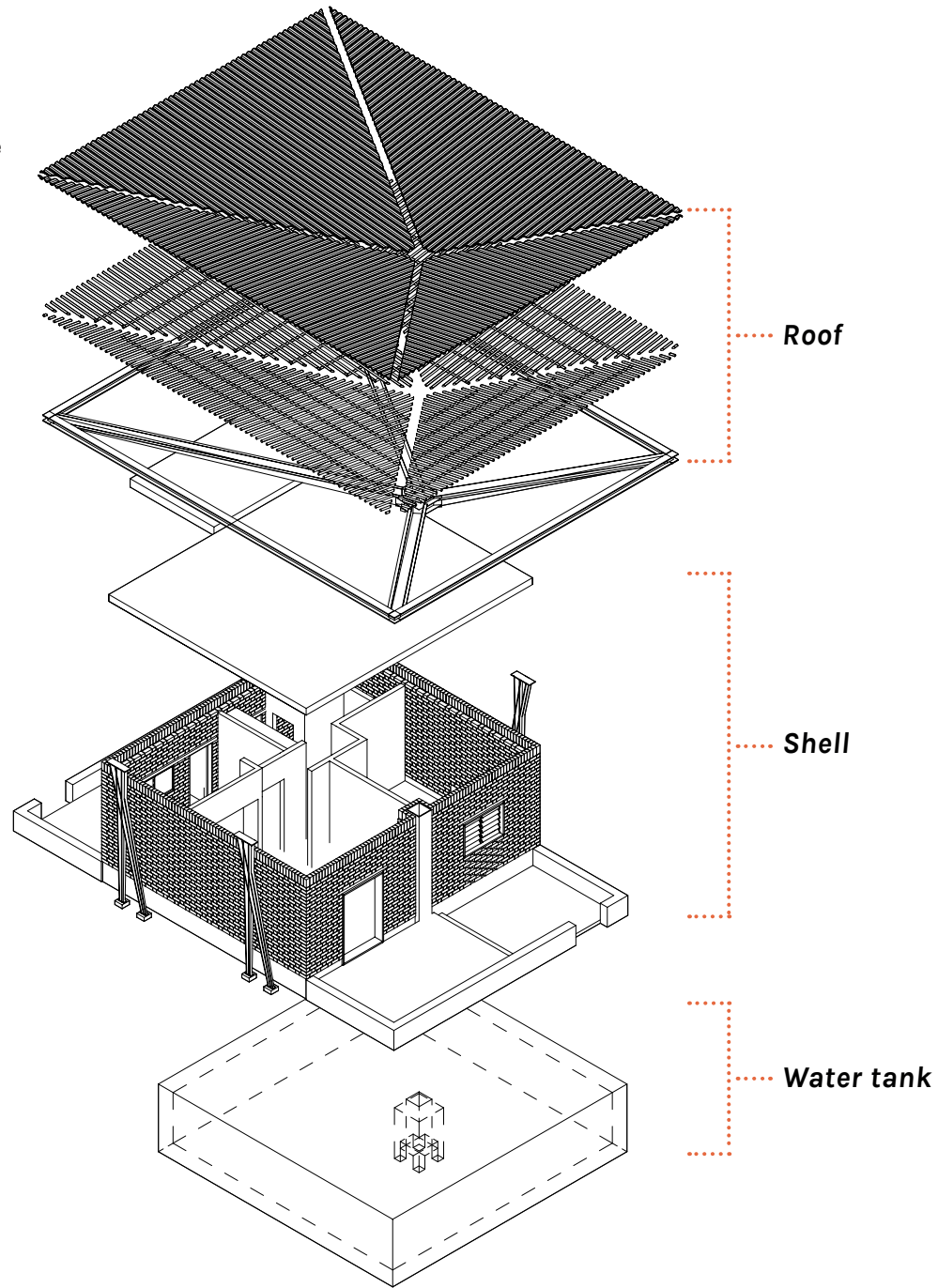
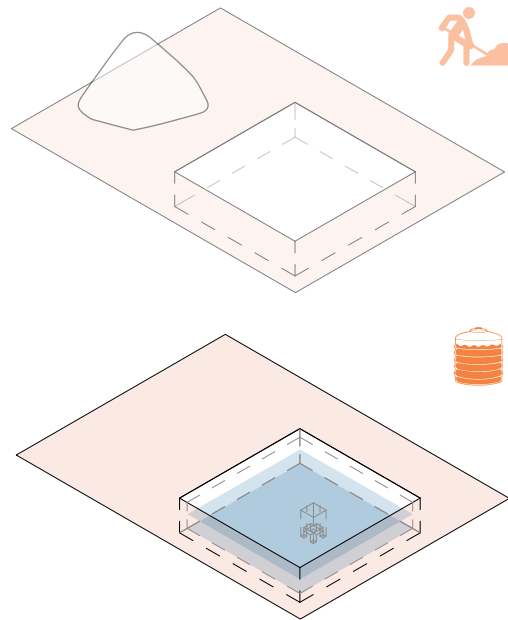
Extract enough soil for the water tank. This also has as purpose to extract soil that can be used for the construction of the compressed earth bricks.



CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

2. Water tank

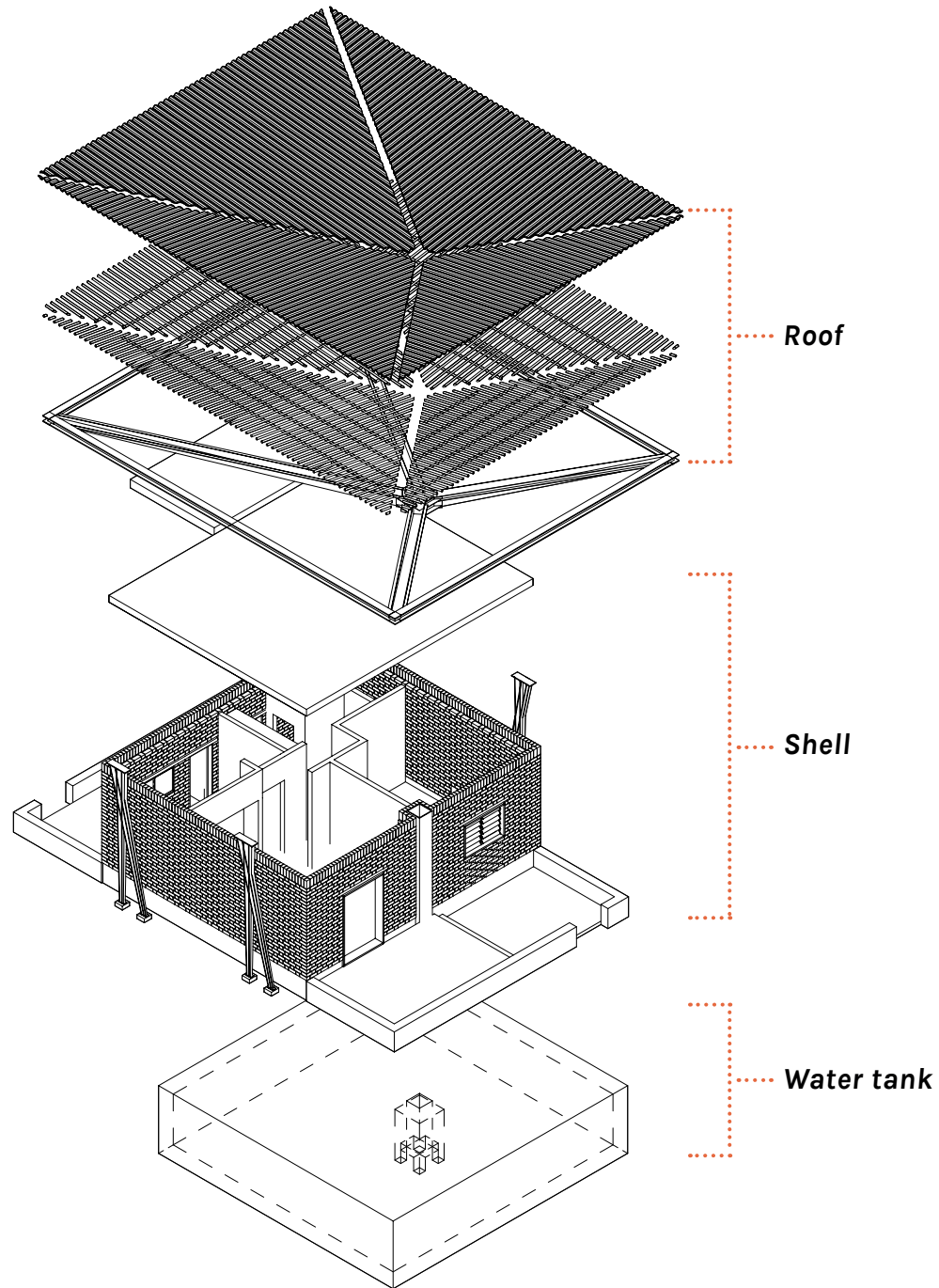
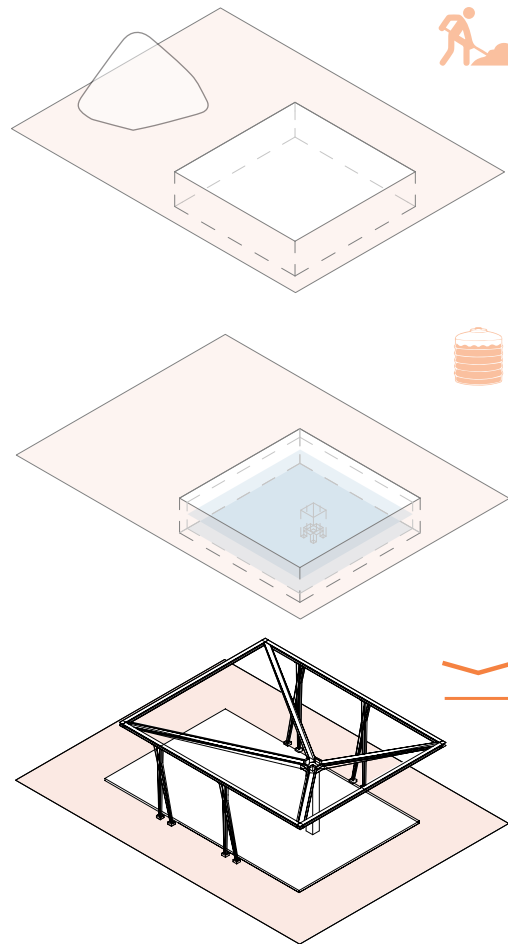
Build water tank that simultaneously takes the role of main foundation to the building.



CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

3. Roof gutter structure

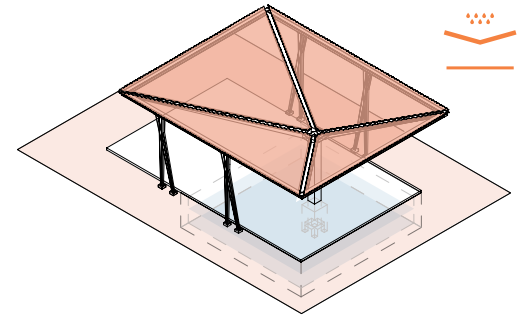
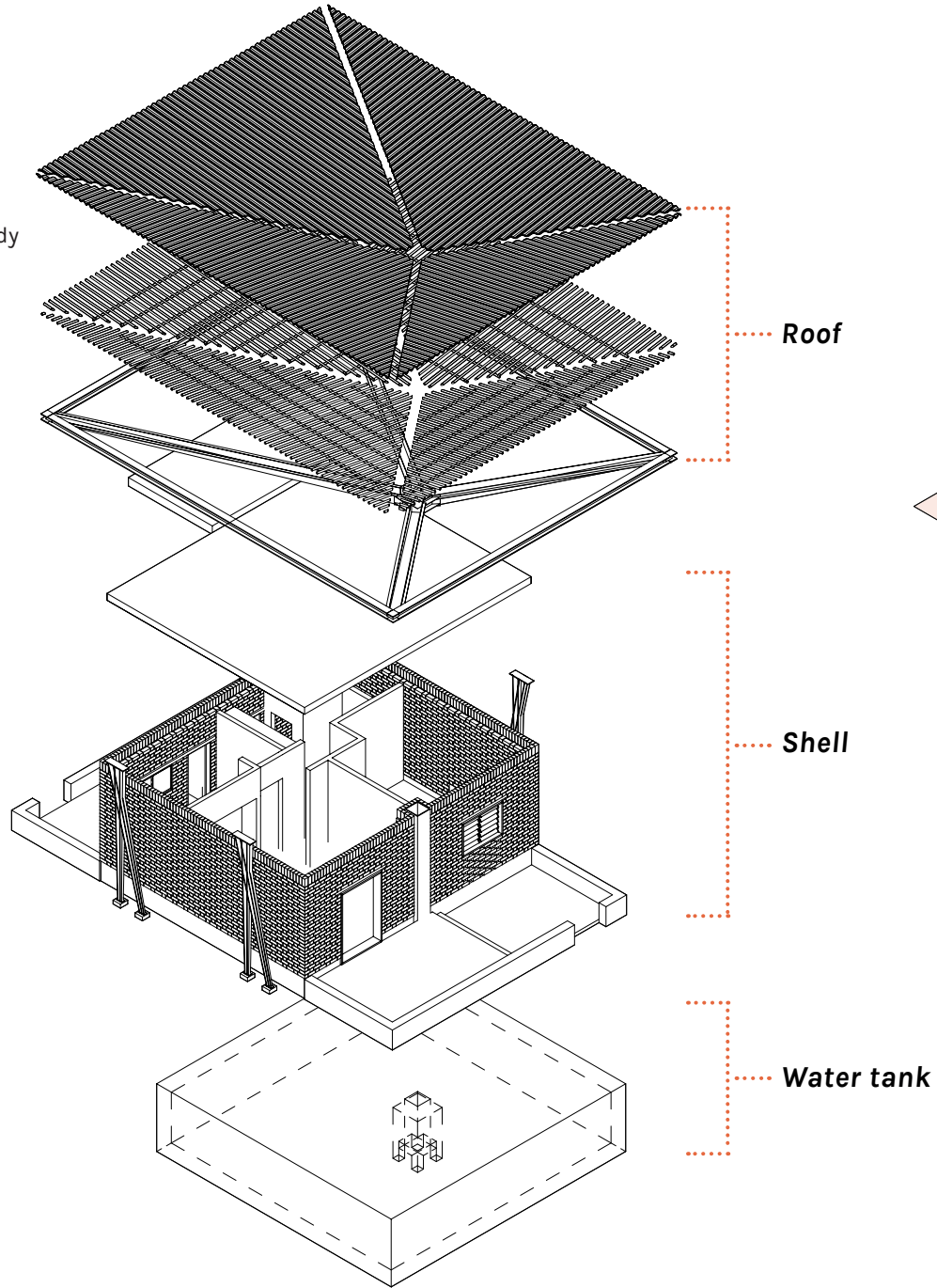
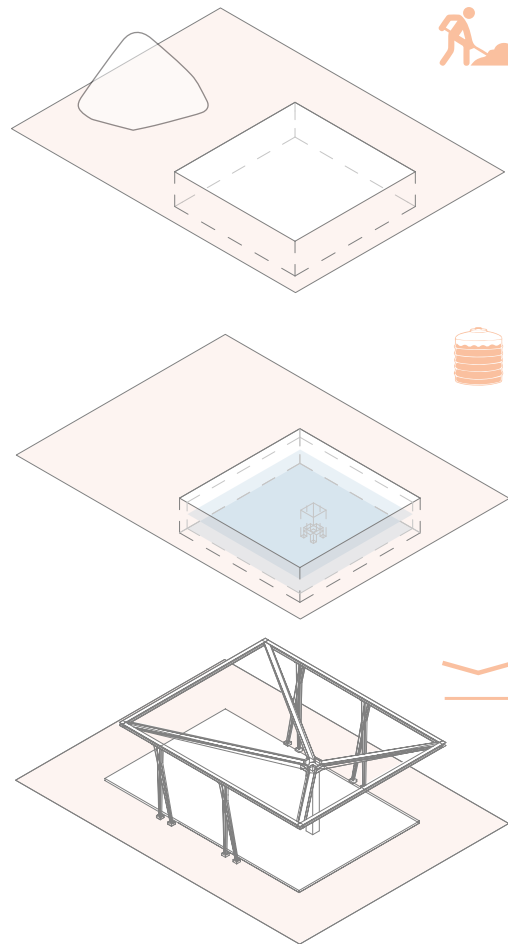
Install the government funded roof structure with integrated gutter system.



CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

4. Roof sheating

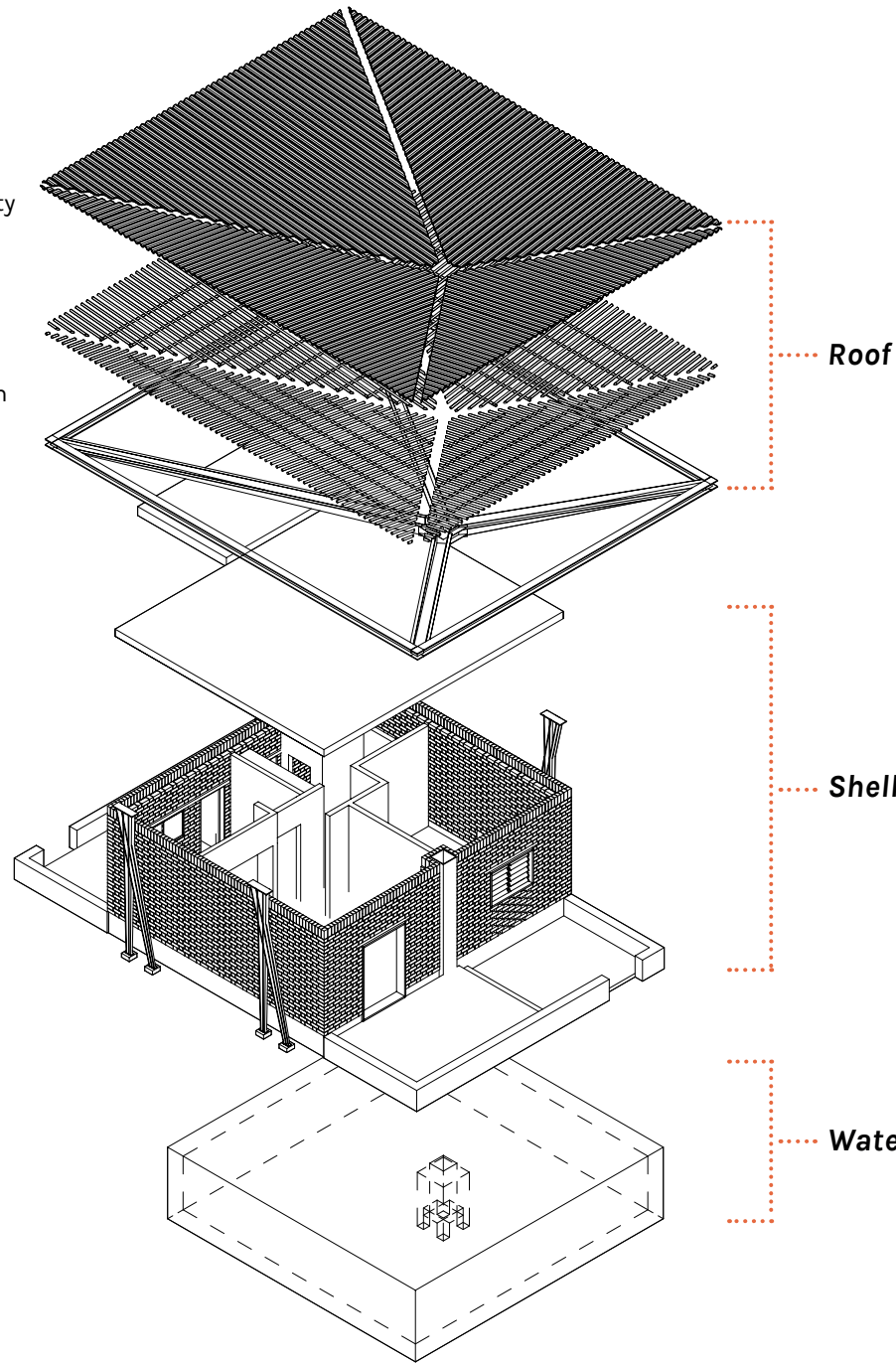
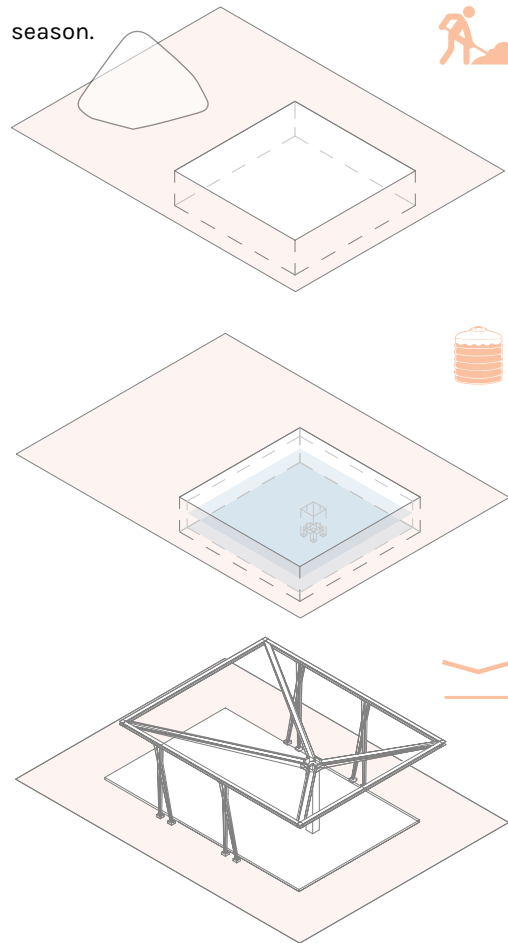
Install the roof sheating that will allow us to start collecting rain water that can be used on the construction site. Now the building structure is ready to be sold.



CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

5. CEB manufacturing

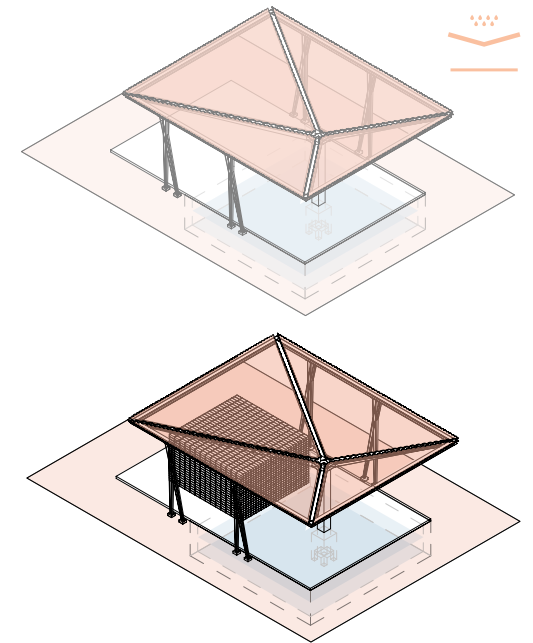
Production of the compressed earth blocks on site by small entrepreneurs or even the local community themselves. The bricks are then stored in the shade under the already present roof structure in order to prevent them drying too fast and cracking and to protect them from heavy rain if built during the rain season.



