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We are a non-profit transdisciplinary organization that supports habitat social production processes.



What does Habitable stands for?

We work collaboratively with communities to design and manage participatory design processes that address their needs and challenges. Through our commitment to Action Research, we not only develop theoretical solutions to societal obstacles but also actively engage with individuals and groups affected by economic, social, political, cultural, and gender vulnerabilities and urban segregation.

Our field experiences inform our understanding of our surroundings, and we reflect on the impact of our work on the people and spaces we engage with. This feedback loop enables us to promote positive changes and contribute to a virtuous cycle of progress.



At our organization, we believe that knowledge can come from a variety of sources. We believe every interaction is a chance to learn, and we consider the people we work with - whether they are community members or institutional organizations - to be our greatest teachers. We strive to make our platform accessible to everyone, so that we can engage in discussions as equals.

Methodology

Our work with the communities can be segmented into five key points that guide our labour:

1. Participative diagnosis
2. Participative design
3. Collective planification
4. Collective construction
5. General balance and feedback

We understand that these steps can happen at the same time or in a different order, in this case, flexibility is key.



Our Team

Our team, consisting of professionals with diverse expertise, values the exchange of experiences and techniques to gain a better understanding of the challenges we encounter. From Architecture, Social Sciences, and others, our transdisciplinary approach has proven to be highly advantageous.

We believe that knowledge can be built by collaborating with communities and organizations, as well as through our platform. We strive to encourage the development of shared knowledge.



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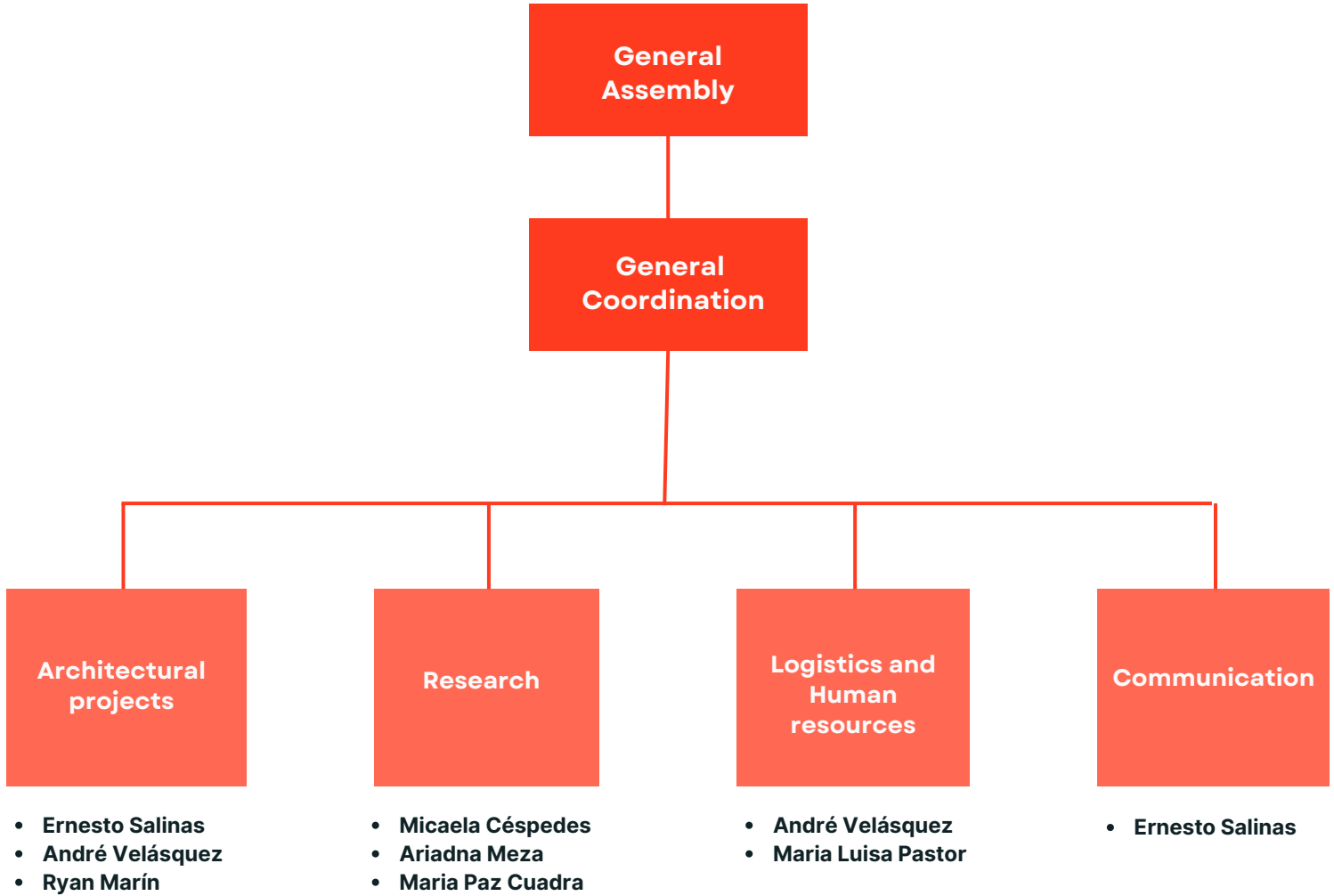
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Organizational structure

