

YANAMA COMMUNITY CENTER- REVIEW

During the past 1,5 years, we the NGO Laboratorio Urbano have been working with the Malakali, An indigenous community in the Guajira , in northern area of Colombia, a community with 697 people in the area, all of them focused of continuous progress and develop of their community , during this time we have worked with them in social and economic empowerment, focused in fair trade and development of human capital.

We are building the first communitarian center, which can hold a productive space for the artisanal production, a small classroom for the elementary education and a communal kitchen for the whole community.

In the past decade, the intense drought, lack of government aids and lack of opportunities for work and education, has put the wayuus people in critical situation, with the highest rate of childhood deaths, the highest rate of children without education and lack of real sustainable economic development, the situation is in need of sustainable projects that helps the community to have access to education, economic development and sustainable income.



The YANAMA, the native word for Communitarian work, is focused in creating projects that involves every part of the community for a common goal; by building social infrastructure, we create a bound of the whole community working as one, for their sustainable development.

With a space for elementary education for the children and education in trade and economic development for the young and women, a working space open for every artisan to work and produce in the proper conditions and a kitchen to produce food for everyone in the community ; The YANAMA communitarian center, will provide the

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development center necessary for the social and economic change for the MALAKALIS, as well become a prototype that can be replicated in other areas, making the project part of the development of the region.

This building will beneficiate more than 679 people of the Wayuu community, it'll be built as a prototype to be replicated in other communities in the area.



Based in traditional techniques and bioclimatic design, YANAMA will be built with wood, yorojoro (traditional cactus used for furniture and small structures), and traditional bahareque (a traditional technique mixing local sand, water and yorojoro).

The foundations of the building will be built in concrete, over the ground level, to provide protection for the rain and the erosion, and to protect the floor which is made in sand traditional techniques.

The building will have climatic control with bioclimatic techniques such a crossed ventilation which will keep the interior with continuous air flow, Blinds in the south and north façade to provide sun protection and walls and close windows in the east and west façade for sun protection.

The roof will be a mixture of traditional yotojoro roofing, a second layer of roofing to provide protection for the rain and a layer of wooden ceiling to provide climatic control for the radiation an heat produce by the direct exposure to the sun.



An open façade to the south will provide the chance to expand the use of the space as a scenery for bigger speaking's of the community and social interaction for the whole families.



The multiple use of the building will create a new bound for the people, more social interaction and will reinforce the value of the Malakalis as a united community working as one for a great future.

The model is designed as a prototype, where our methodology can be implemented in other communities in Colombia and the world ; Yanama is a local project with Global impact.

Our budget is \$50.000 usd to build this amazing project, Join us and lets change the life of our friends in La Guajira!