Roof

Shell

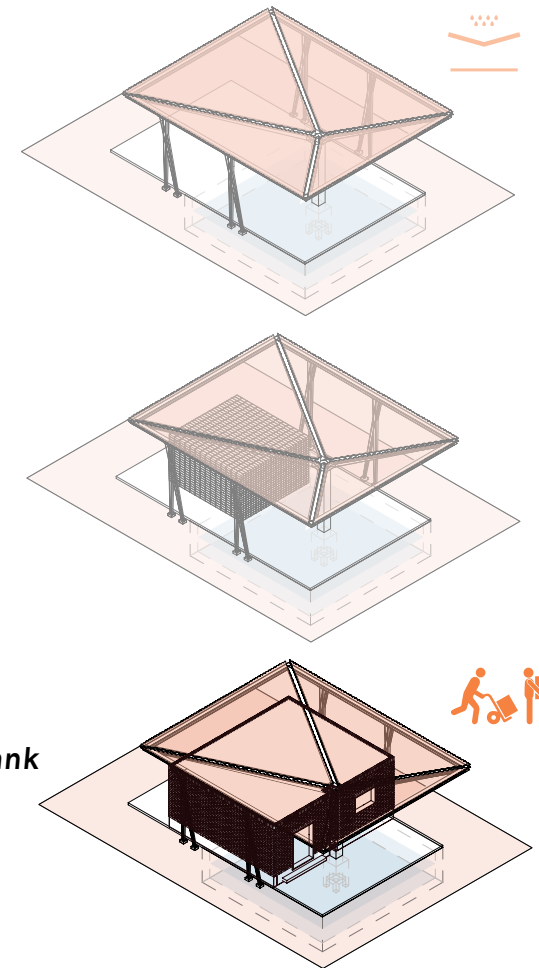
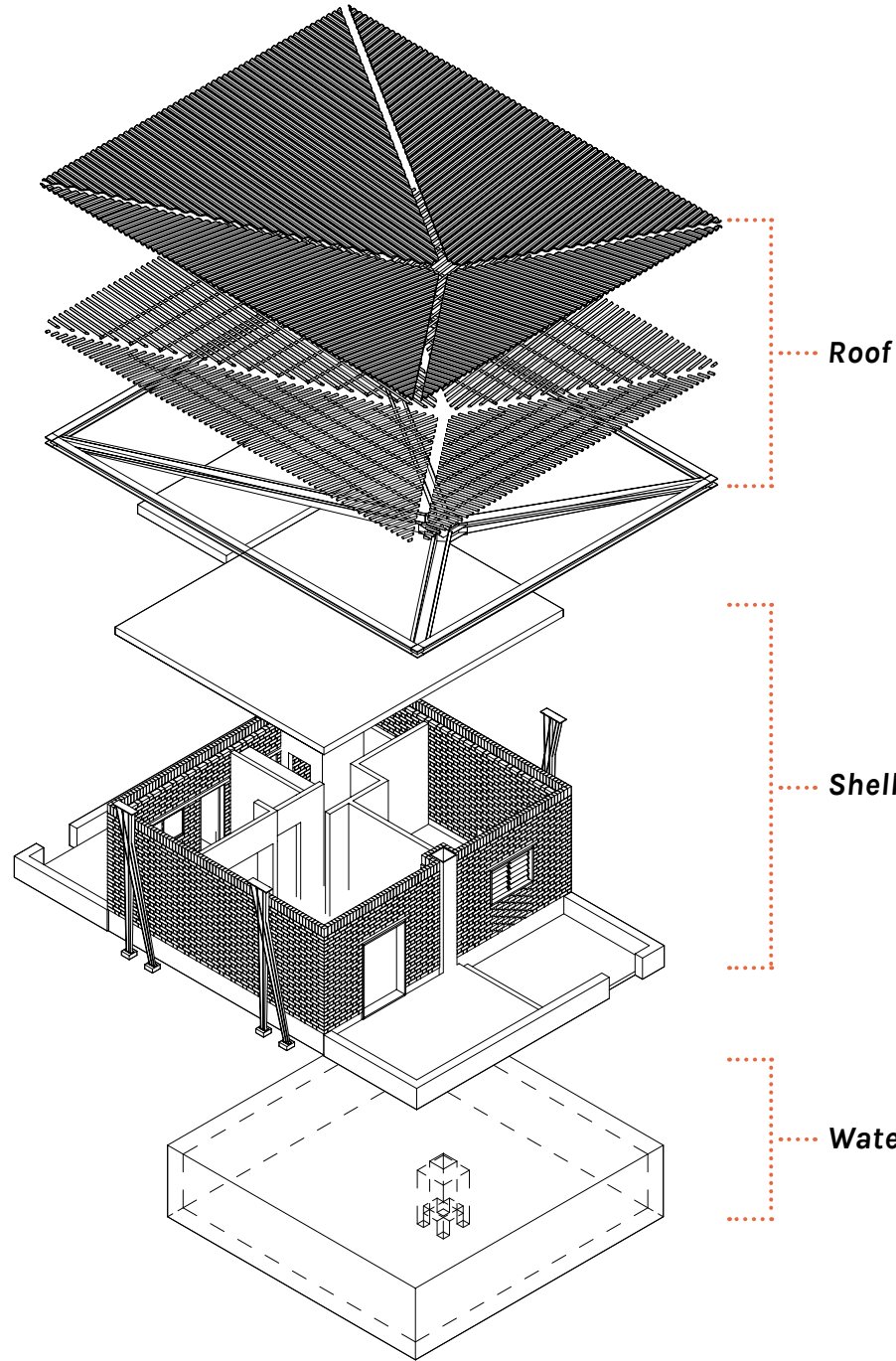
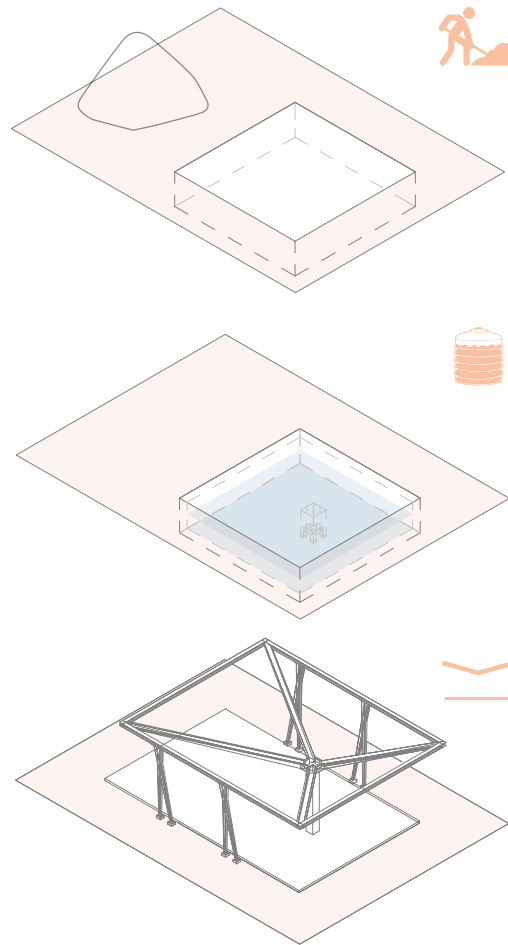
Water tank



CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

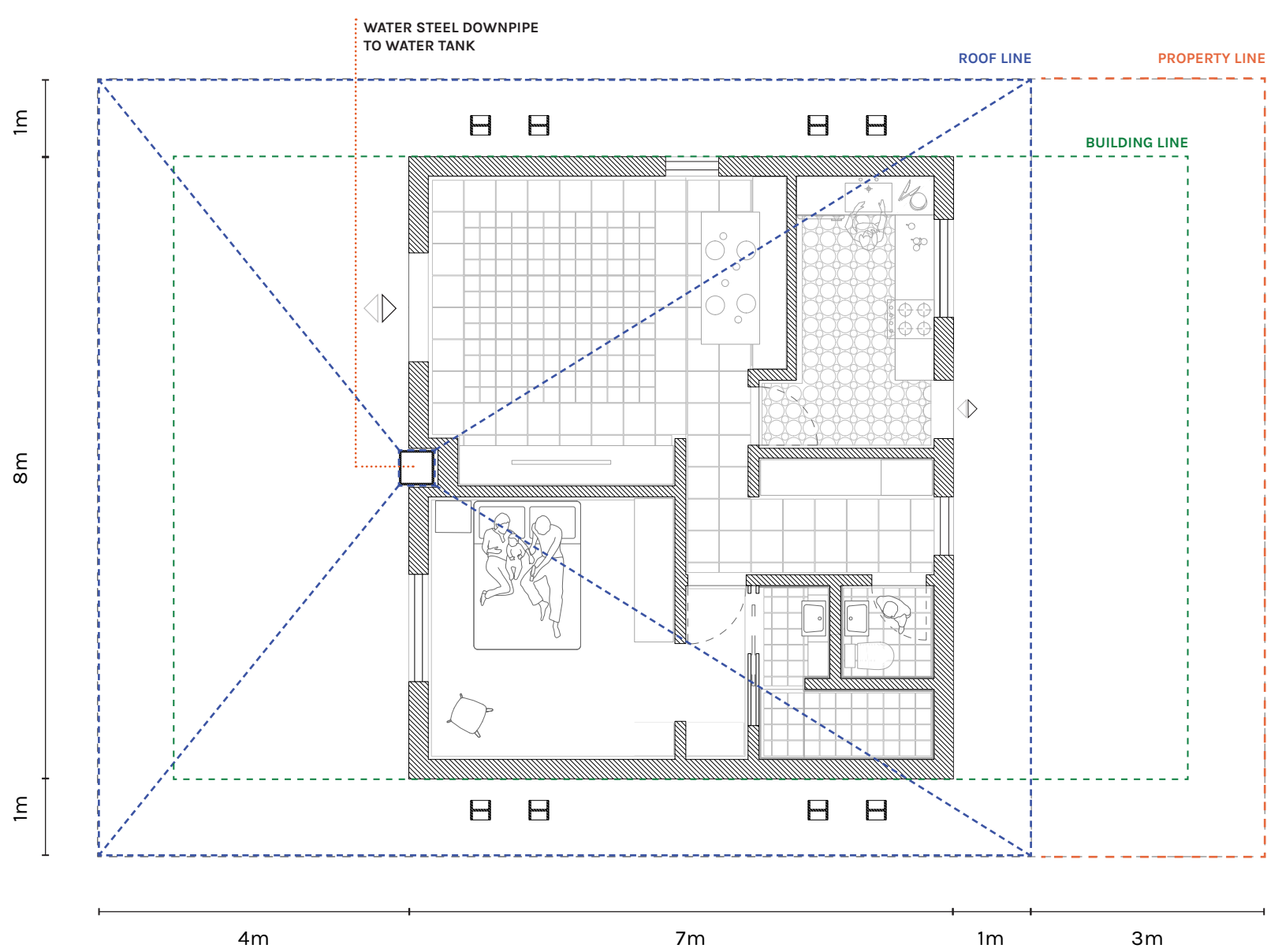
6. Main Building

Use the produced compressed earth bricks to construct the main building shell.