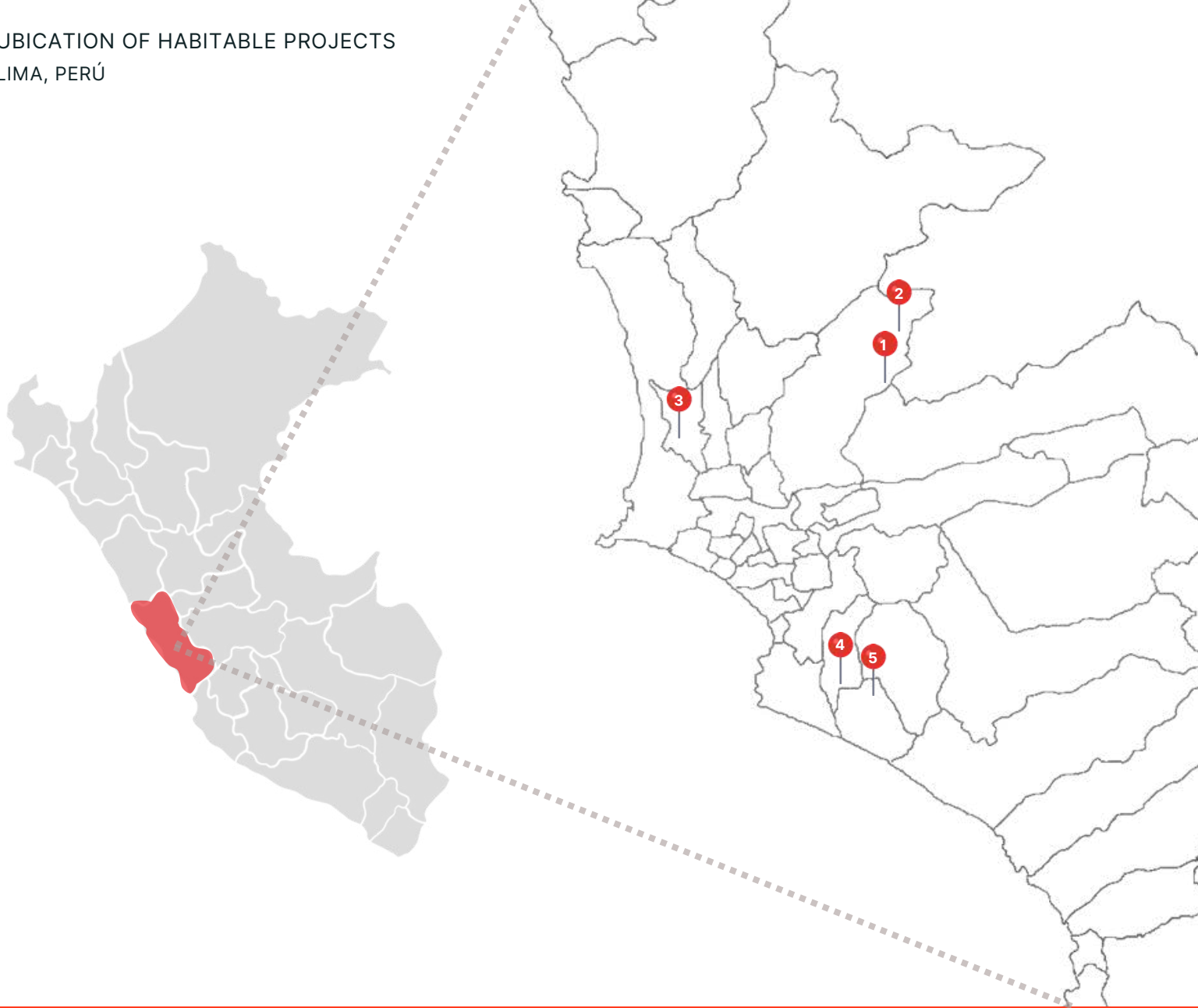




Partnerships

Thanks to our amazing partners, we're able to turn our projects into realities





Our projects



1. Project "Niños Guerreros de Jesús"
2. Community building "10 de Julio"
3. Community-designed Park for "Comité Vecinal de Condevilla"
4. Learning hall in the Urban Orchard
- Ayllu 1-9
5. Learning hall in the Urban Orchard
- Ayni 1° Junio

Project "Niños Guerreros de Jesús"

Diagnosis



Design



Planification



Construction



Before. previous situation



The Community

"Niños Guerreros de Jesús" is a communal kitchen, whose members are mainly working single mothers and is located in Huáscar, San Juan de Lurigancho, Lima.

In 2021, they did community working sessions for levelling the land and constructing the cement floor of the community area.

Location

A community-managed space that served as a place for the improvised kitchen. The land was uneven and the access path was dangerous.