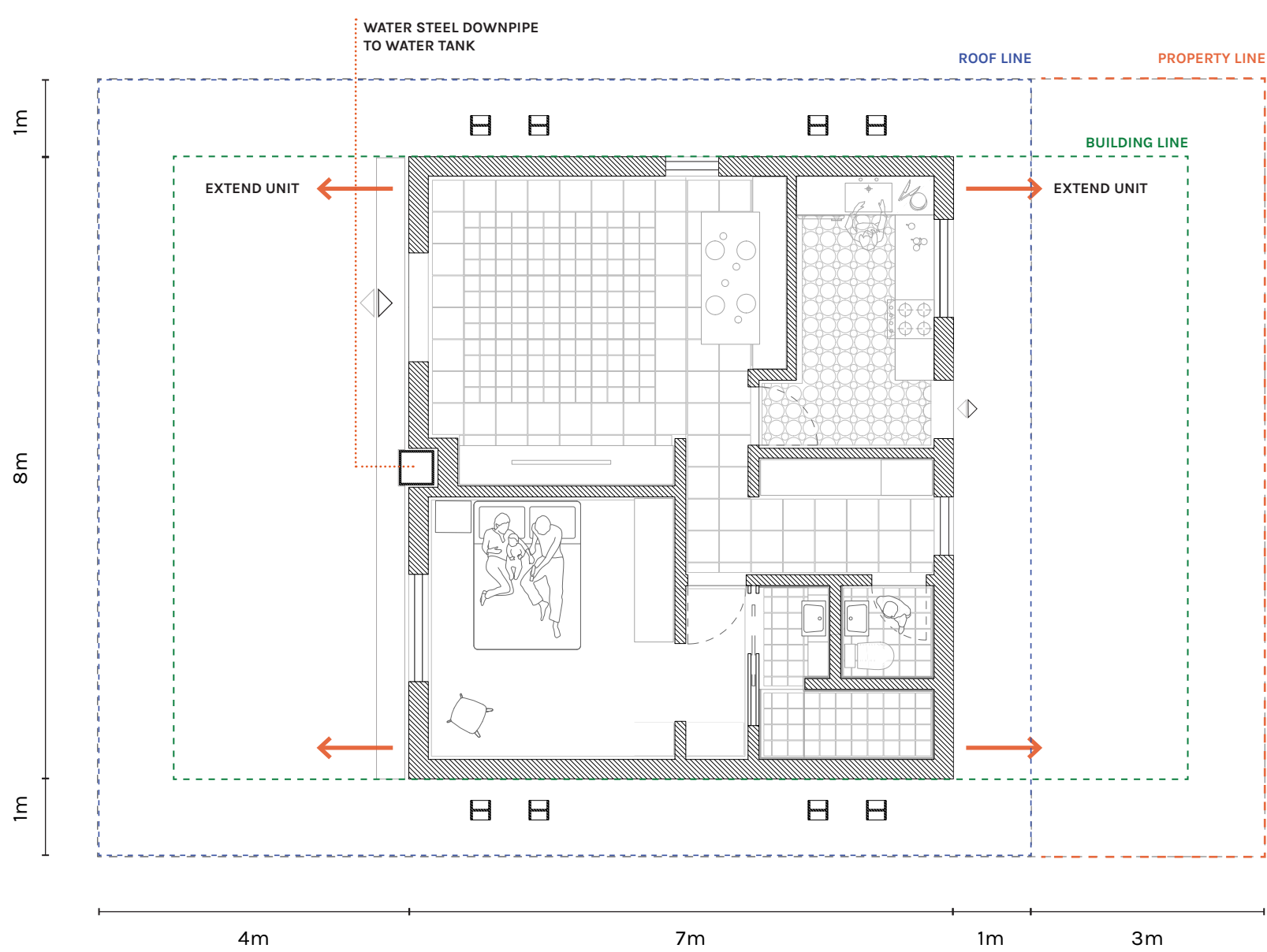


LIFE INSIDE

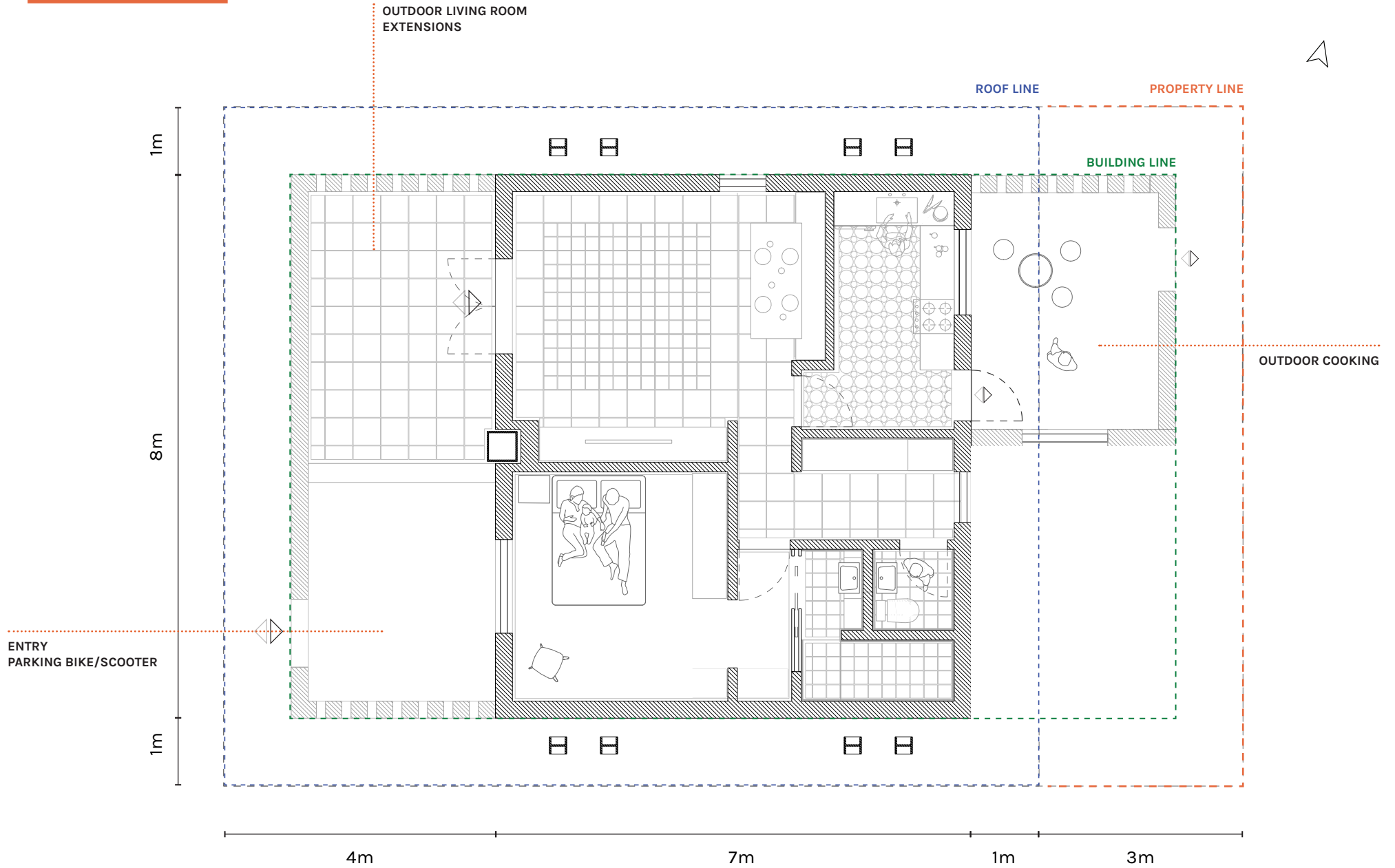
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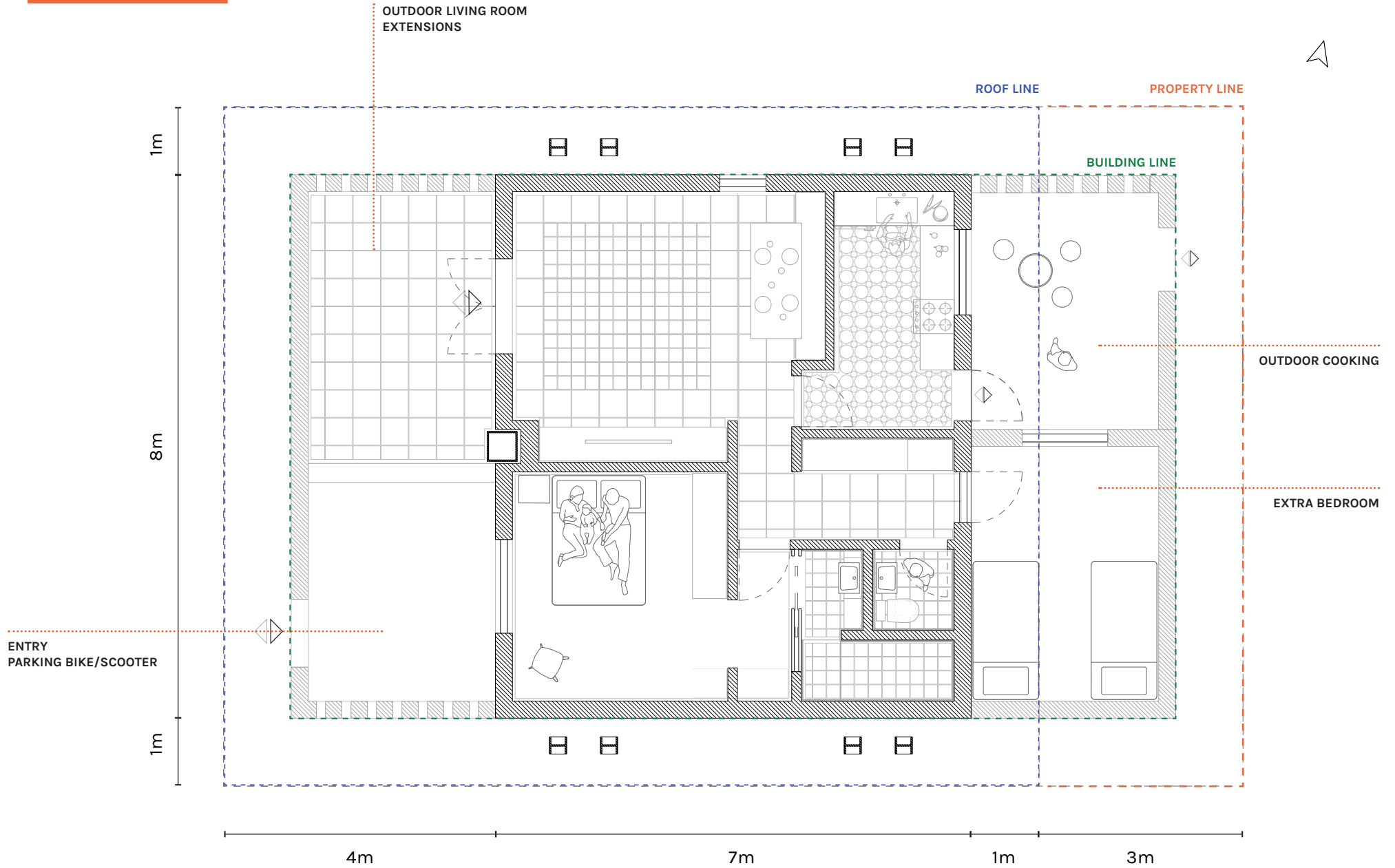
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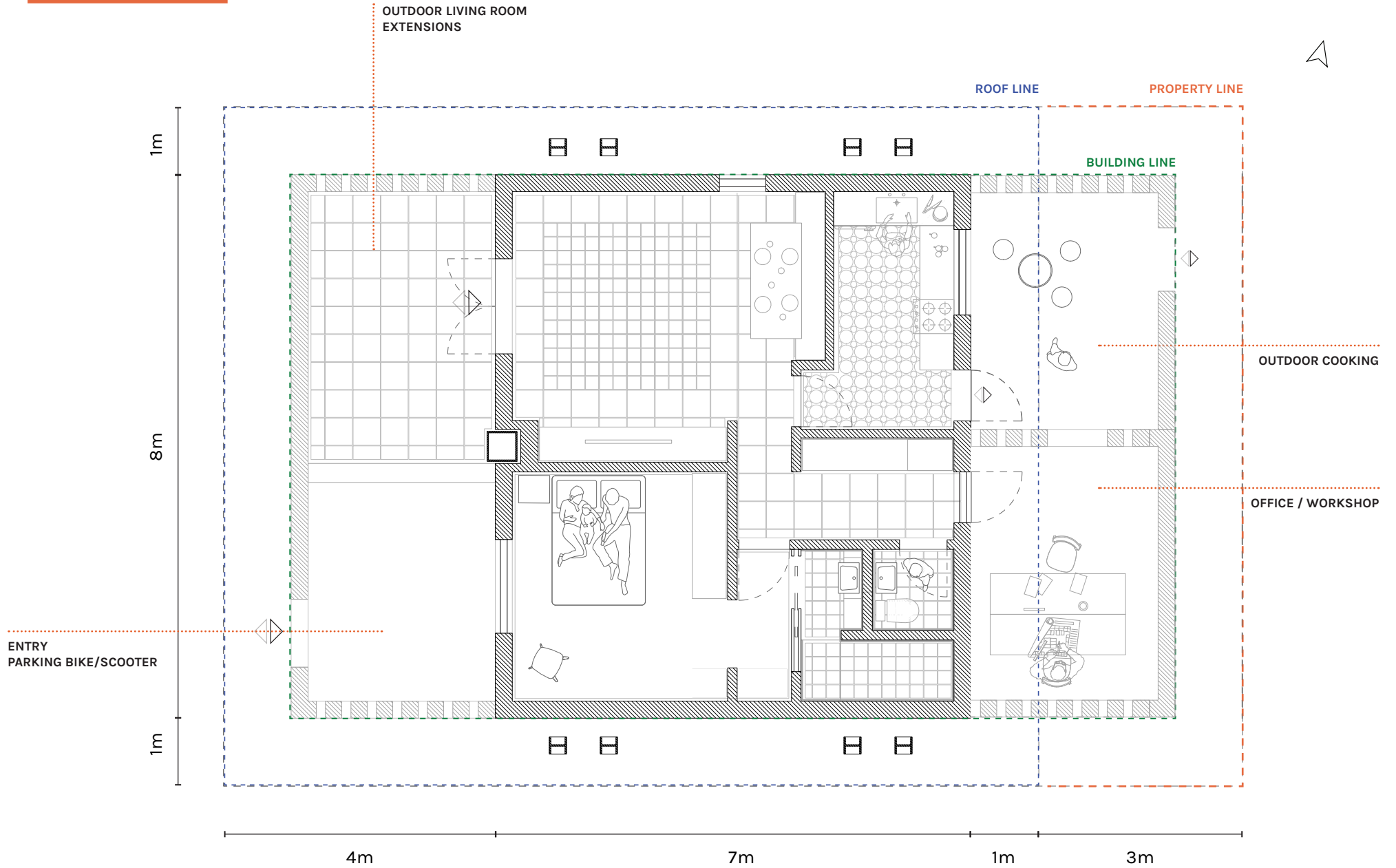
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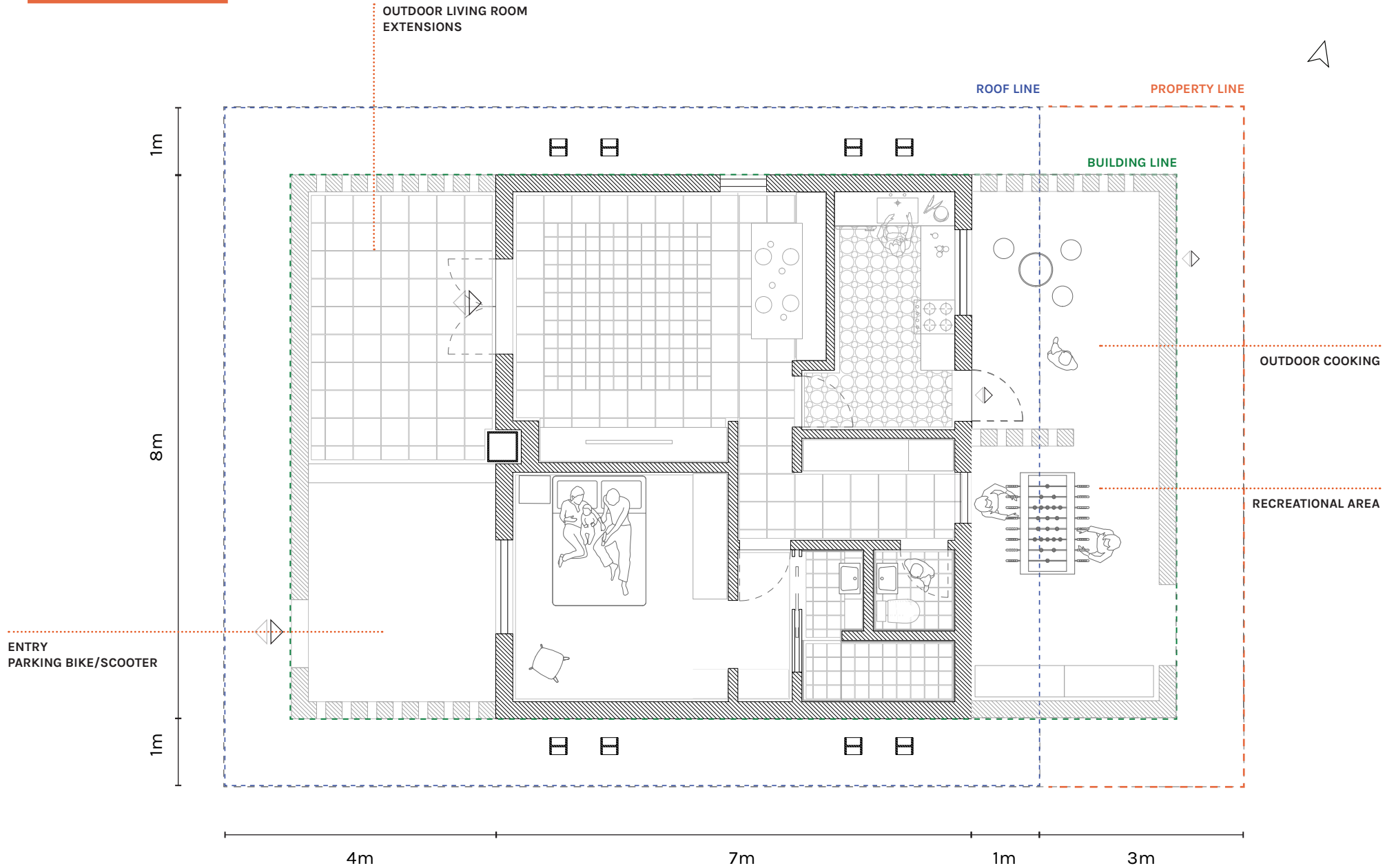
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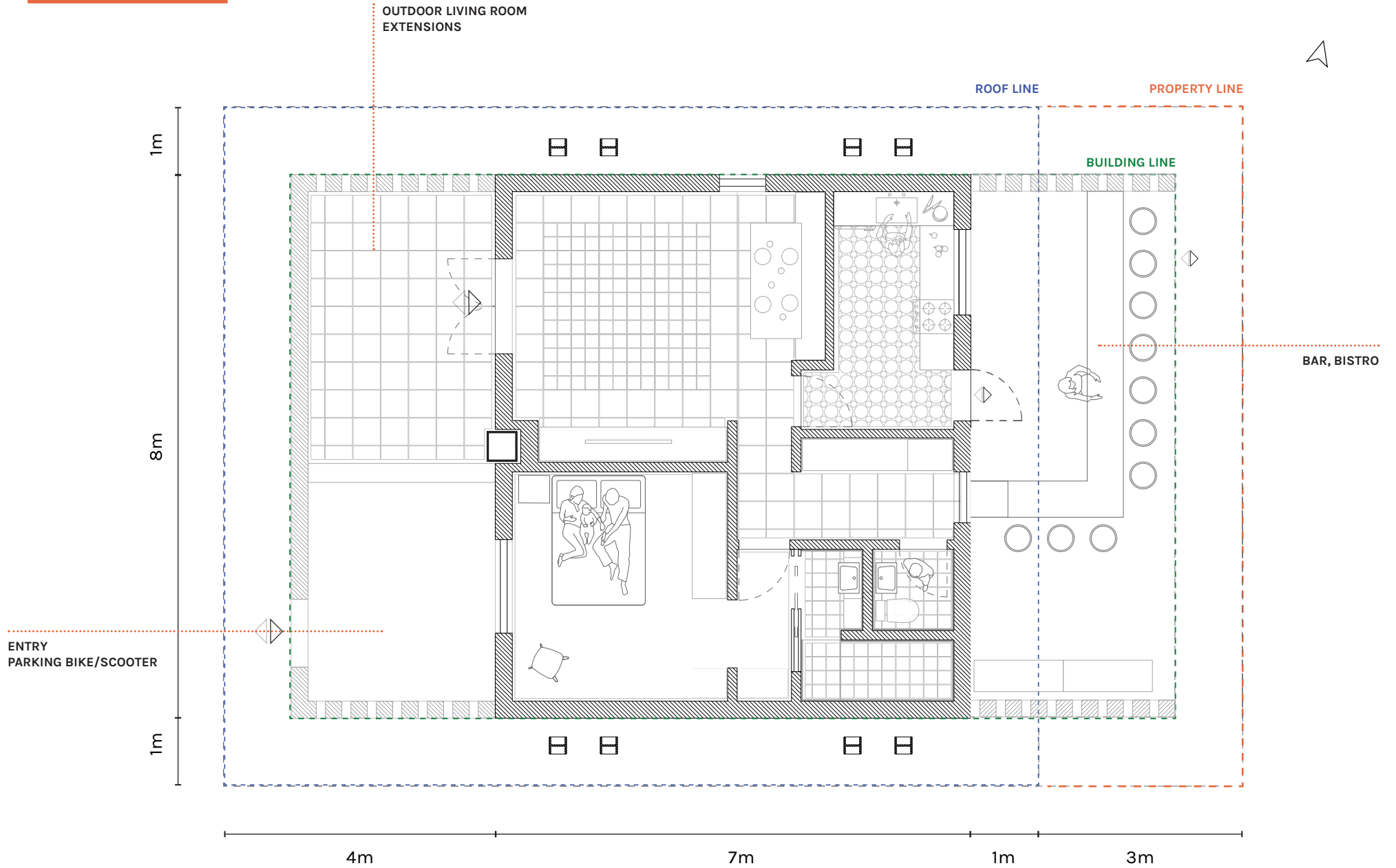
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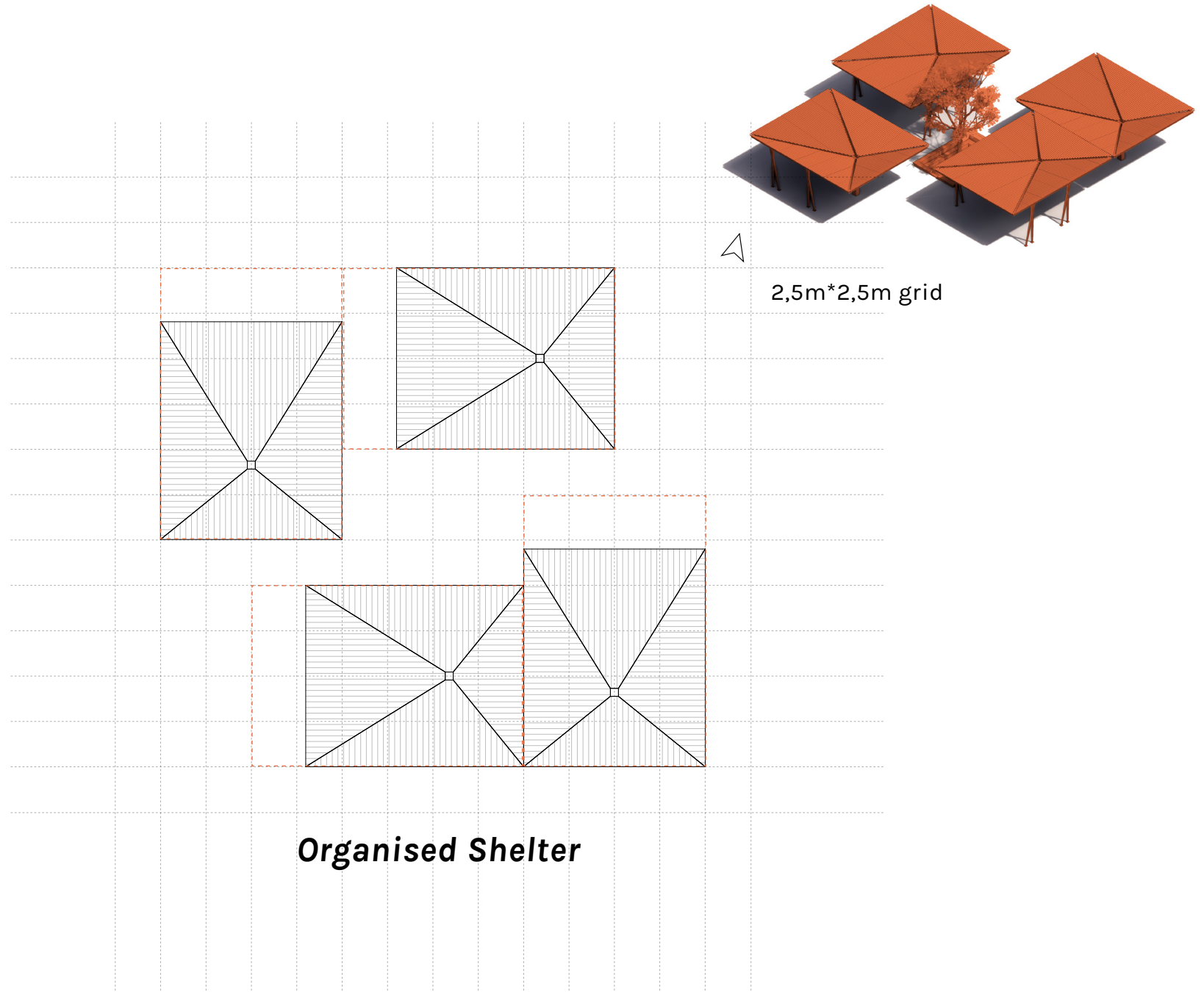
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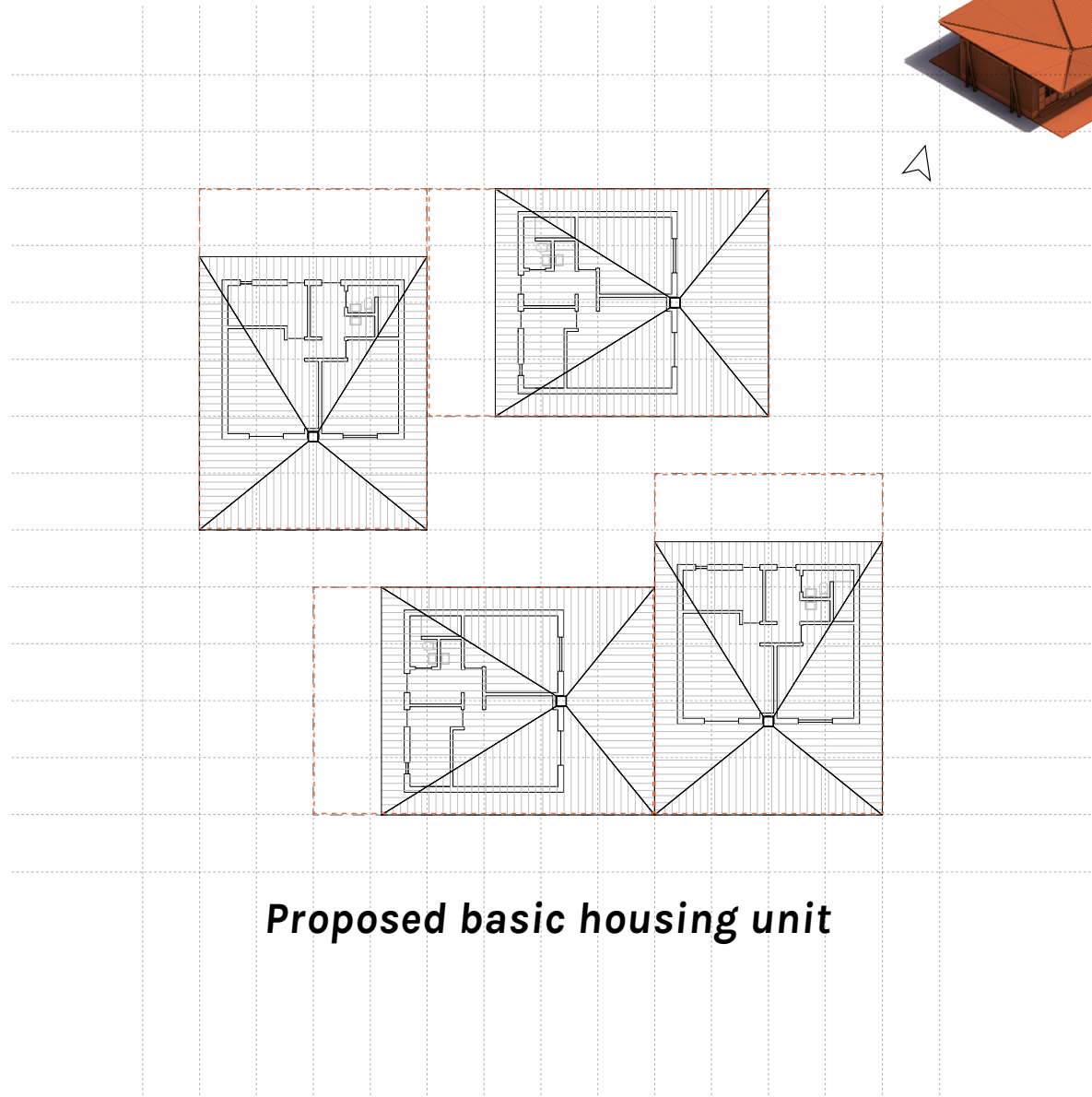
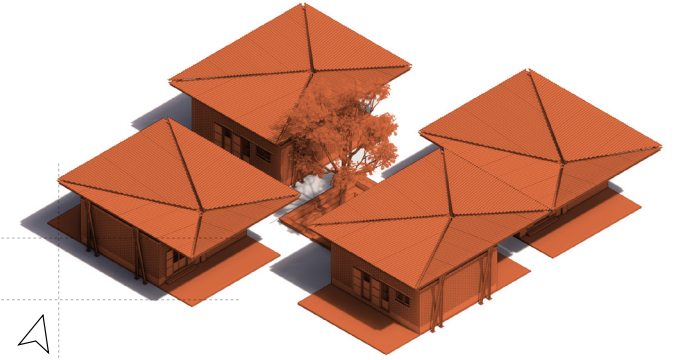
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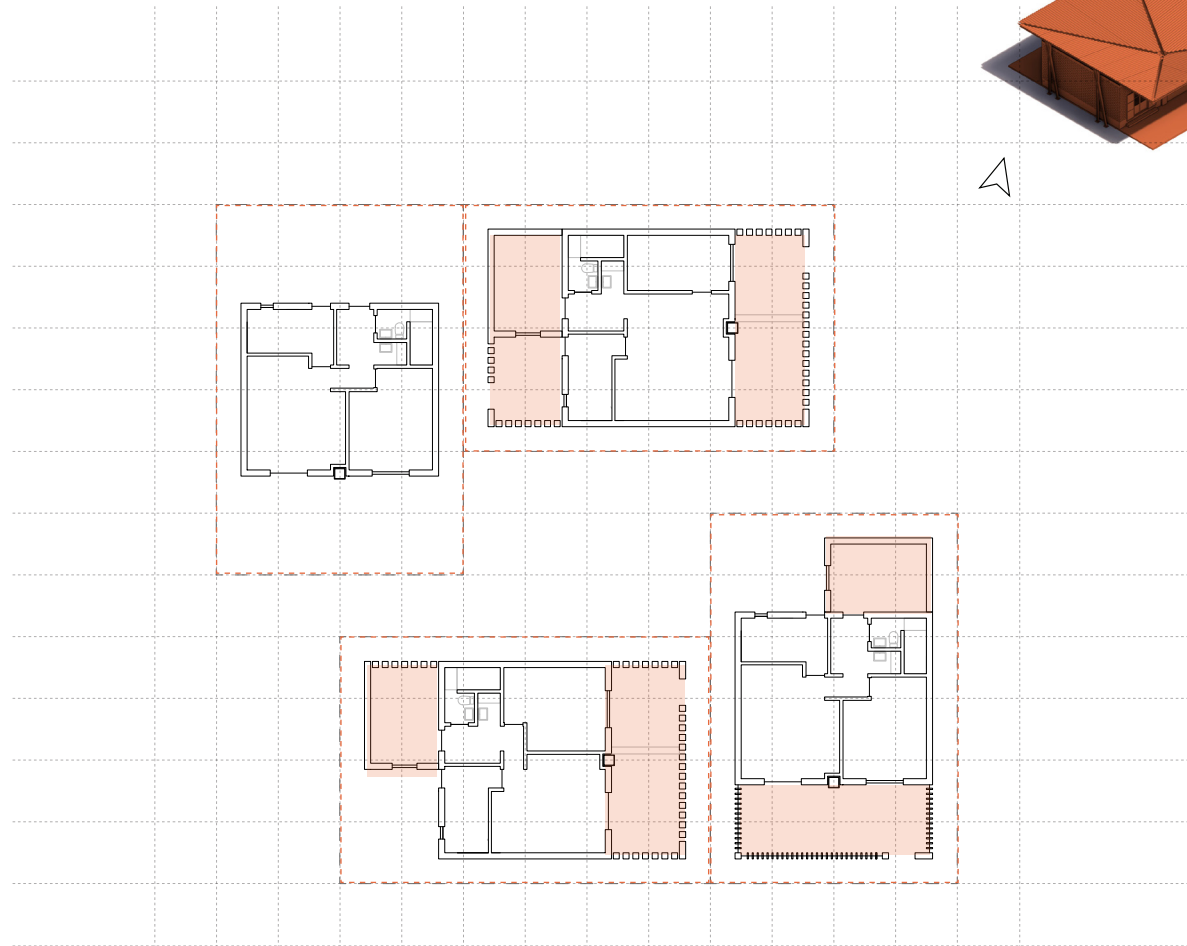
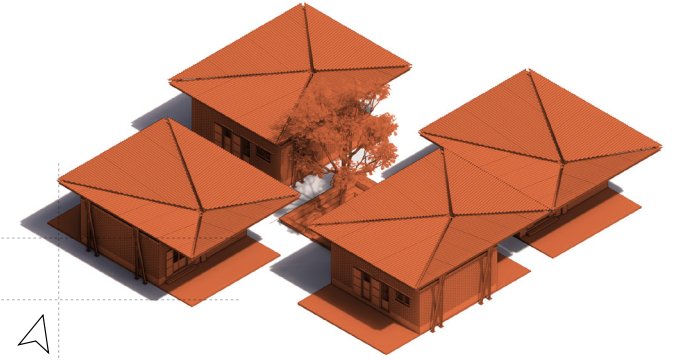


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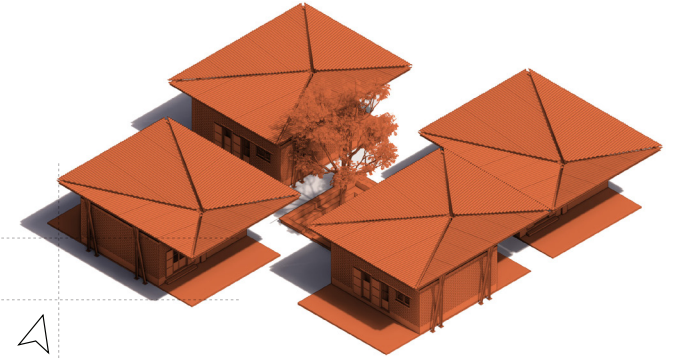
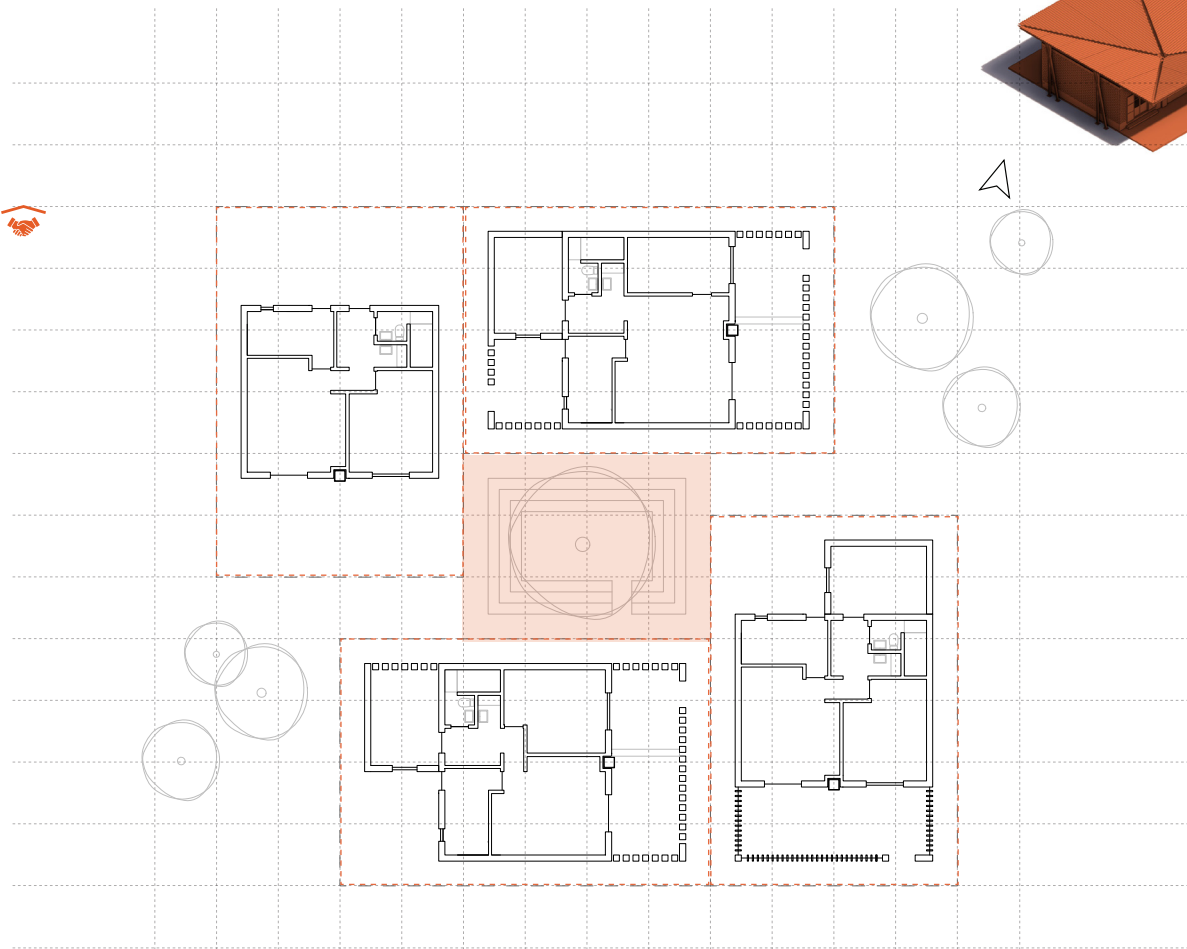
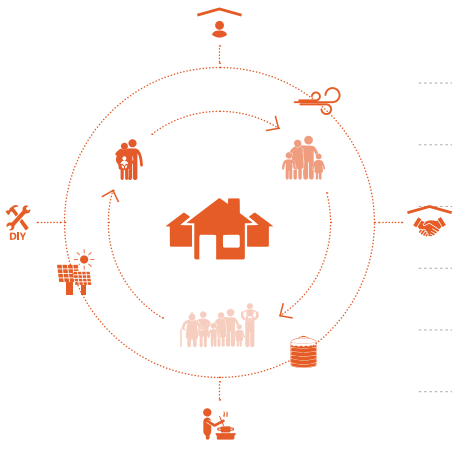
Proposed basic housing unit

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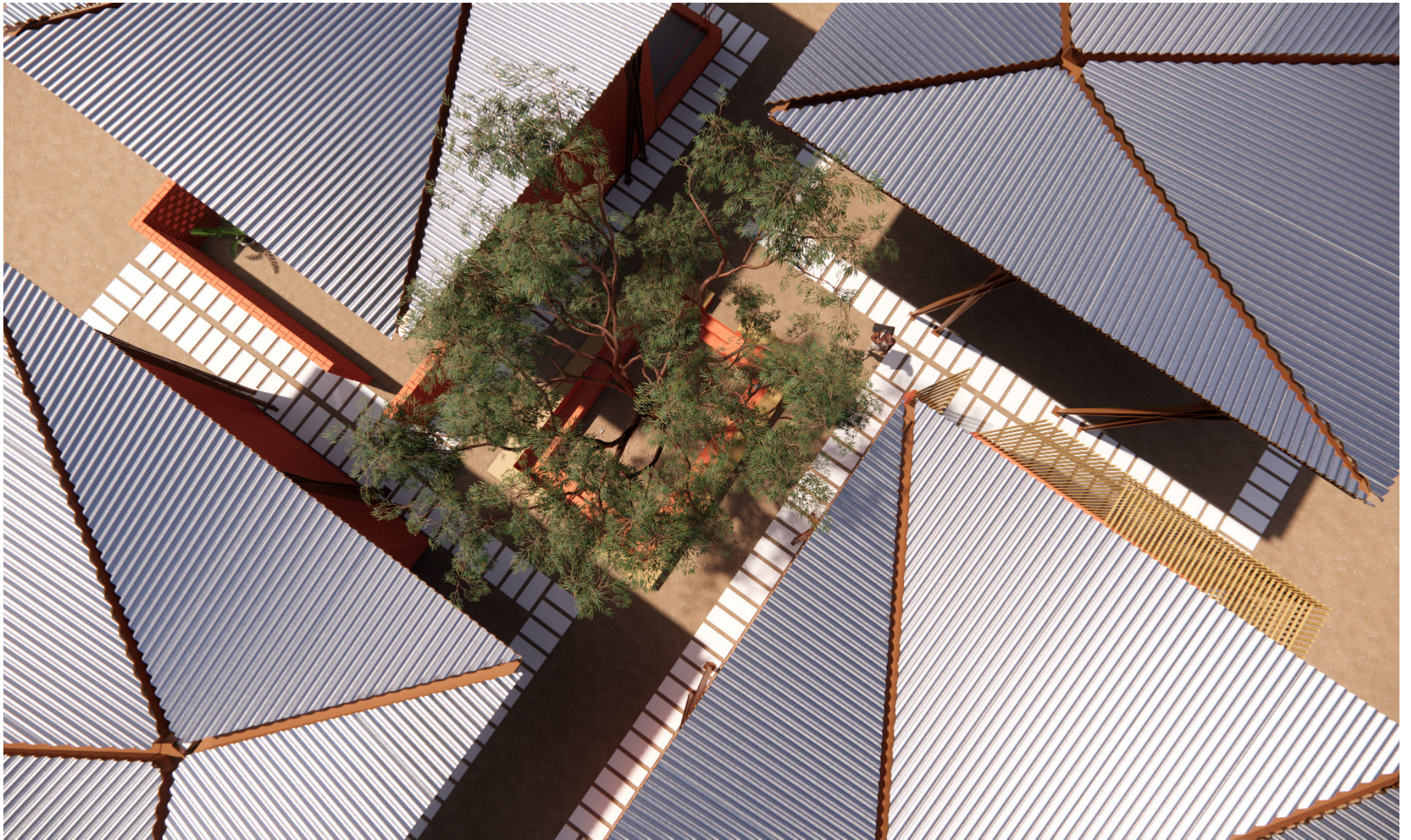
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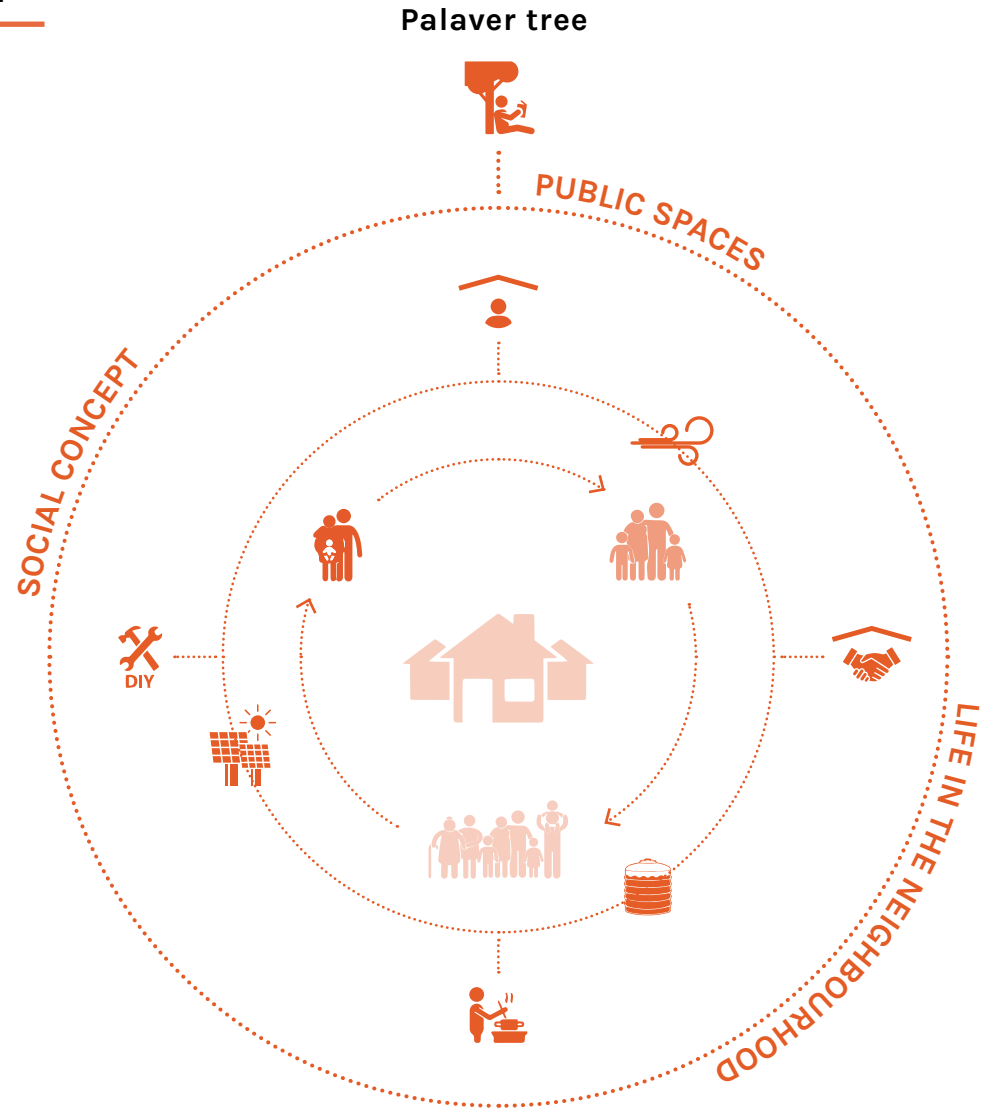
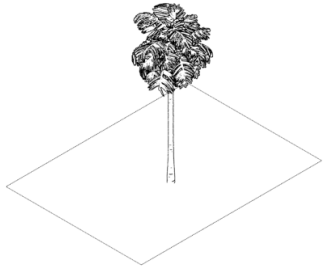


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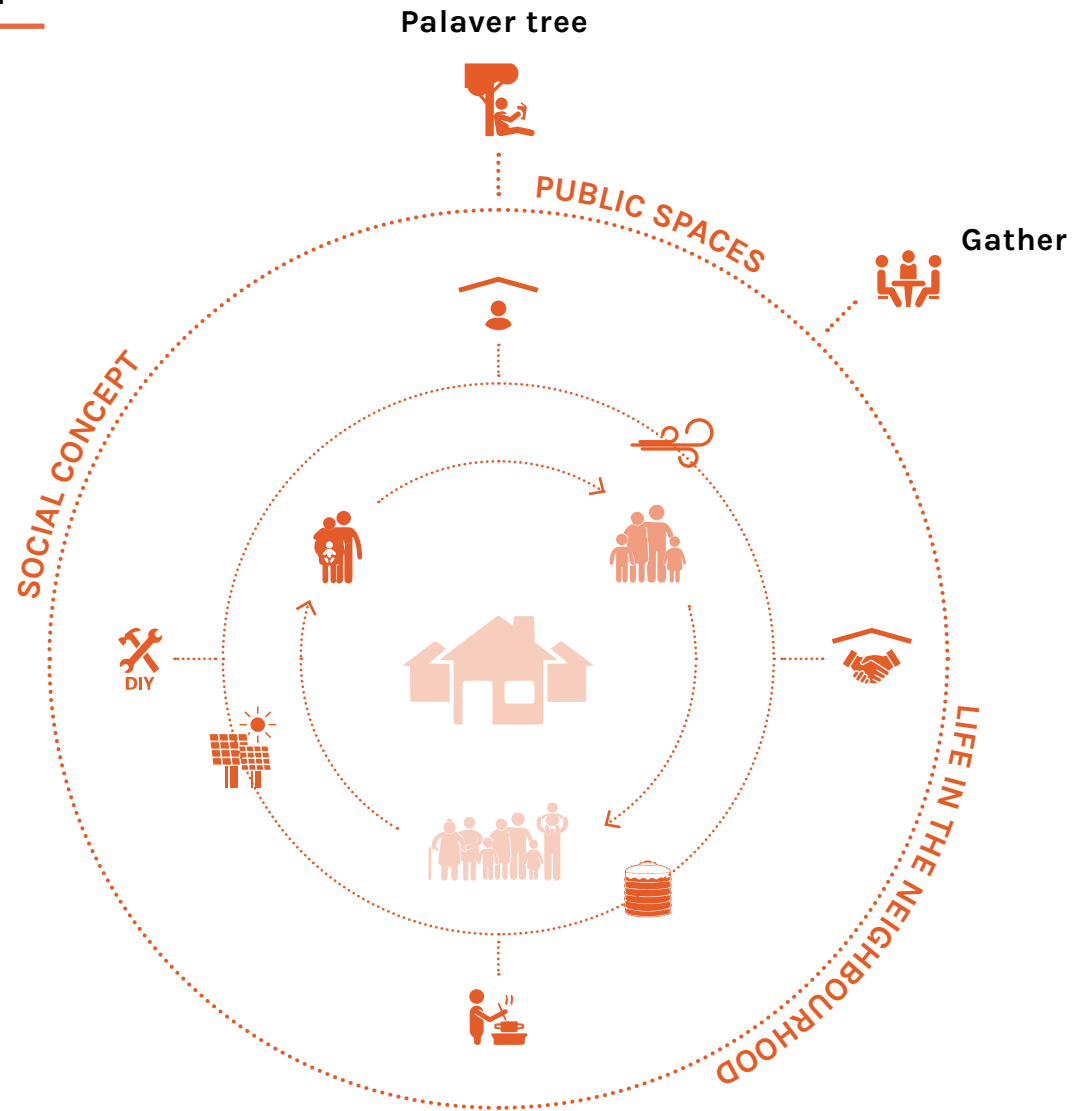
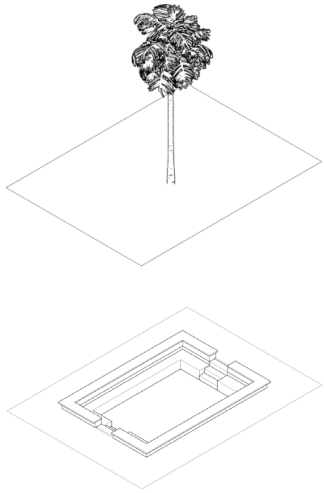
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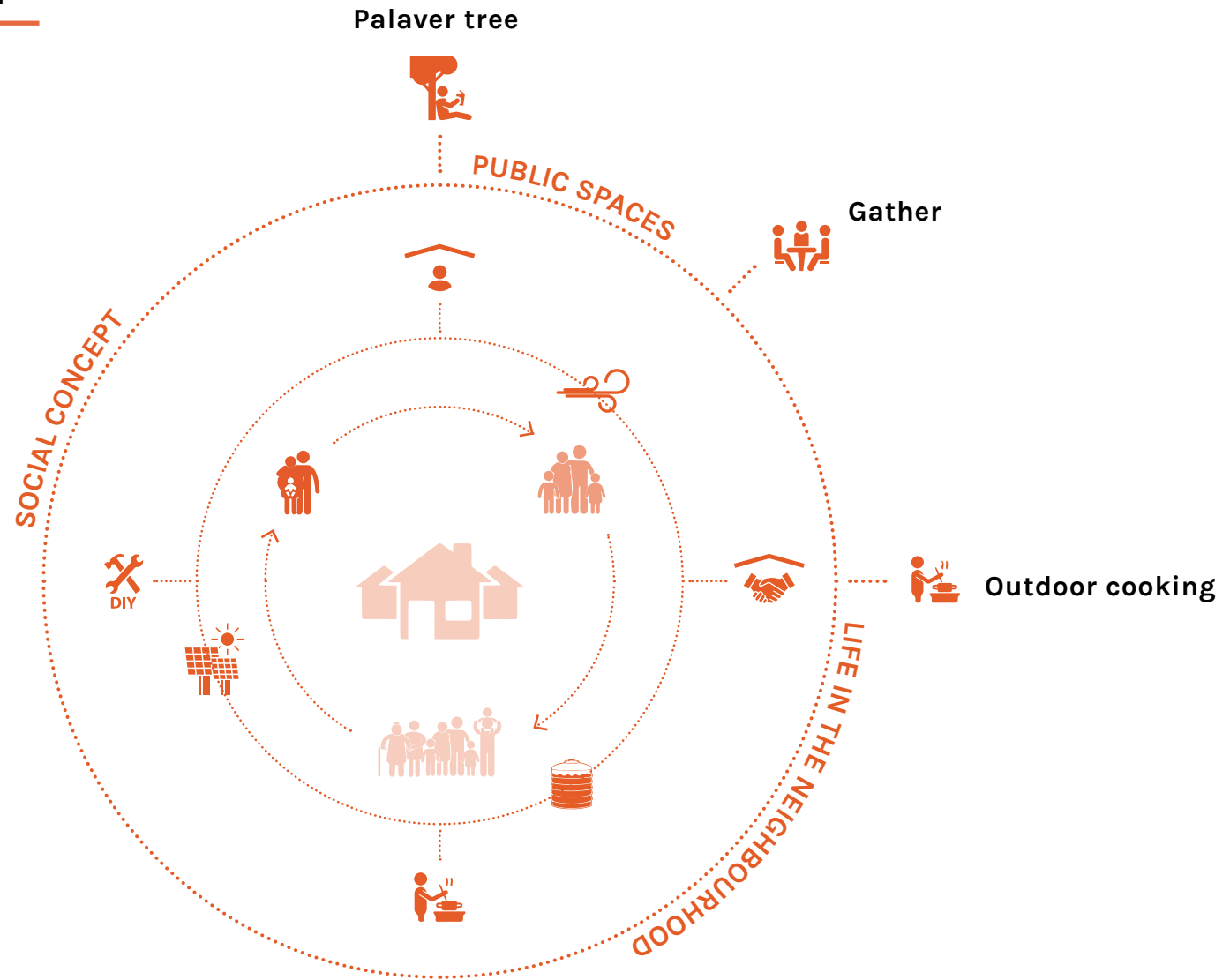
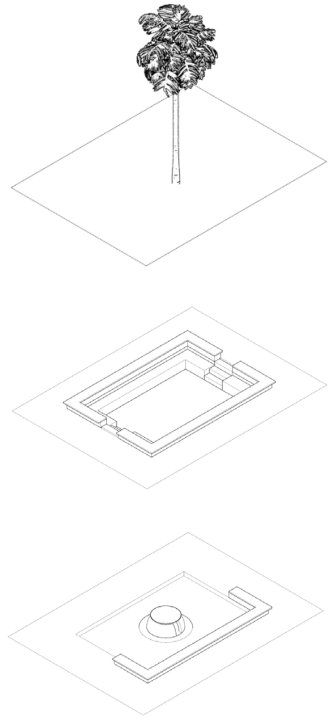
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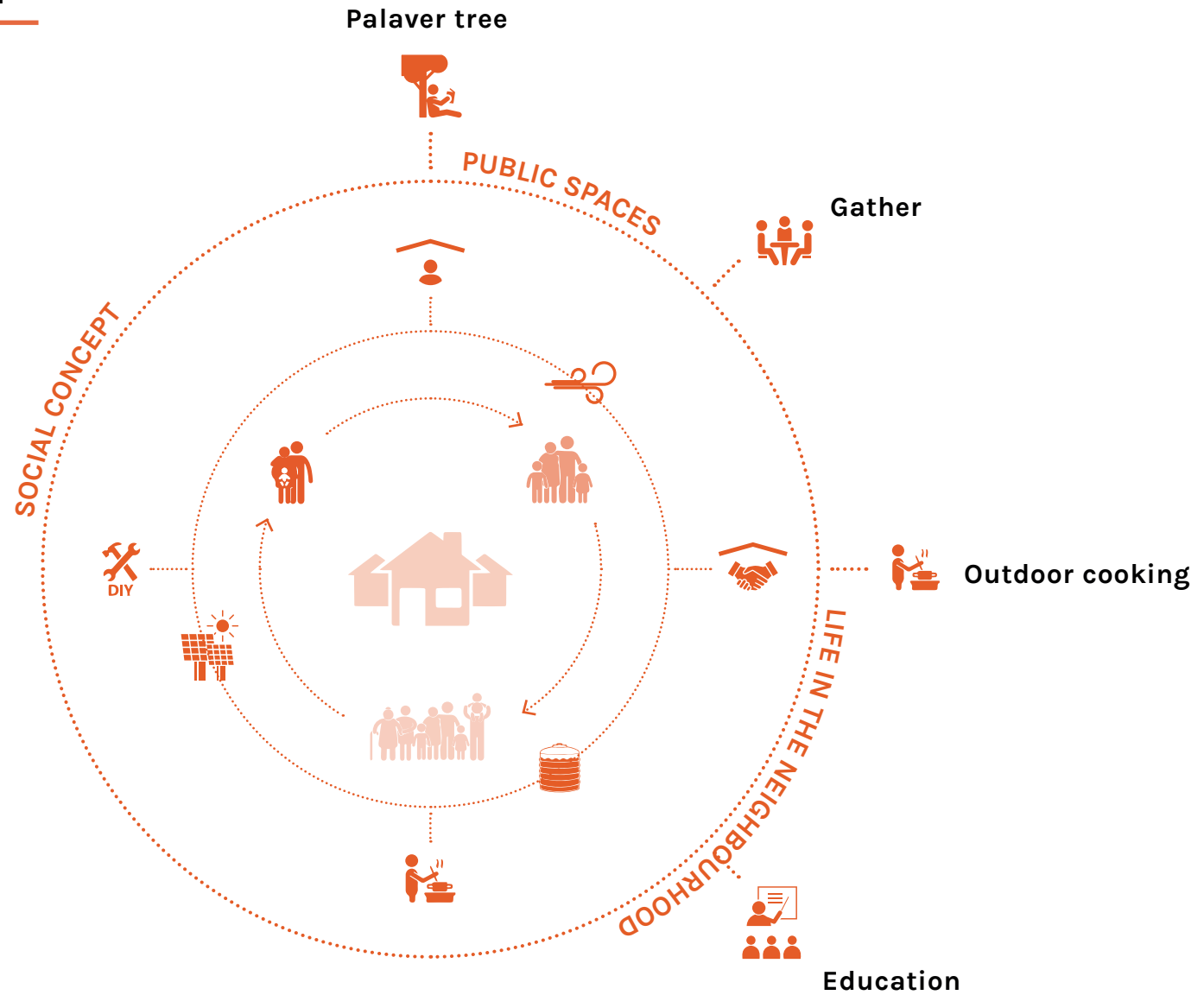
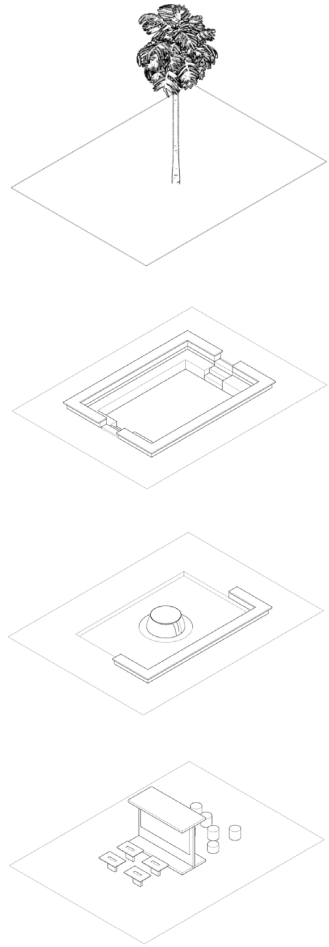
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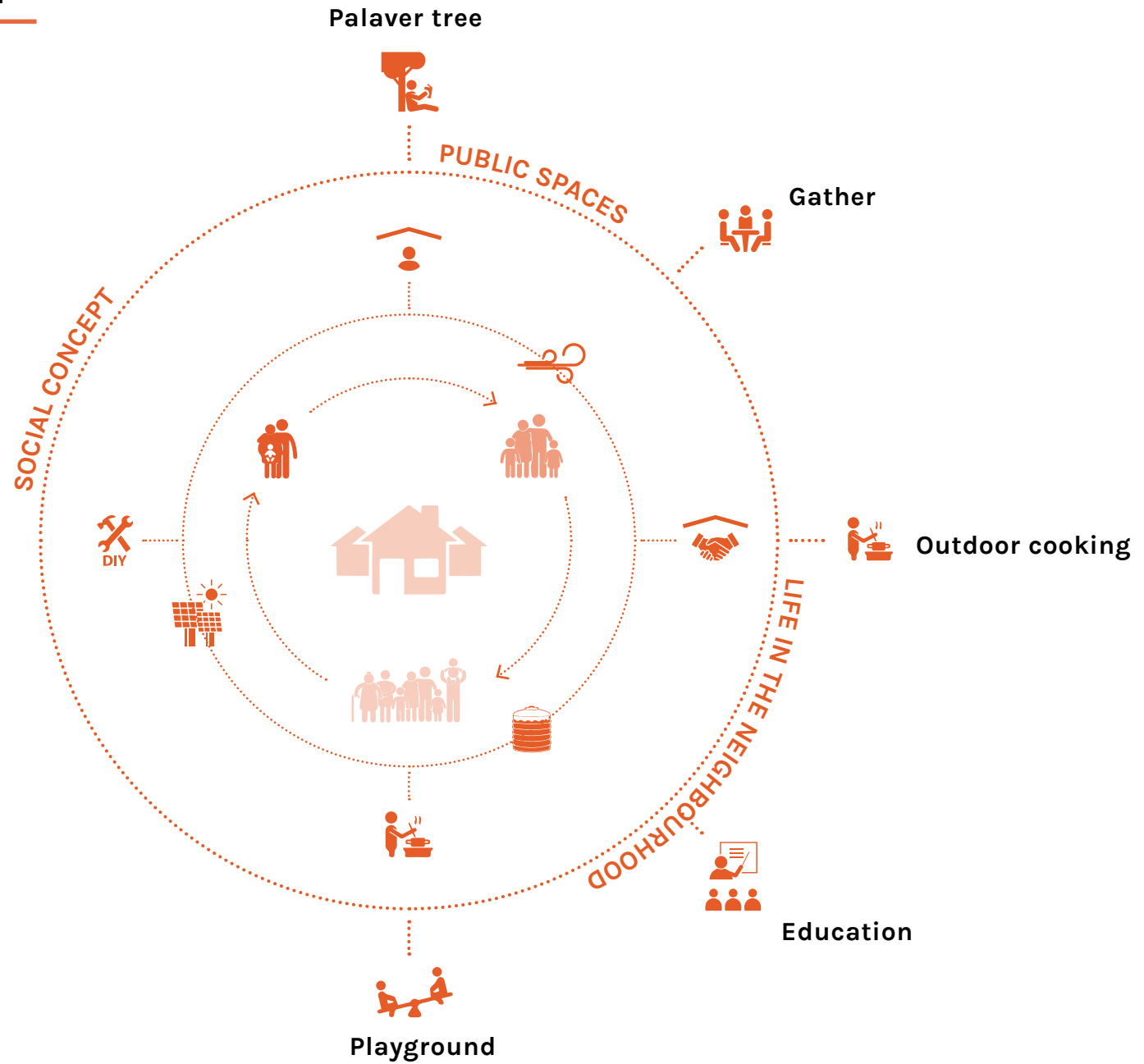
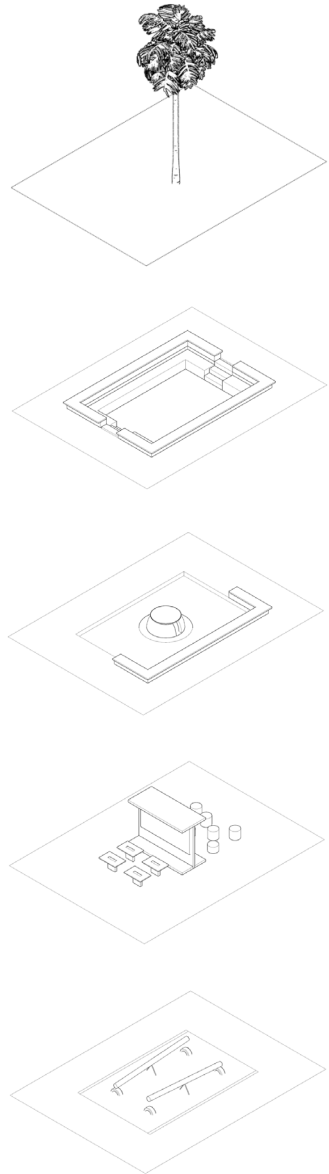
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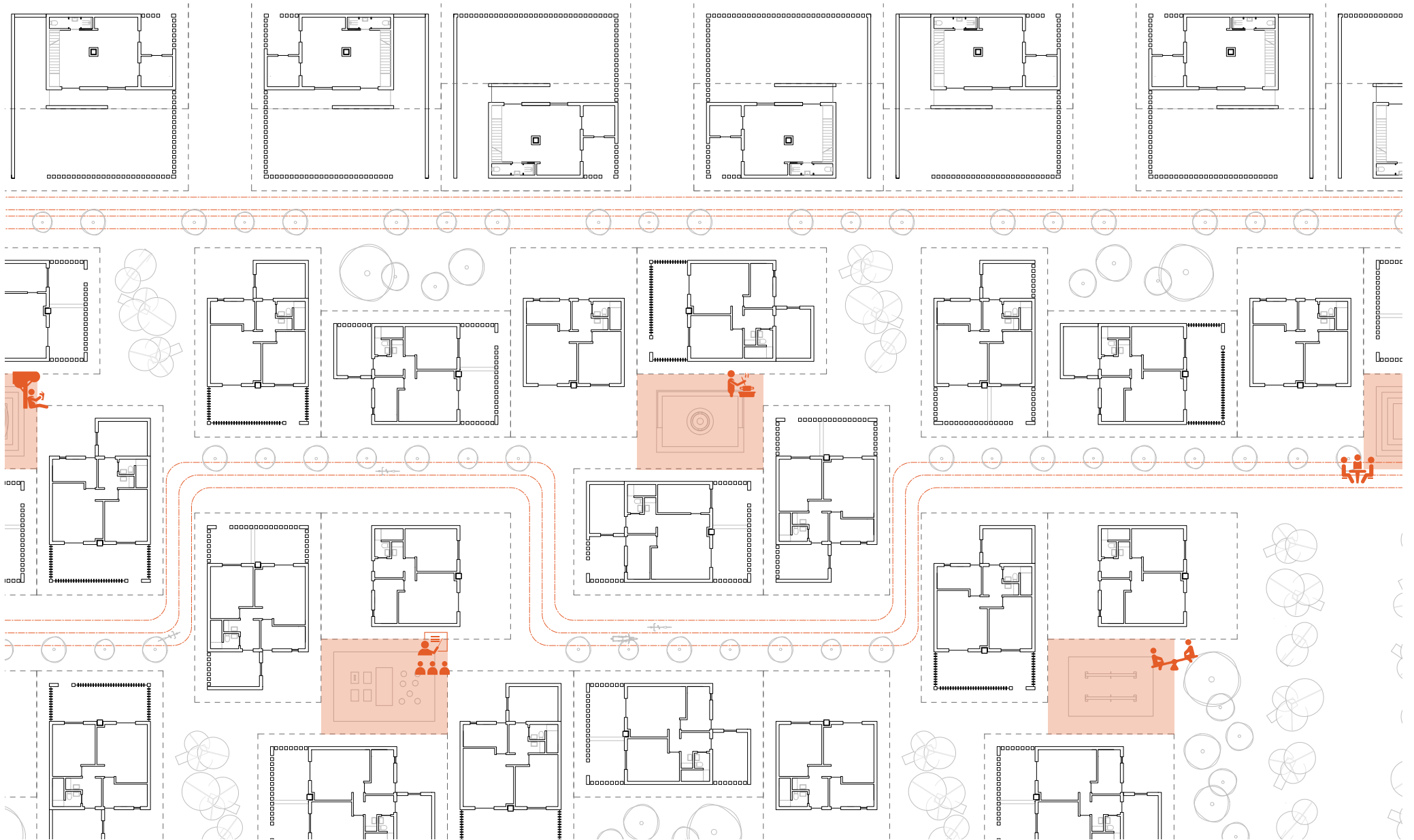
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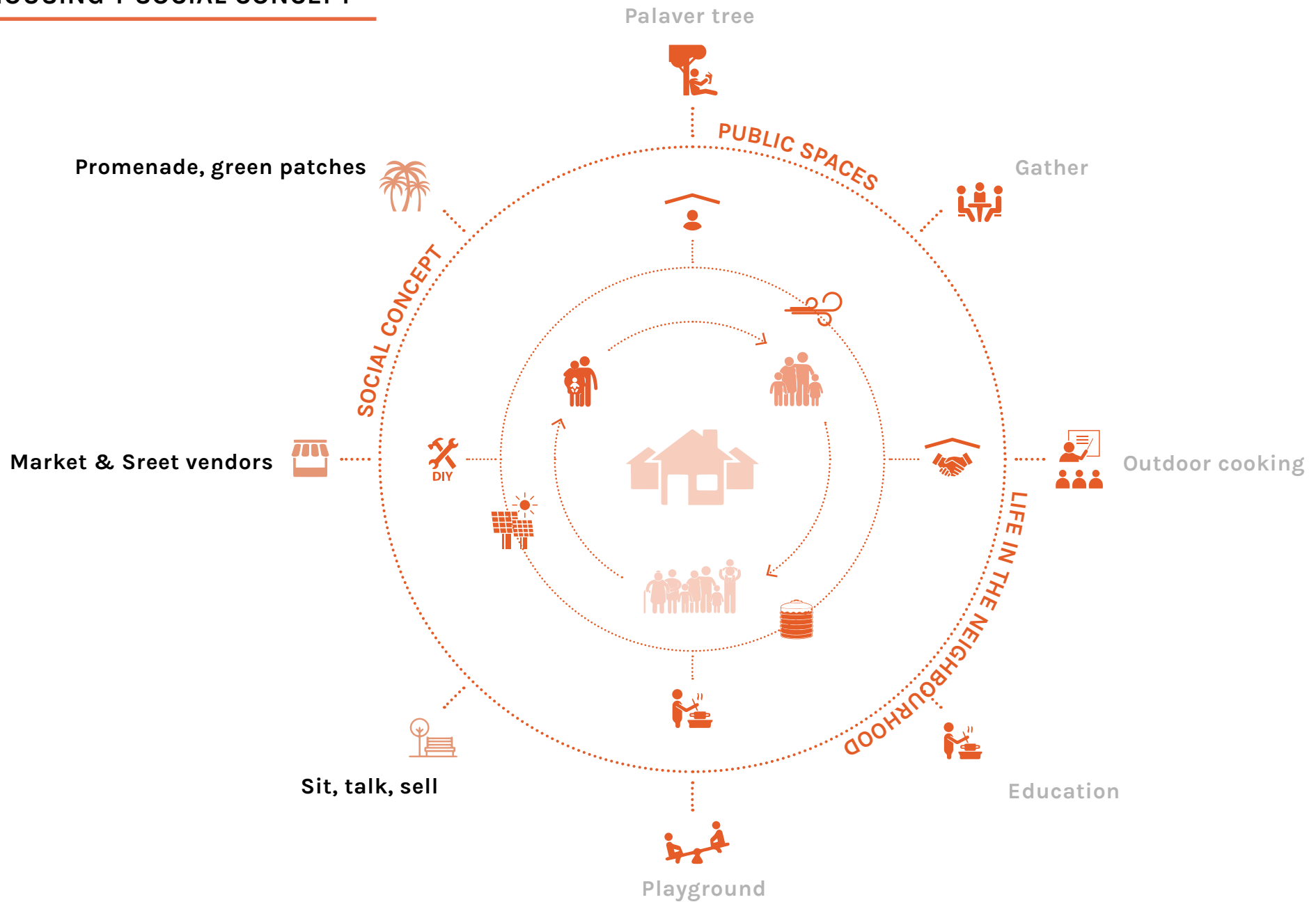
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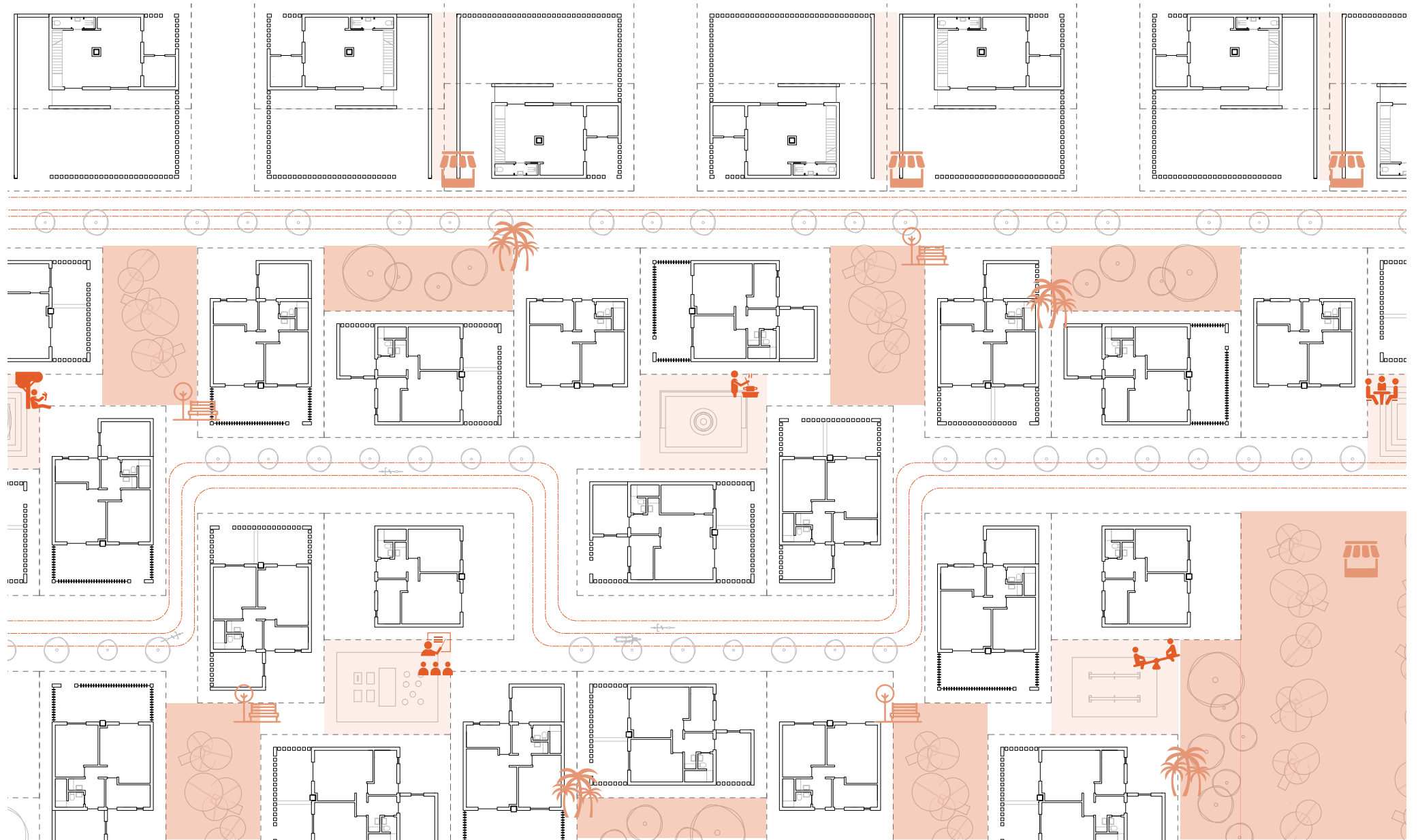
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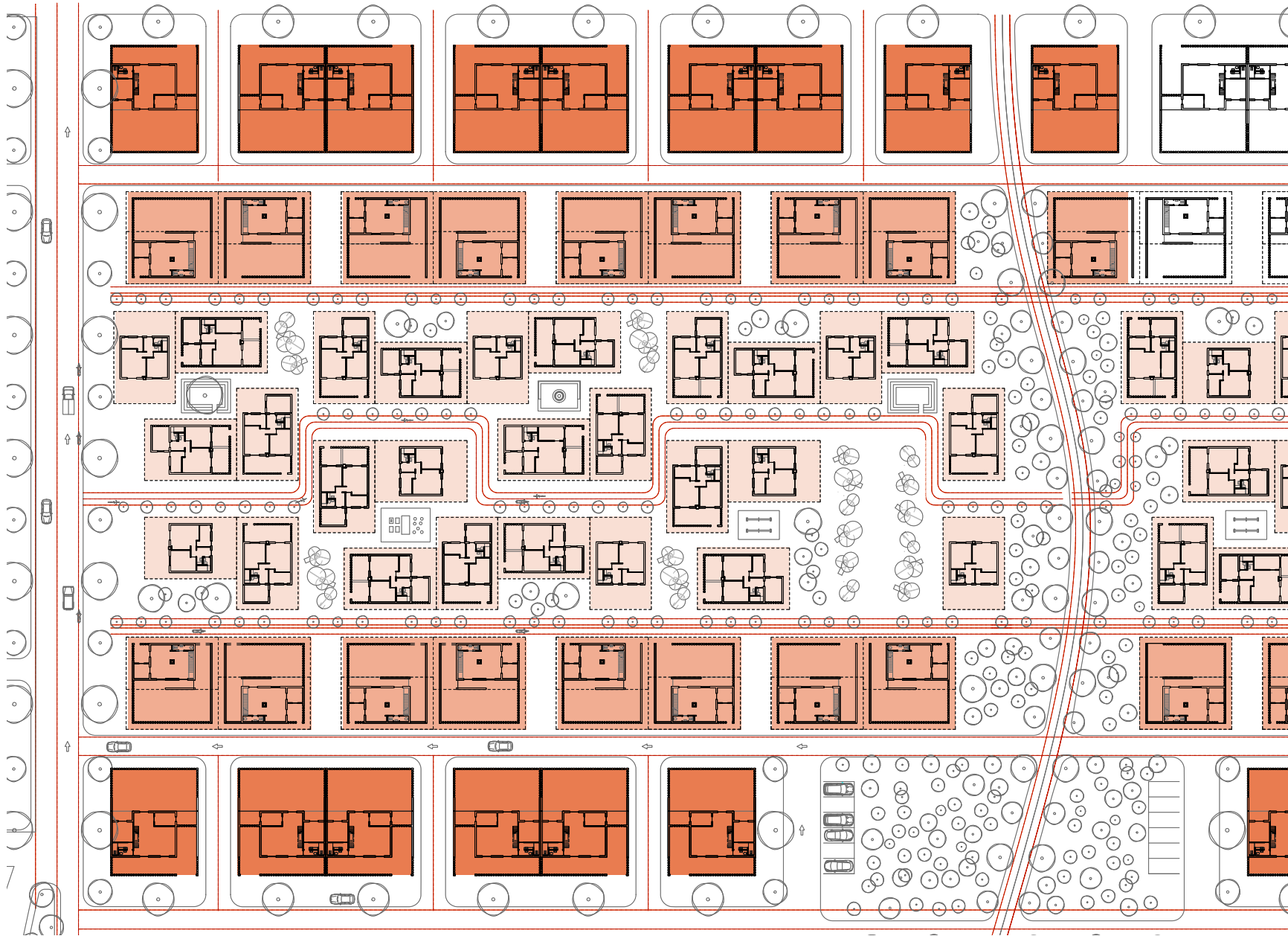
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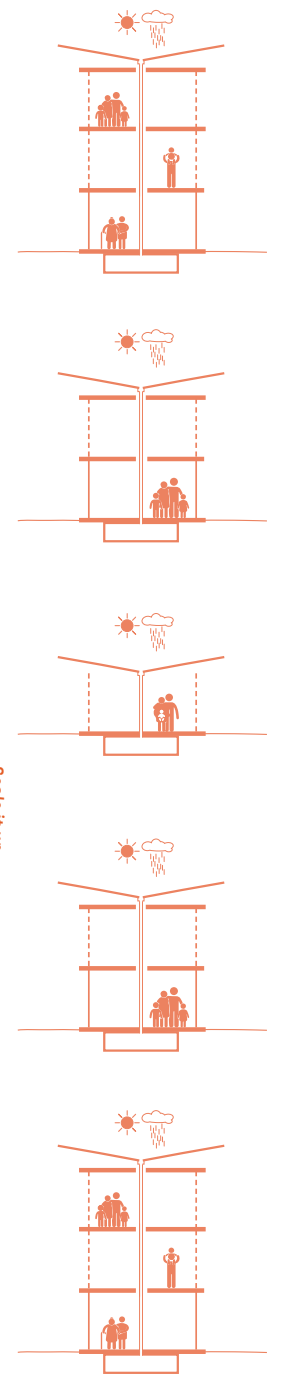


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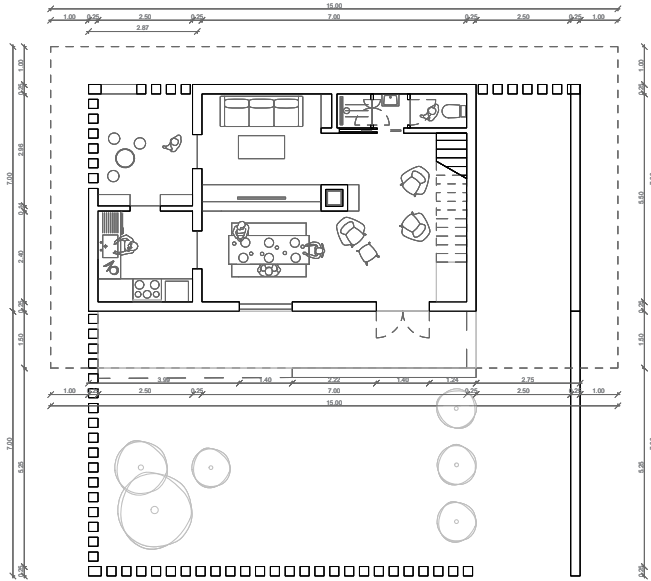


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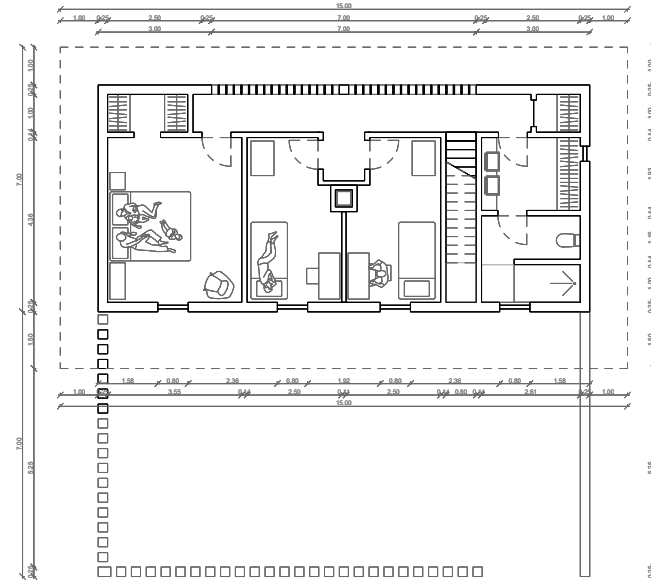
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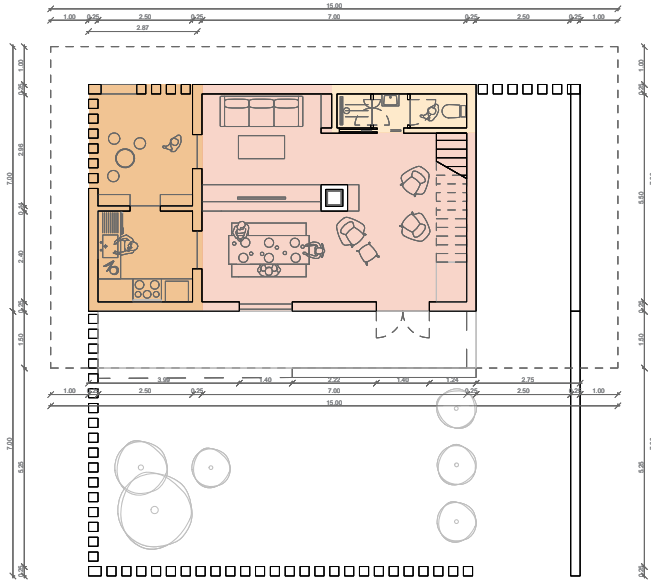


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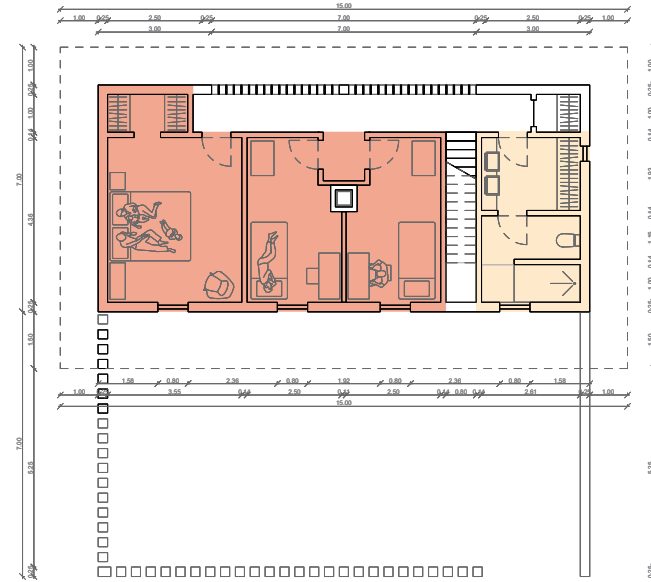
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Program



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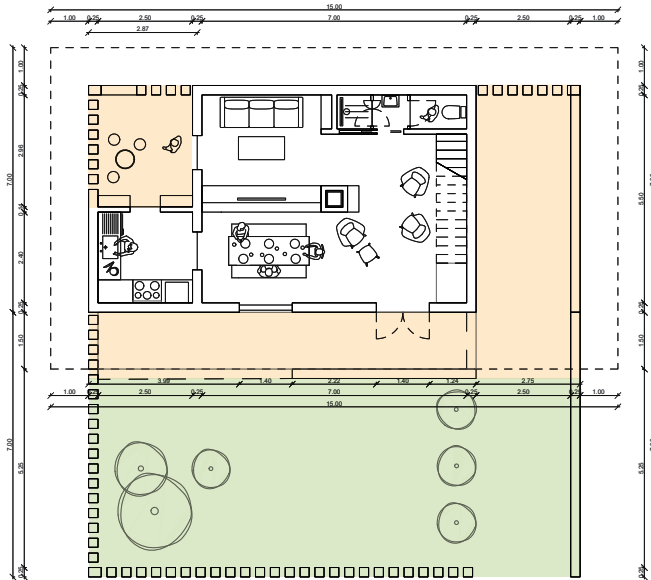
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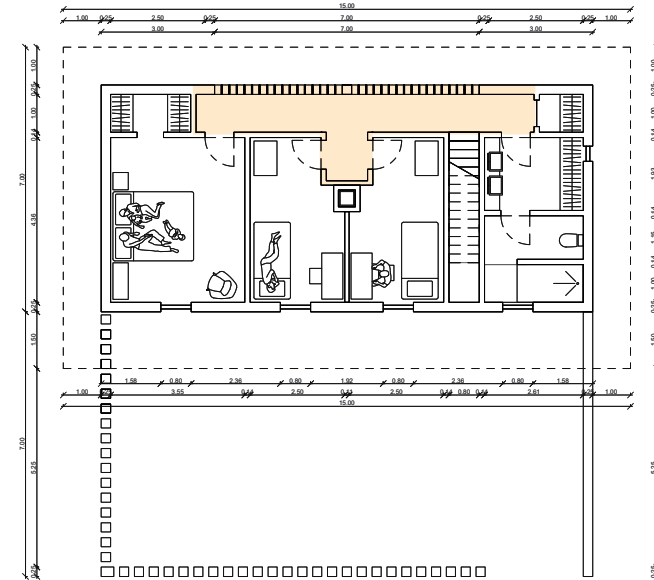
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- Kitchen
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Outdoor Living



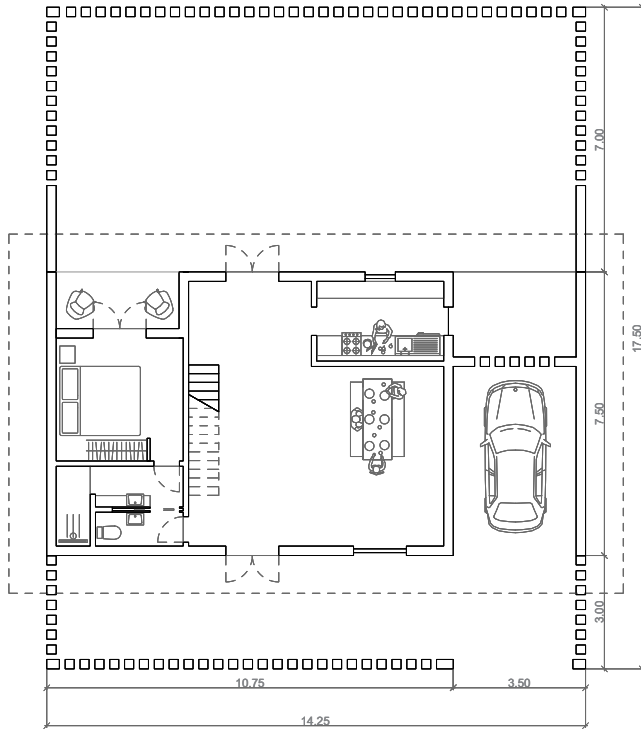
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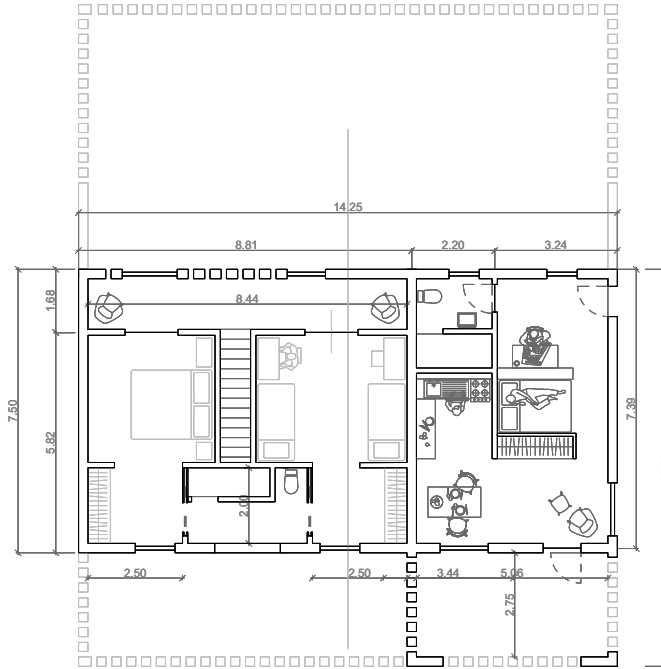
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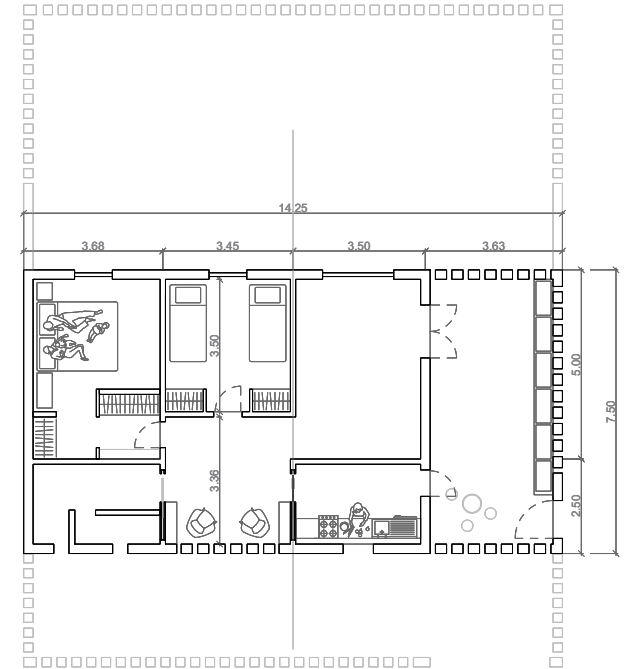
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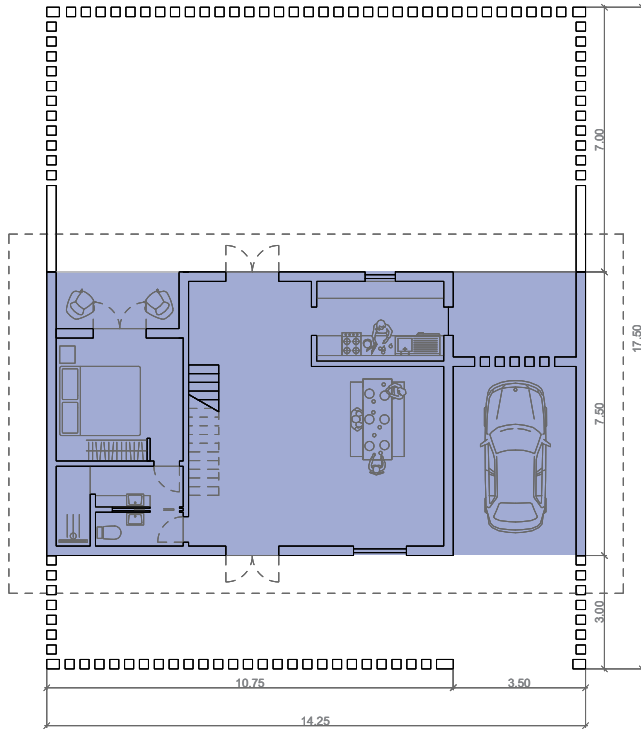


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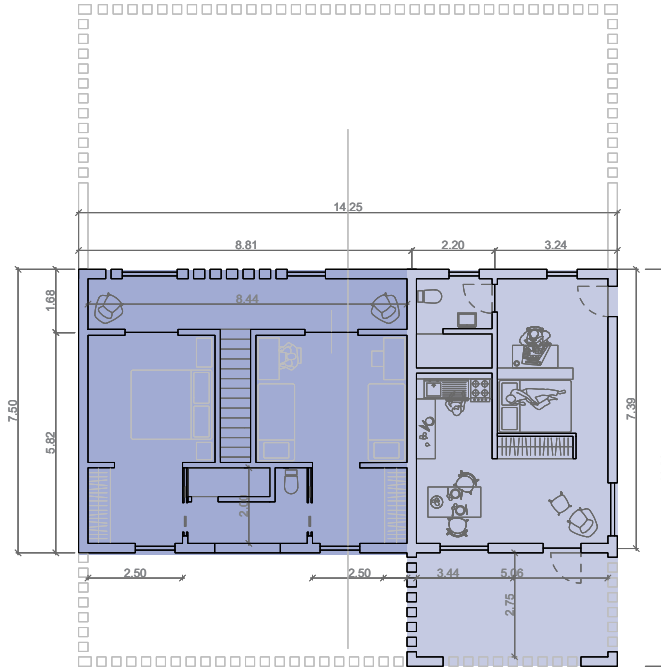




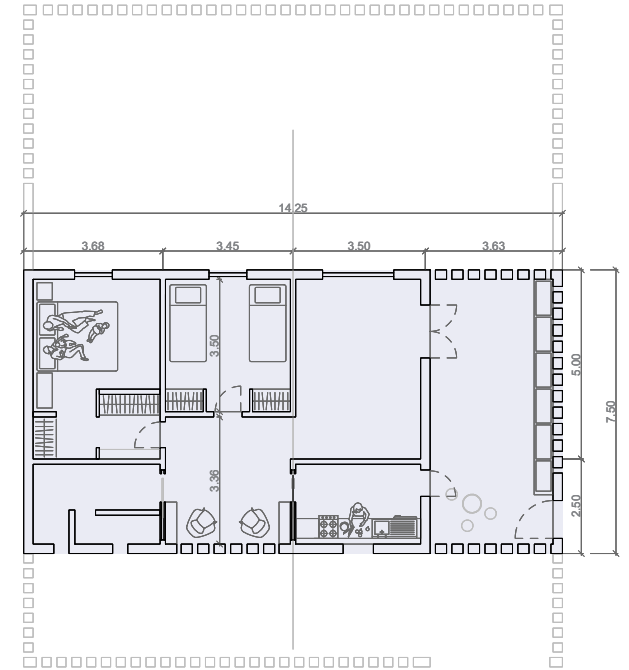
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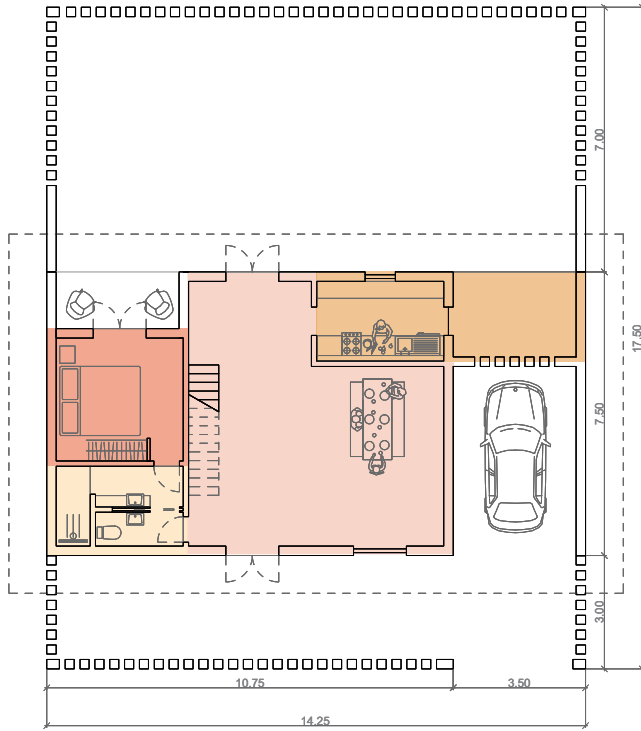
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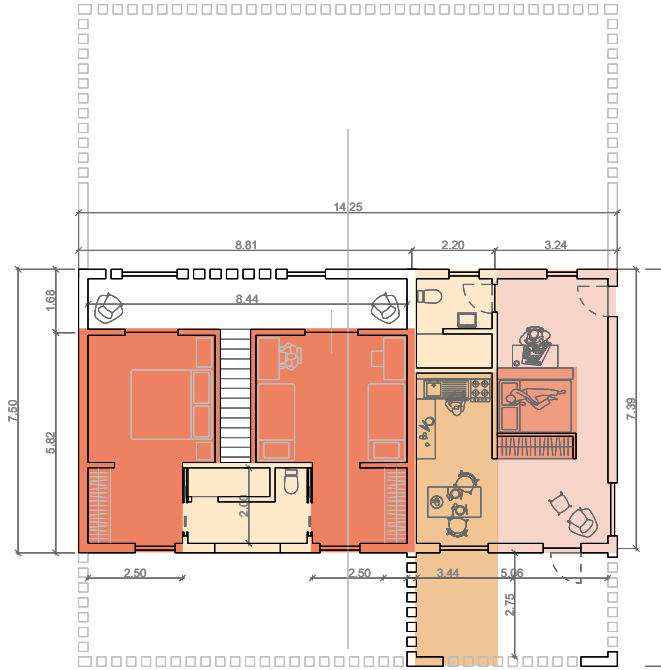
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- Apartment 2 (app. 35m²)
- Apartment 3 (app. 85m²)



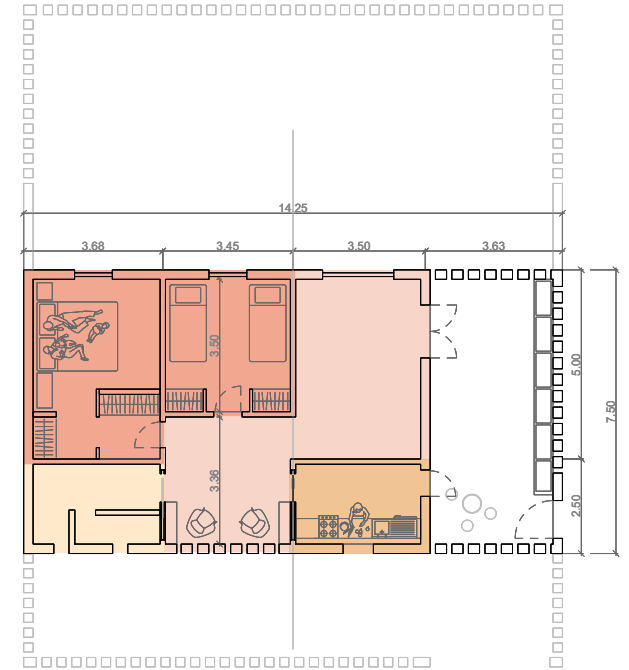
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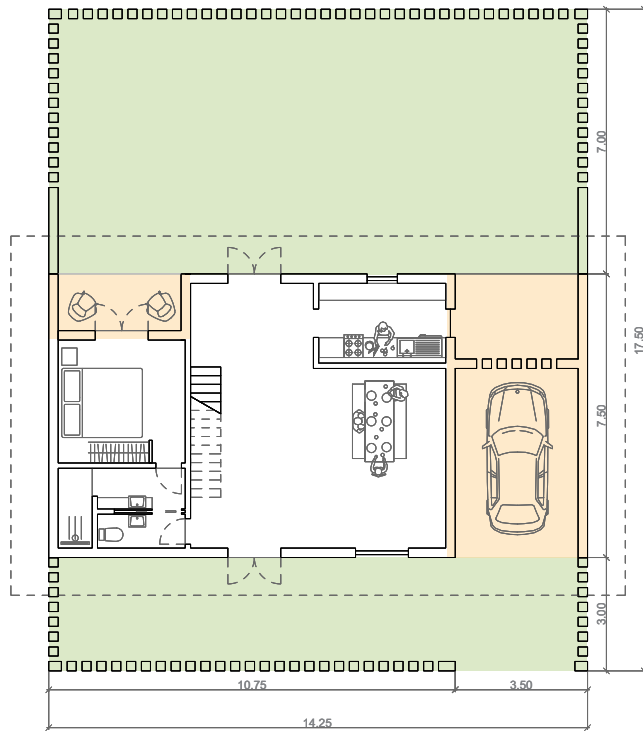
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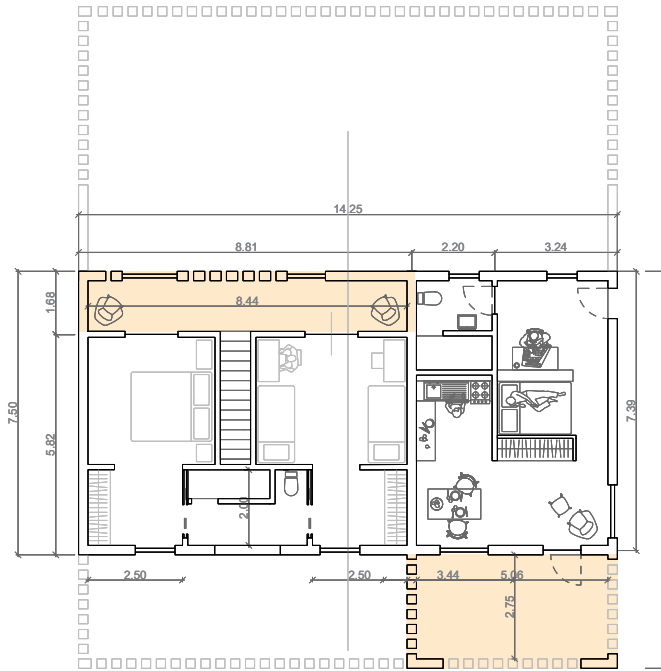
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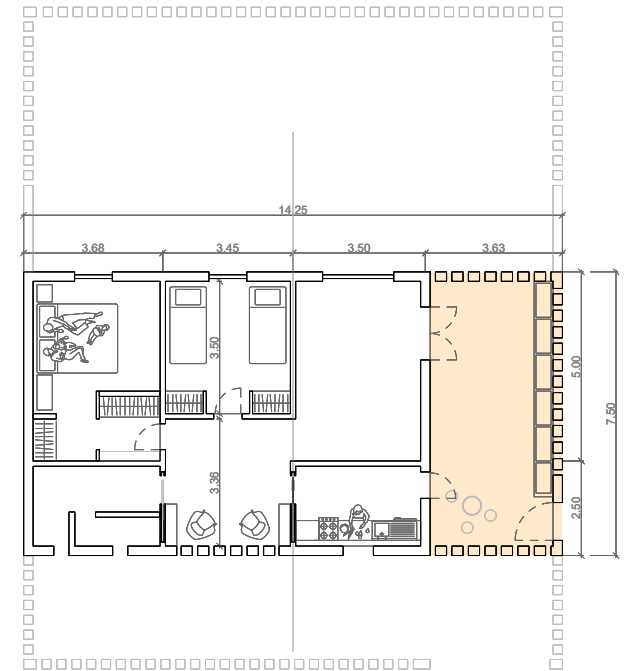
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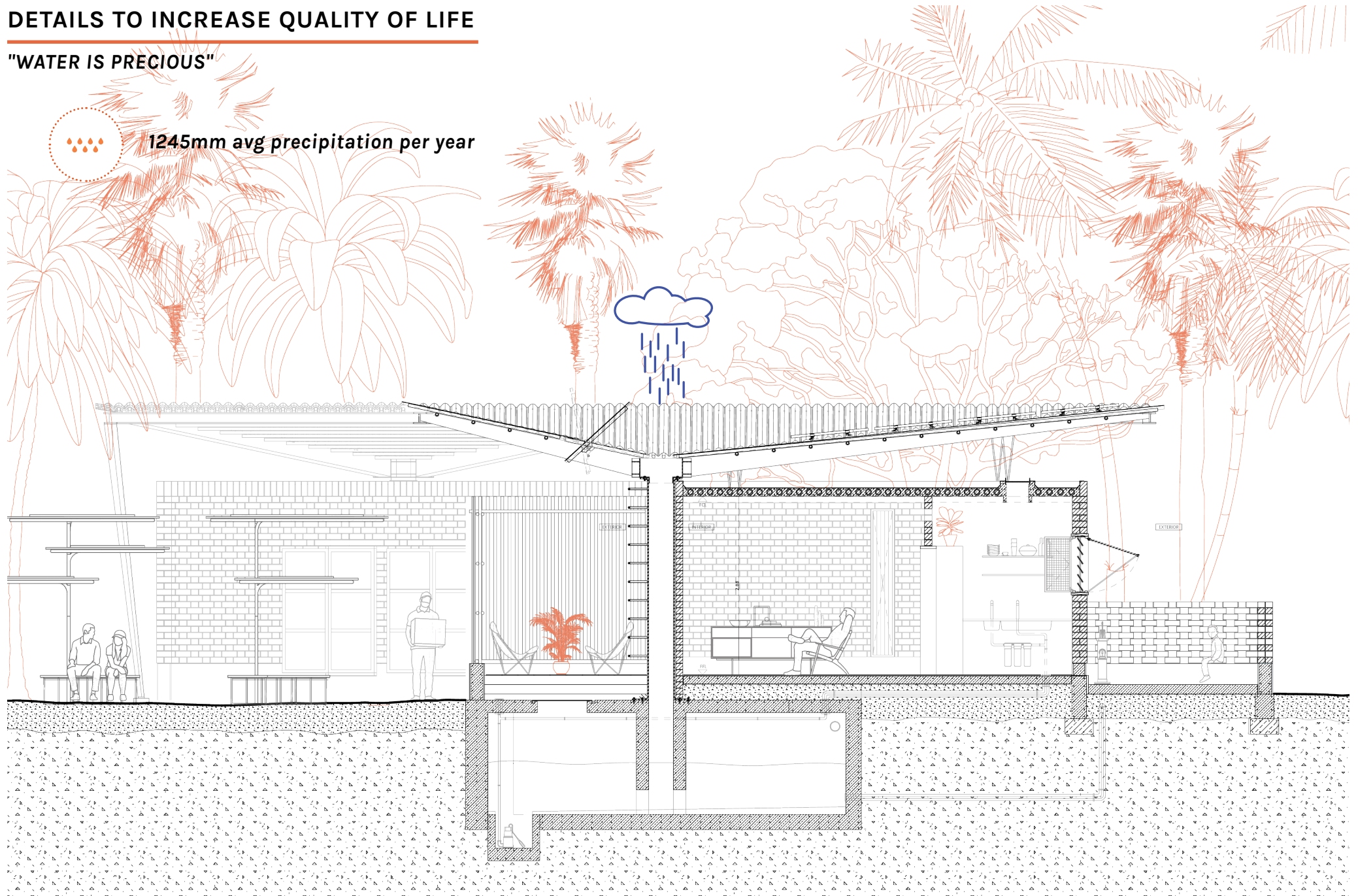
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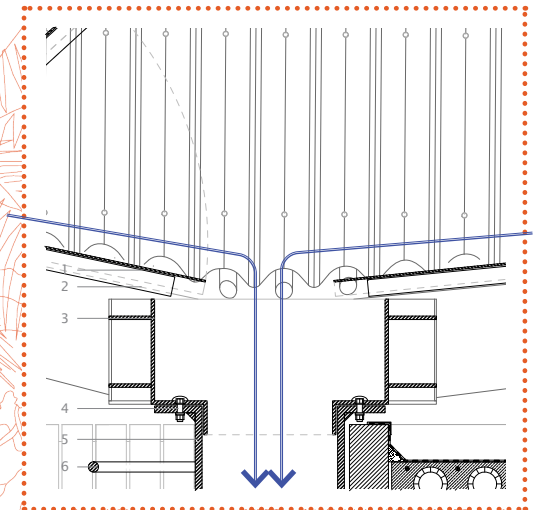


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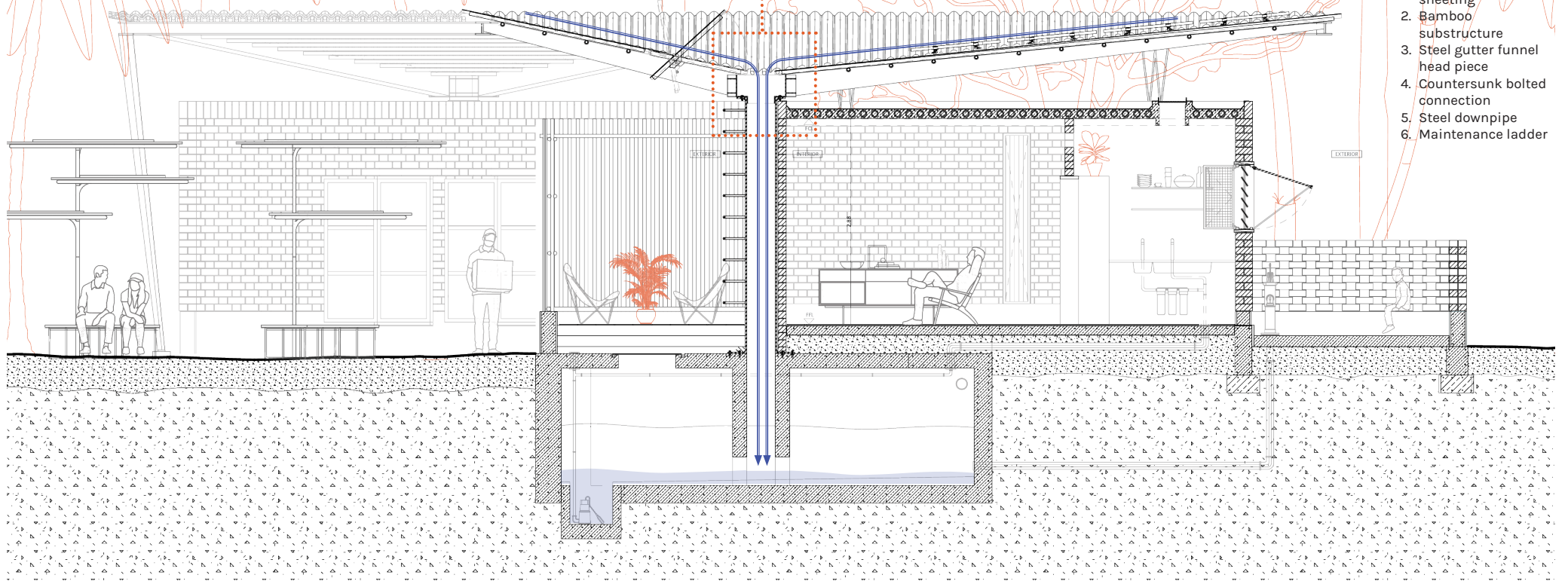
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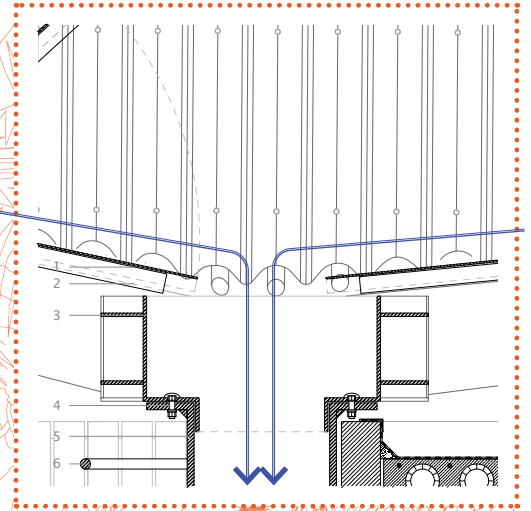


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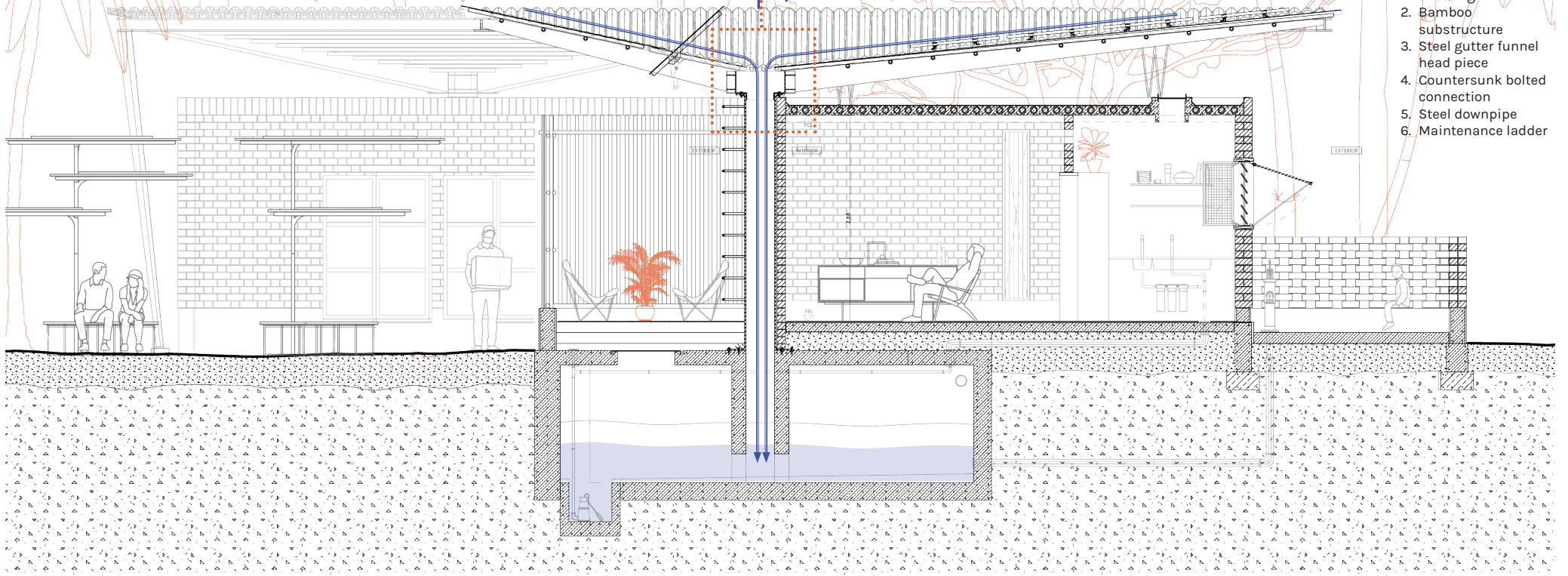
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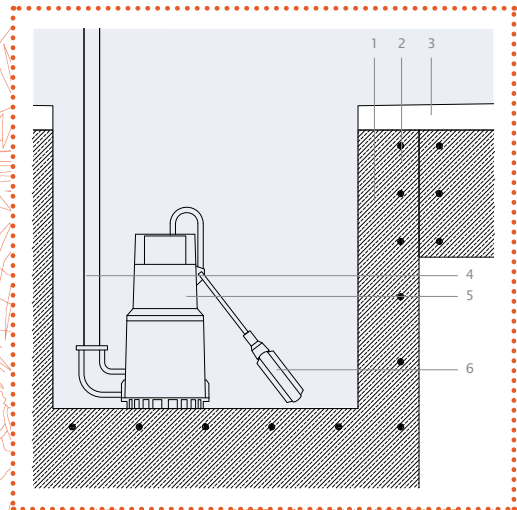
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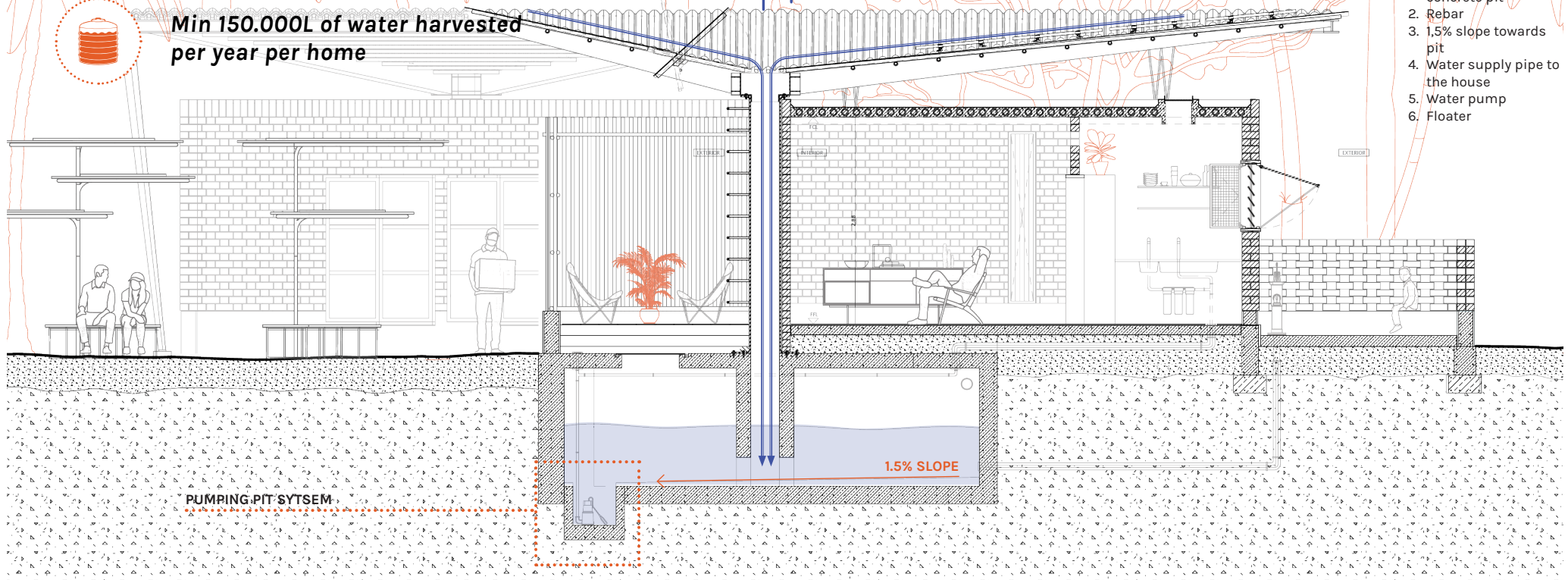


Min 150.000L of water harvested per year per home



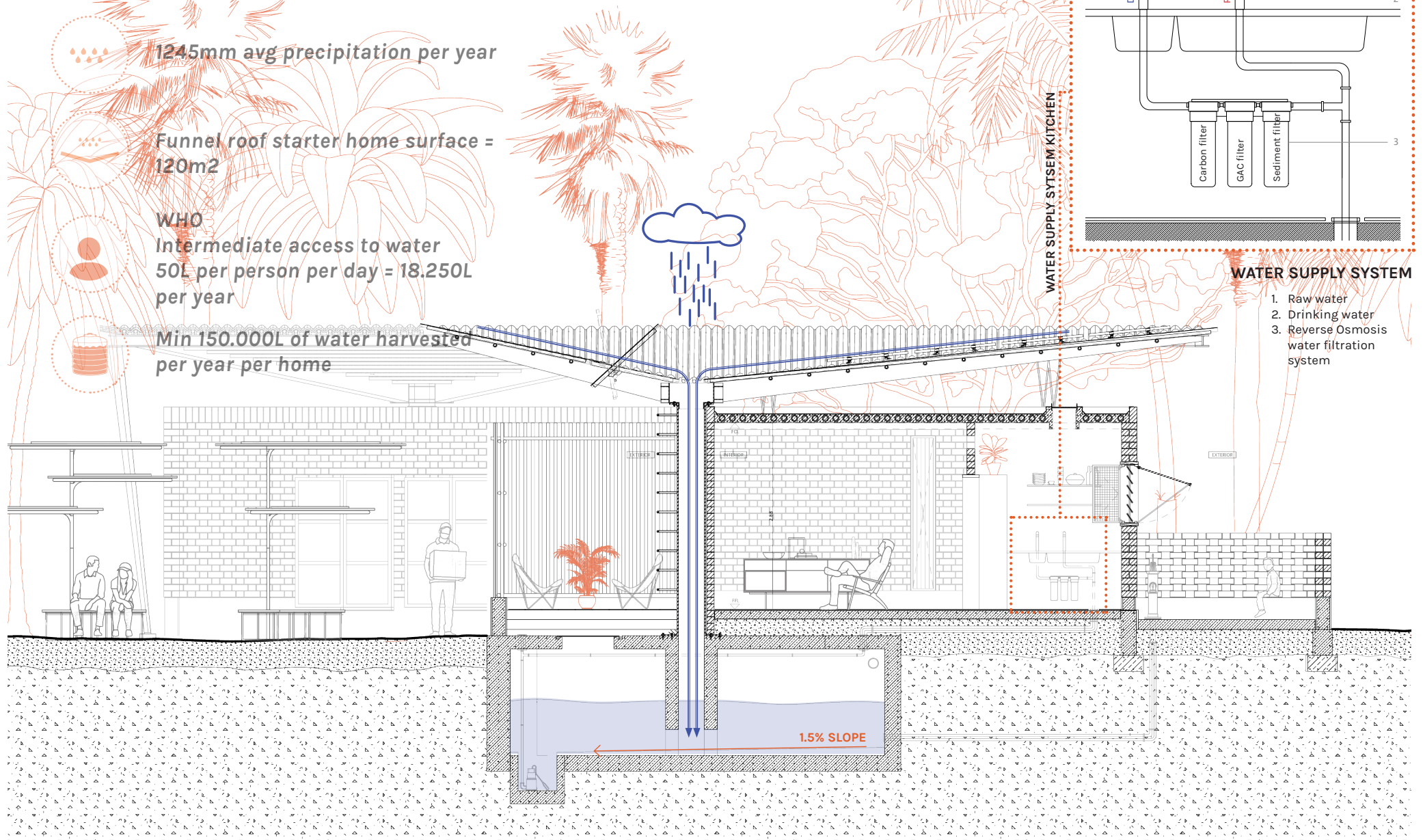
PUMPING PIT SYSTEM

1. Prefabricated concrete pit
2. Rebar
3. 1,5% slope towards pit
4. Water supply pipe to the house
5. Water pump
6. Floater



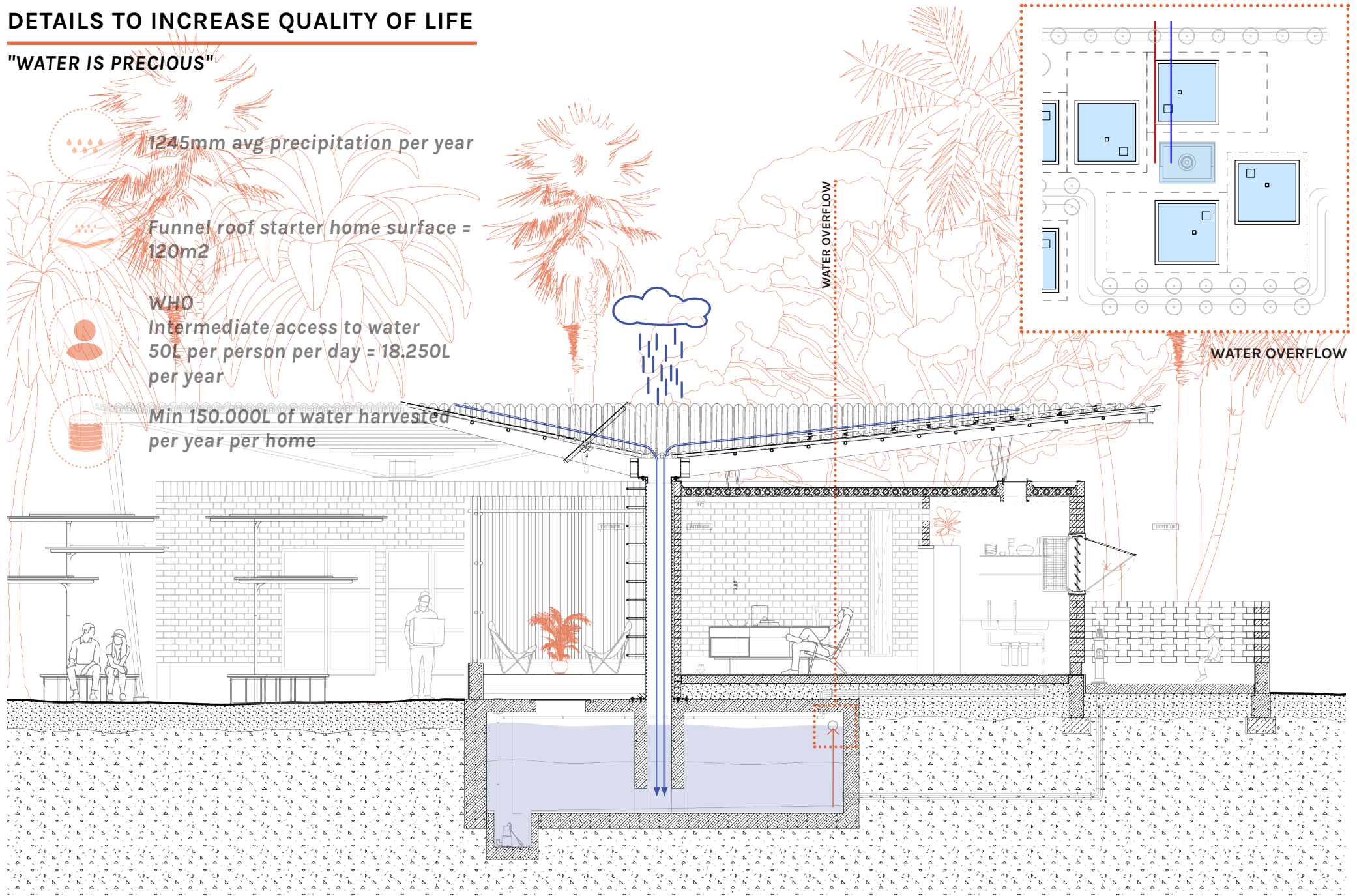
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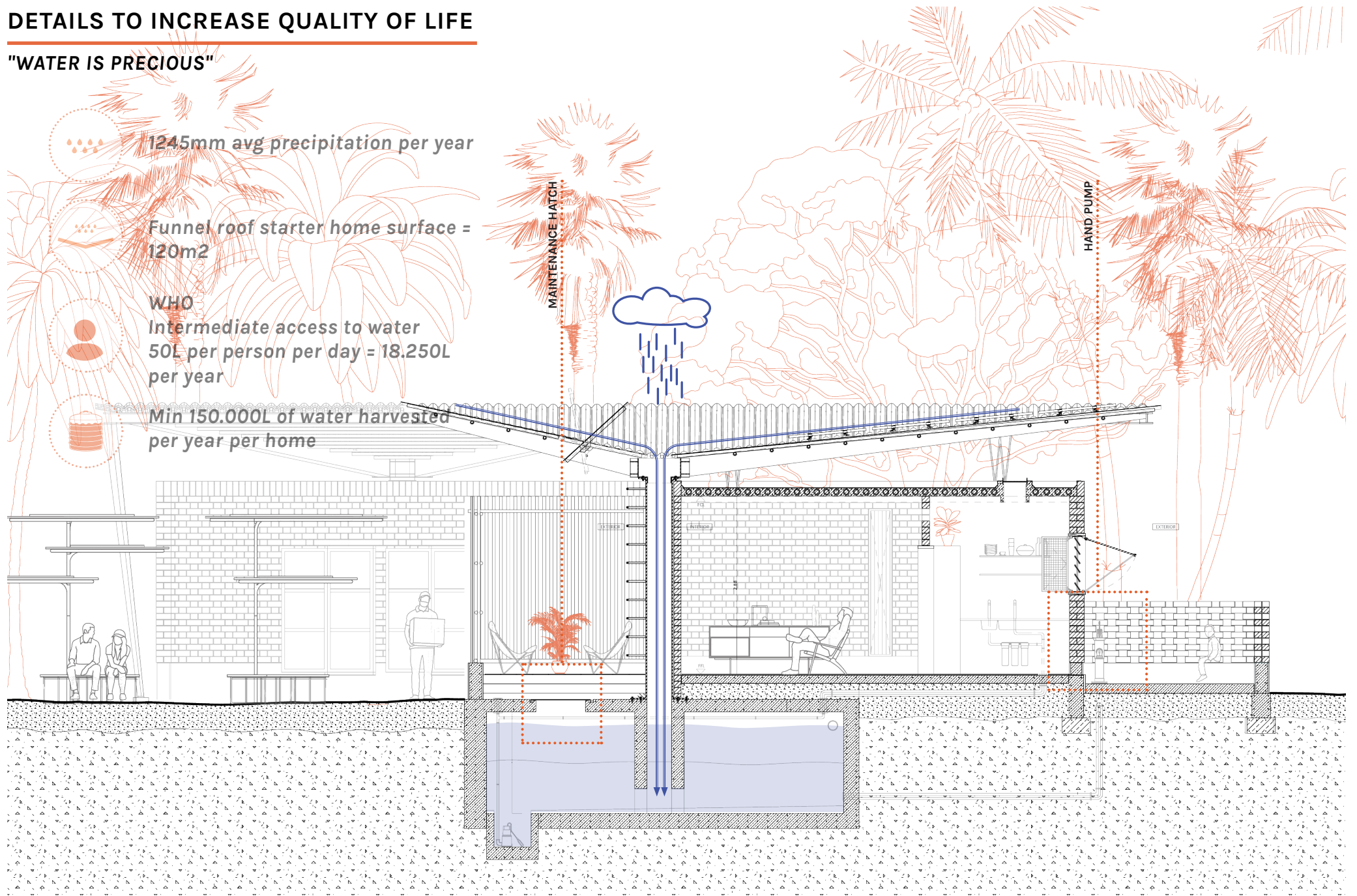
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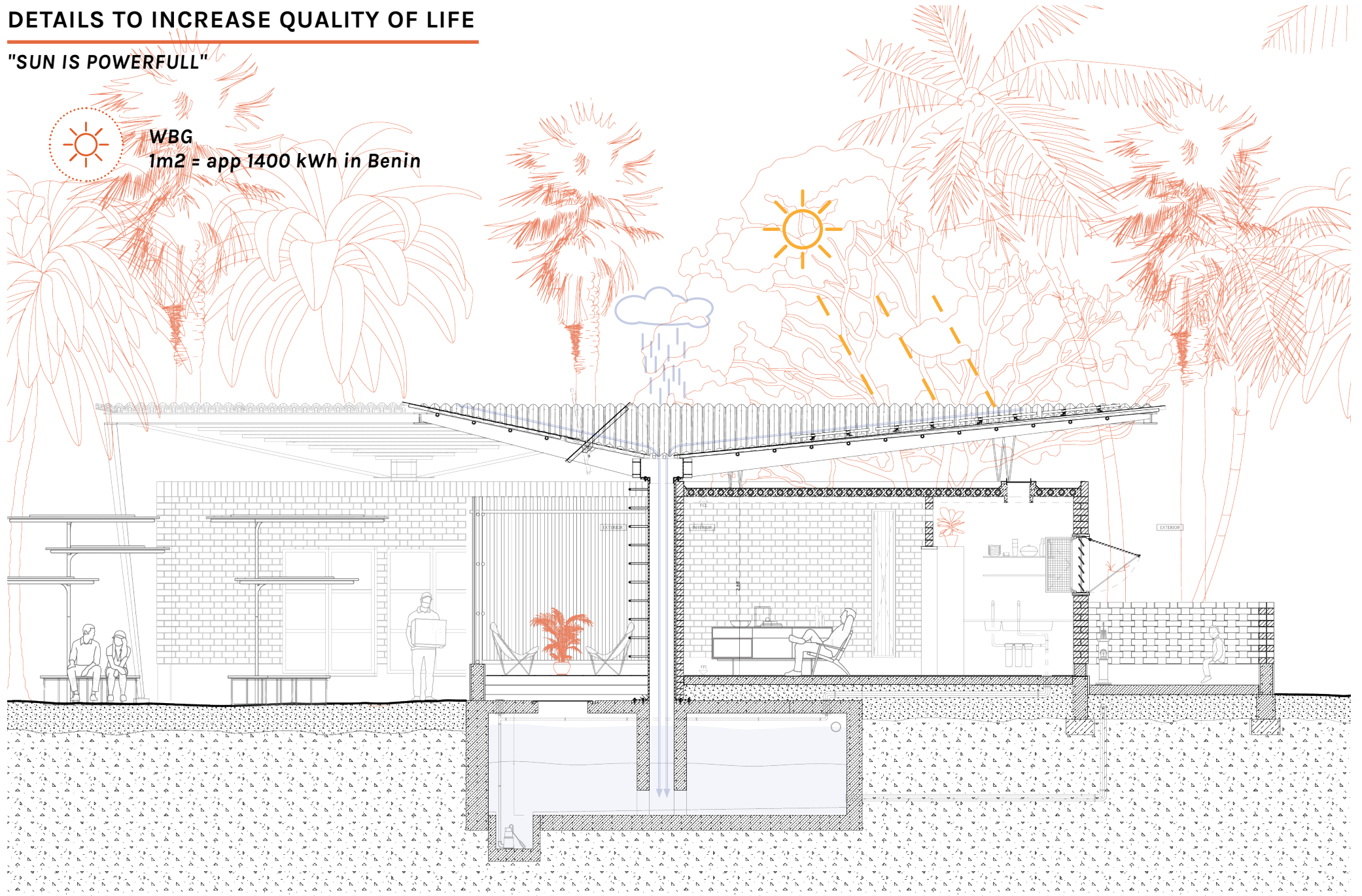


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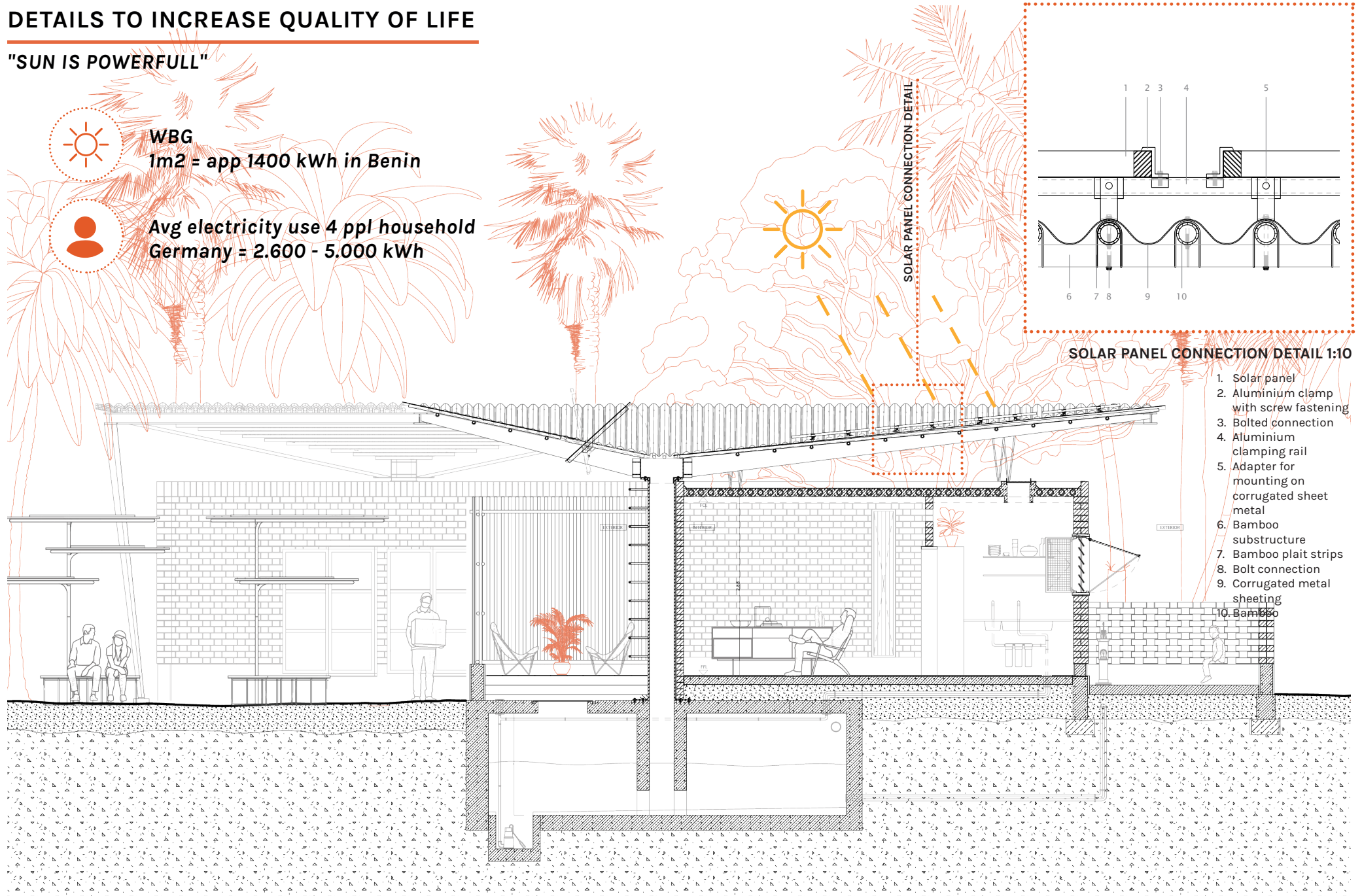
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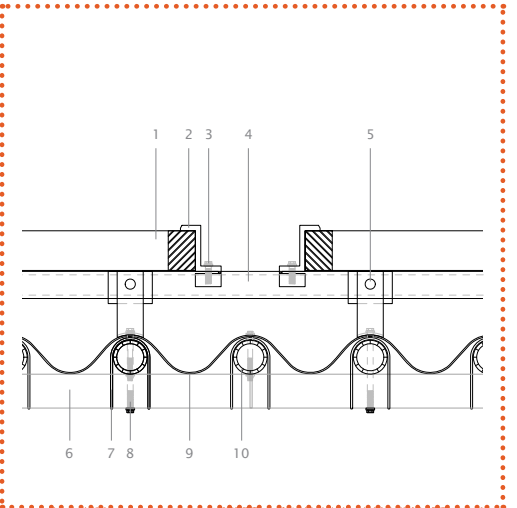
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9. Corrugated metal sheeting
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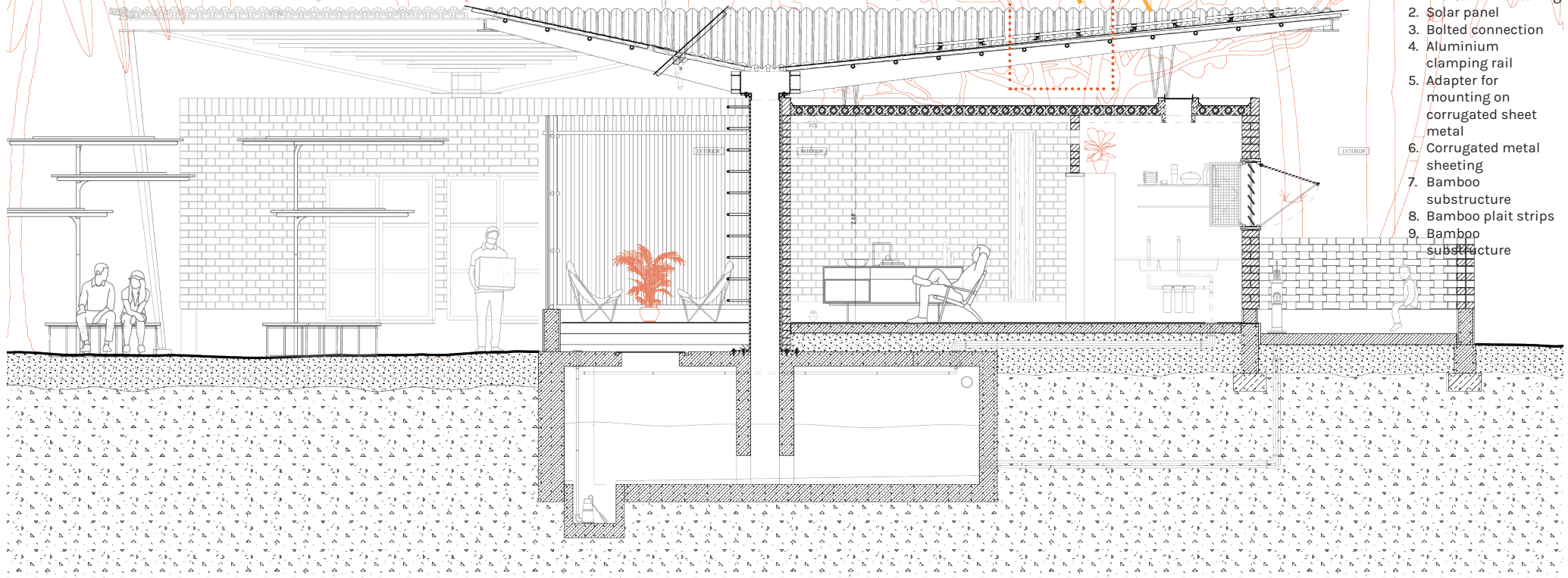
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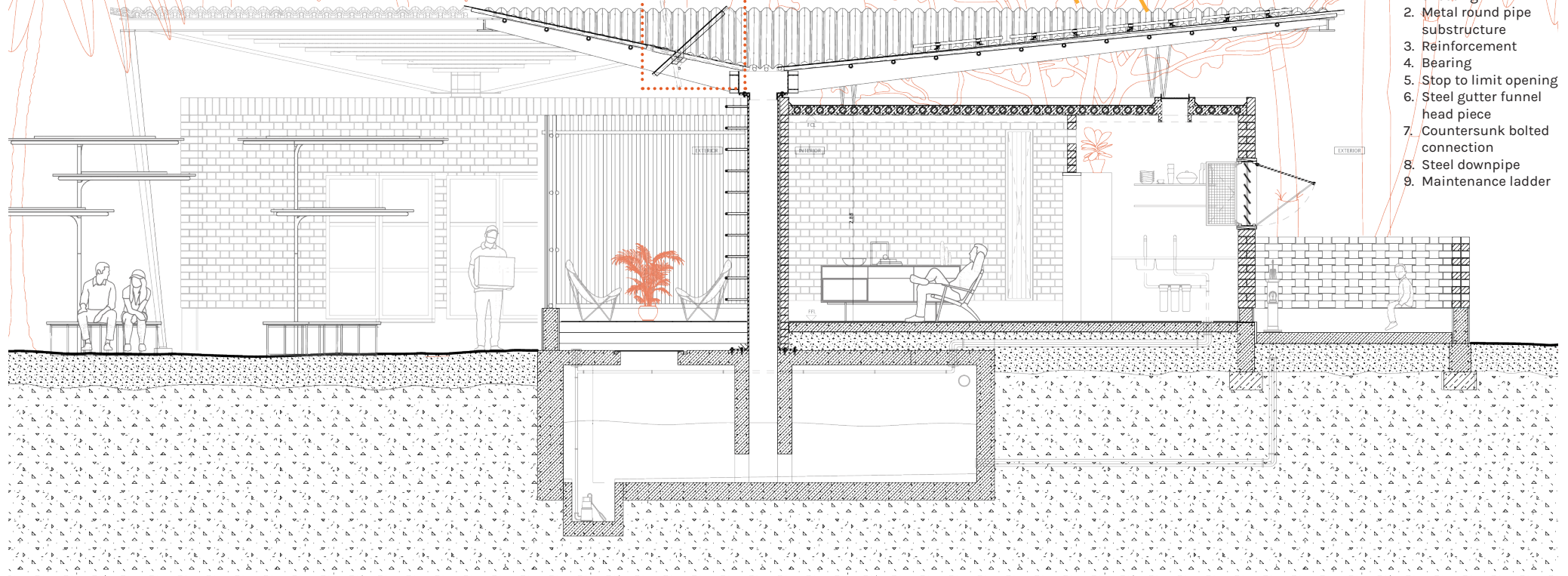
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ROOF MAINTENANCE HATCH DETAIL

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1. Corrugated metal sheeting
2. Metal round pipe substructure
3. Reinforcement
4. Bearing
5. Stop to limit opening
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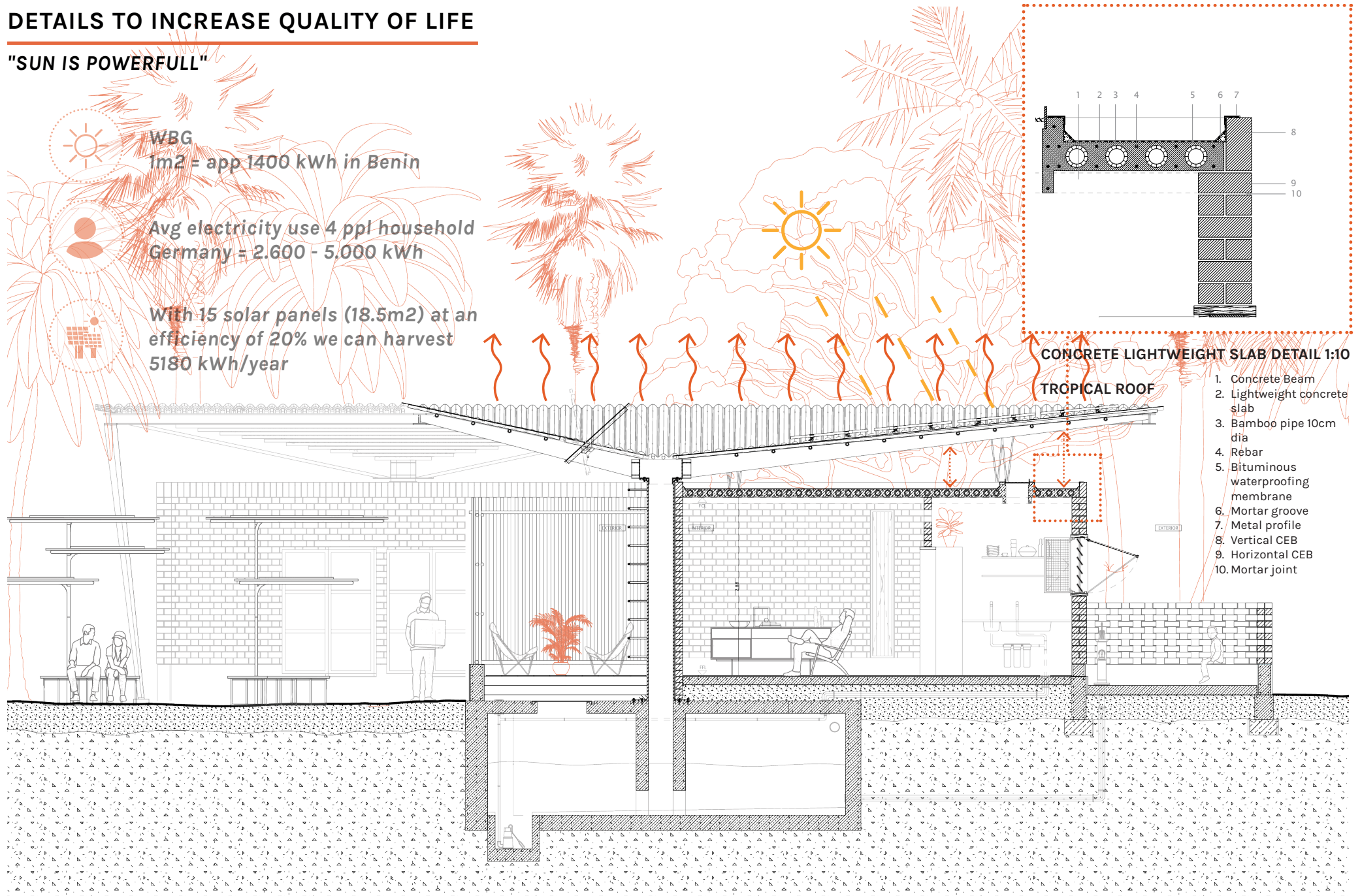
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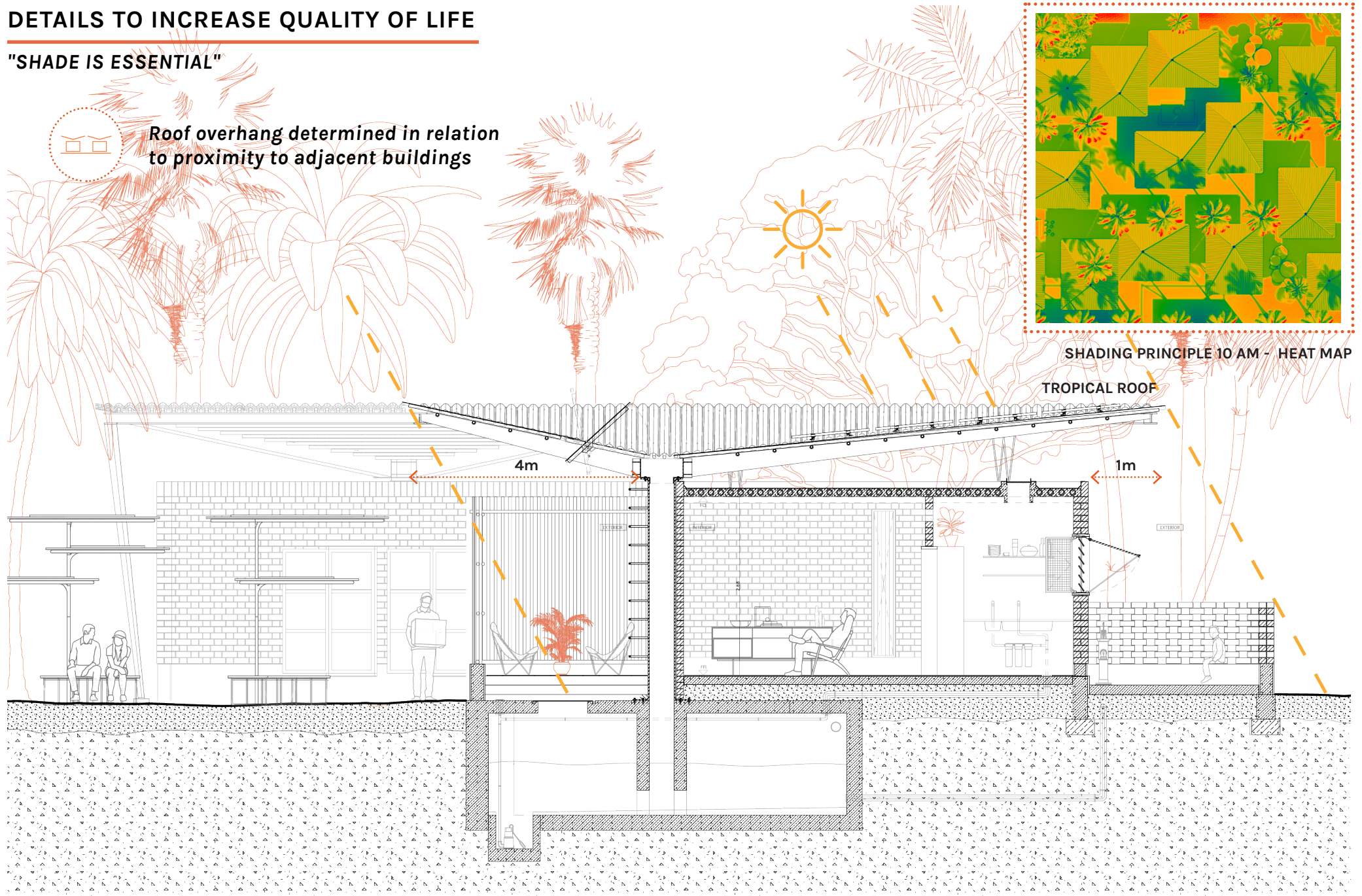


CONCRETE LIGHTWEIGHT SLAB DETAIL 1:10

- 1. Concrete Beam
- 2. Lightweight concrete slab
- 3. Bamboo pipe 10cm dia
- 4. Rebar
- 5. Bituminous waterproofing membrane
- 6. Mortar groove
- 7. Metal profile
- 8. Vertical CEB
- 9. Horizontal CEB
- 10. Mortar joint

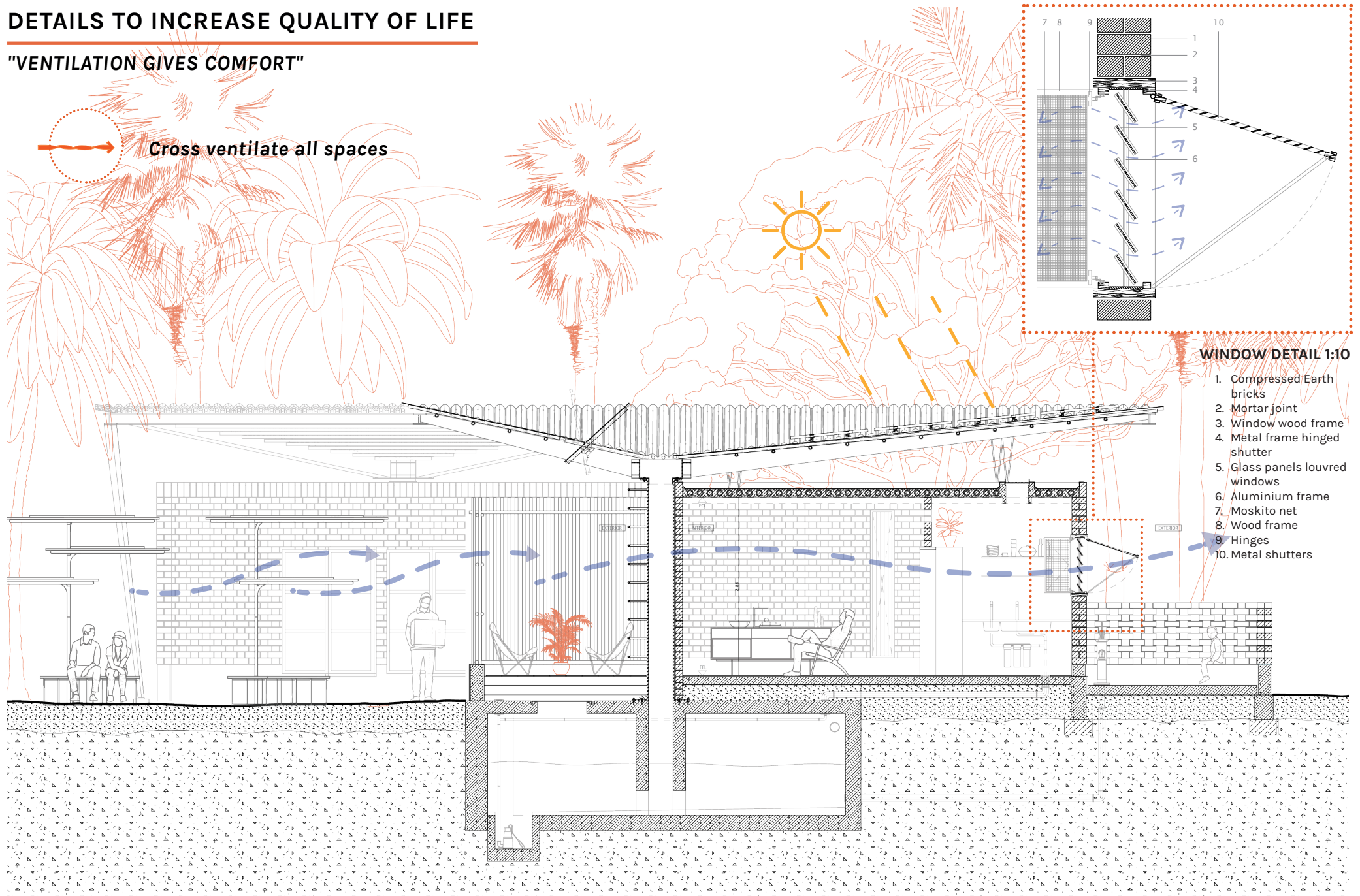
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"SHADE IS ESSENTIAL"



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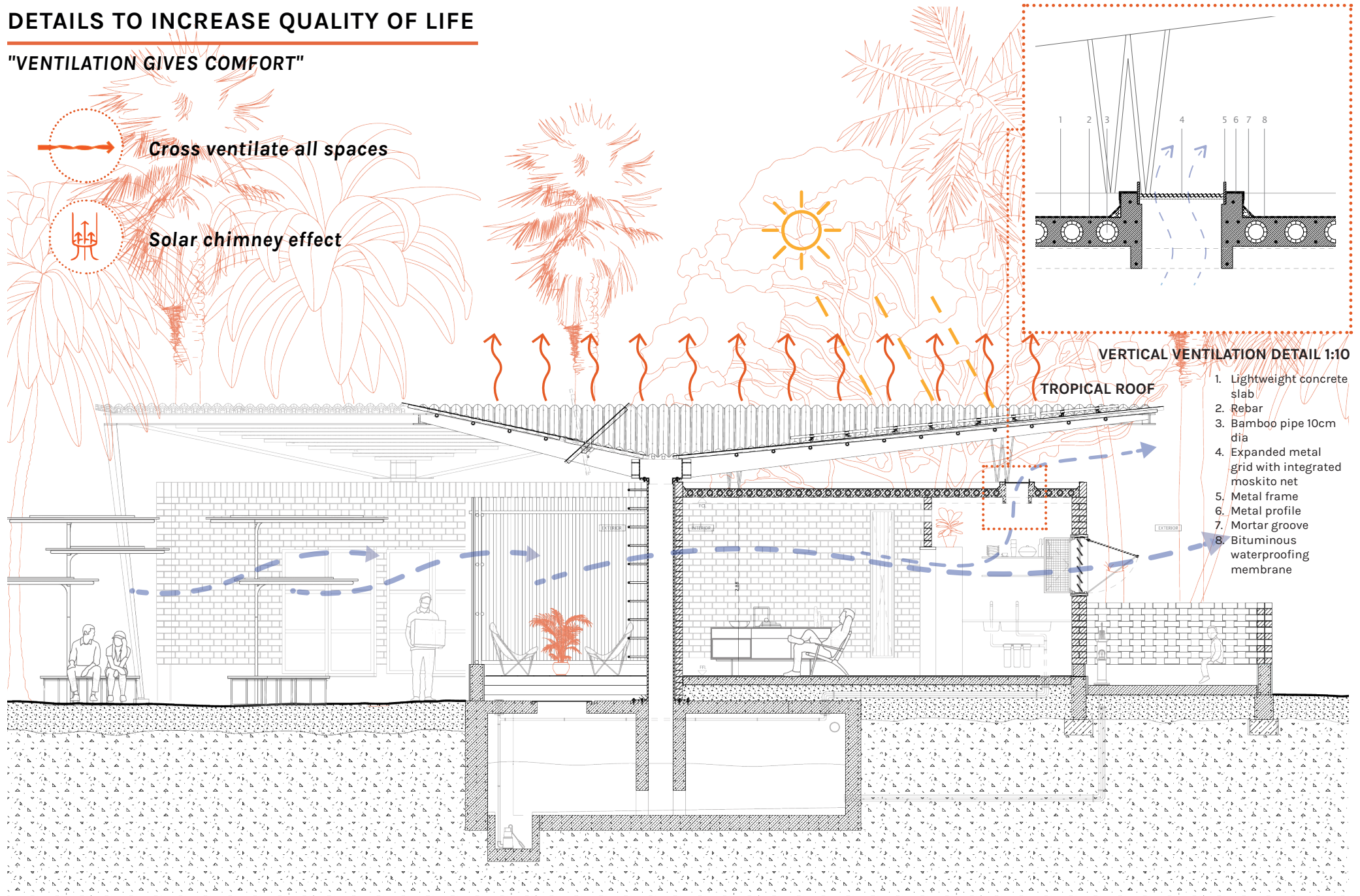


WINDOW DETAIL 1:10

- 1. Compressed Earth bricks
- 2. Mortar joint
- 3. Window wood frame
- 4. Metal frame hinged shutter
- 5. Glass panels louvred windows
- 6. Aluminium frame
- 7. Mosquito net
- 8. Wood frame
- 9. Hinges
- 10. Metal shutters

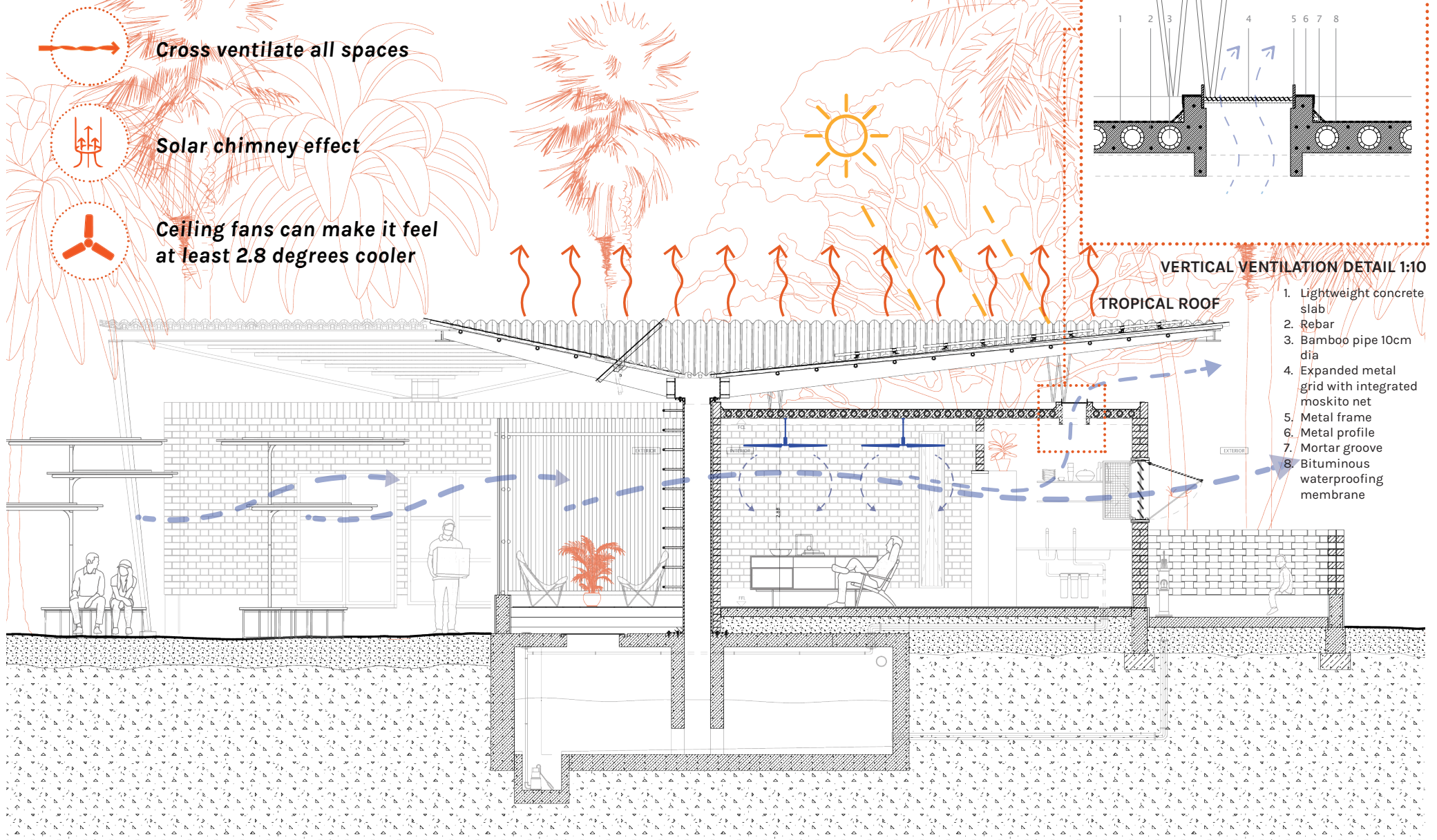
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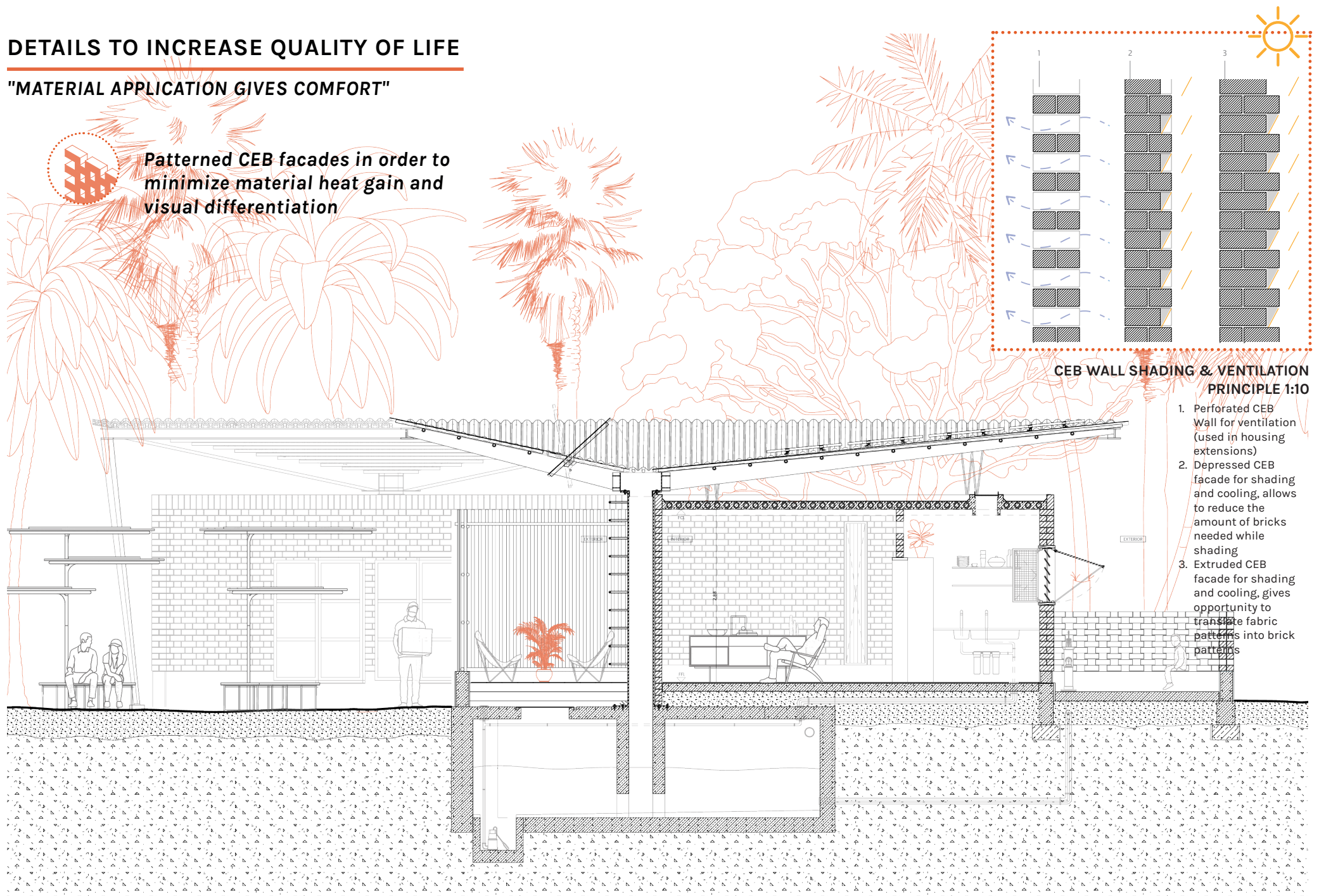


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"MATERIAL APPLICATION GIVES COMFORT"



Patterned CEB facades in order to minimize material heat gain and visual differentiation



CEB WALL SHADING & VENTILATION PRINCIPLE 1:10

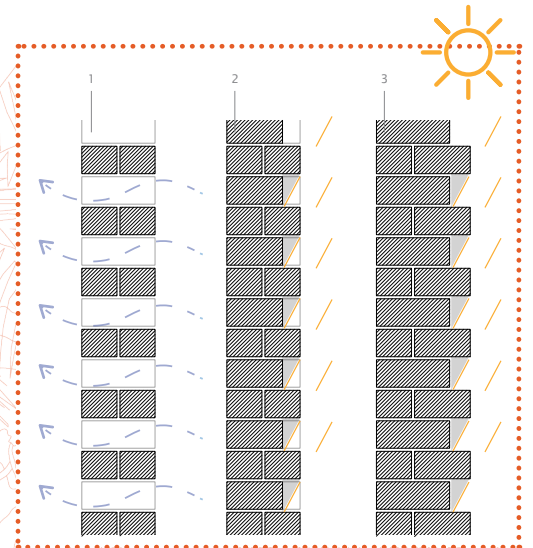
1. Perforated CEB Wall for ventilation (used in housing extensions)
2. Depressed CEB facade for shading and cooling, allows to reduce the amount of bricks needed while shading
3. Extruded CEB facade for shading and cooling, gives opportunity to translate fabric patterns into brick patterns

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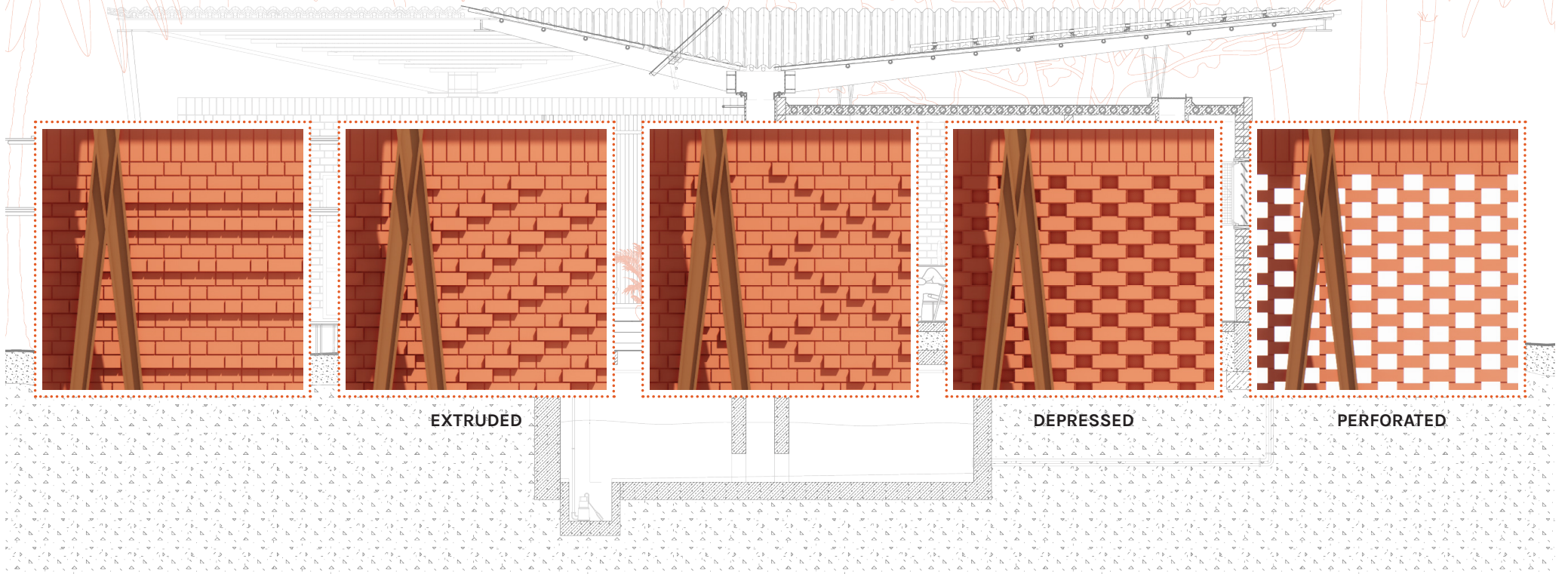
"MATERIAL APPLICATION GIVES COMFORT"



Patterned CEB facades in order to minimize material heat gain and visual differentiation



CEB WALL SHADING & VENTILATION PRINCIPLE 1:10



EXTRUDED

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PERFORATED

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So whats life in the neighbourhood like?



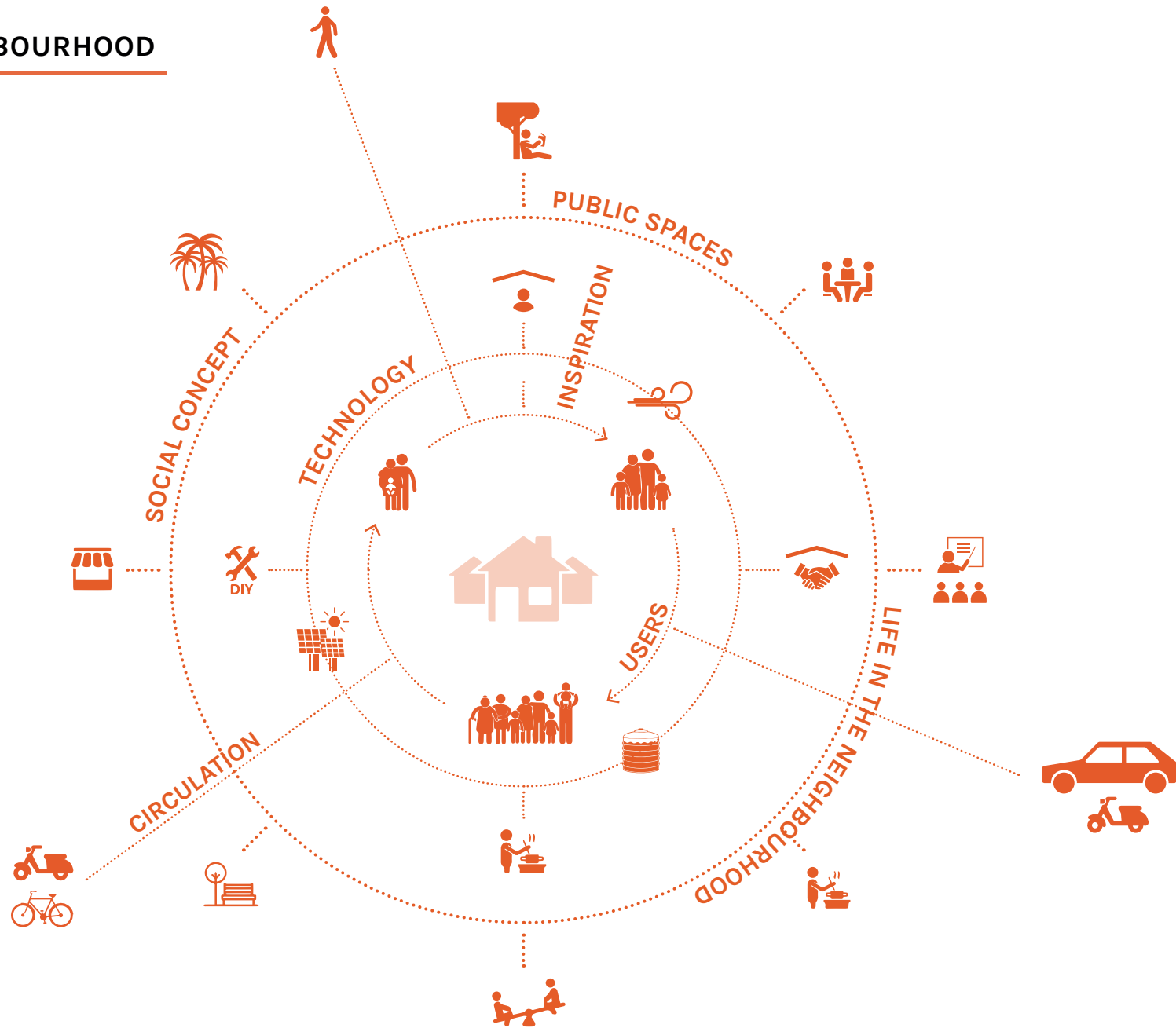








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