Challenge

- Diversify the services offered by the common pot and take care of the education of their children

Goals

- Design and create a multipurpose community-building
 - Incorporated kitchen
 - Study hall and library for complementary school lessons for children



After. Current state



Benefit for
30 families



Study place for
children



Empower
mothers



Basic
services

Community building "10 de Julio"

Diagnosis



Design



Planification



Proposal. Result



The Community

"Agrupación familiar 10 de julio" was founded in 2011 and belongs to "Asentamiento Humano José Carlos Mariátegui" in San Juan de Lurigancho, Lima, Perú.

In August 2022, when the intervention was done, "10 de julio" housed 60 families. These families did not have electricity or water services. Furthermore, they had community working sessions in order to comply with the requirements for the installation of electricity service.

Location

Community-shared land which used as a place for the common pot. Before the pandemic, the space was used as a recreational space.

Challenge

- The common pot did not have the adequate infrastructure.
- Lack of meeting place for the residents' association

Goals

- Generate dialogue about the necessities of the community.
- Co-design with the families.
- Design places of common use in response to the priority needs



Benefit for
64 families



Empower
132 children



Collective
space



Basic
services

Community-designed Park for "Comité Vecinal de Condevilla"

Diagnosis



Design



Planification



Proposal. Result



The community

The neighbours of "Parque vecinal Condevilla". Most of its residents are adults and elders. The park is located in the district of San Martín de Porres, Lima, which was founded on the decade of 1960.

They created COVEDEC, a communal organization founded in 1987 with the goal of improving the common areas of the vicinity.

Location

This empty land had no specified function, therefore many people left garbage.

Challenge

- Not fully equipped: lacked urban furniture.
- The field was monopolized by young people and adults, excluding the children
- The neighbours felt unsafe

Goals

- Lead the co-design of the empty land and turn it into a park that can be used for the young and elderly



Proposal. Result



Benefit for 100 families



Safe place for children



Green areas



Inclusion and union

Learning hall in the Urban Orchard: Ayllu 1-9

Diagnosis



Design



Planification



Construction



Proposal. Result



The community

Ayllu 1-9 is an urban orchard founded in 2019 by elder adults of "Grupo 9" in Villa el Salvador, Lima.

This urban orchard is a space for socialization for older adults and aims to promote the learning and integration of neighbors through culture.

The location

The intervention was done in the learning hall of Ayllu 1-9. This space is used for meetings, workshops, and important events at the orchard.

Challenge

- The ceiling required repairs
- The structure wasn't secure enough to support the ceiling
- Lacking the budget to remodel the entire hall

Goals

- Co-design and build a new ceiling structure for the hall
- Generate a safe space to discuss the priority needs of the space



After. Current state



Benefit for the elders



Workshop space



Comunitary biogarden



Agricultural production

Learning hall in the Urban Orchard: Ayni 1° Junio

Diagnosis



Design



Planification



Construction



Proposal. Result



The community

Ayni 1° de Junio is an urban orchard created in 2021 in the urban settlement “1° de Junio” in Villa el Salvador, Lima. The orchard benefits 40 families and a community kitchen.

Ayni 1° de Junio arose with the aim of raising awareness among the neighbours about agroecological production and also collaborate with communal kitchens.

Location

The intervention was done in a space designated as a learning hall where the members of the orchard held their meetings, the structure was precarious.

Challenge

- Conflicts among stakeholders regarding the orchard space: There was a design proposal that did not take the orchard into account.
- Located in a steep area, it is vulnerable to winds and drizzles.

Goals

- To generate consensus among the different design proposals.
- Co-design and build a learning hall responding to the neighbors' needs.



Benefit for the elders



Workshop space



Comunitary biogarden



Agricultural production



Our milestones

JUL
2021



Proyecto Niños Guerreros de Jesús

Beginnig of our work in community-lead design process.

“Ciudades Como Vamos” Forum by Lima Como Vamos

Invited forum expositors to discuss about Urban Social Equity



NOV
2021

MAR
2022



Partnership with the Peruvian College of Architects

“Valora Nuestro Barrio” - Project Expo

Exposition of Habitable’s projects for “Valora Nuestro Barrio” project expo hosted by the Peruvian College of Architects



MAY
2022

“Foro Internacional de Intervenciones Urbanas” - FIU 6

Invited forum expositors to discuss about participatory proceses for urban projects.



AUG
2022

Community building “10 de julio”

Contestants to design a community centre with a participatory design process



OCT
2022

Proyecto Niños Guerreros de Jesús

Culmination of construction process and last feedback



FEB
2023

Learning halls for urban orchards

Beginning of participatory design processes with:

- Ayllu 1-9
- Ayni 1 junio
- La Ternura



MAR
2023

Partnership with Olli Foundation



MAY
2023

Communitary Park - COVEDEC

Participatory design process for the neighborhood of Condevilla.



The Pollination Project Grant

Habitable received its first grant



JUL
2023

Learning hall for the urban orchard Ayllu 1-9

Grand opening



AUG
2023

Learning hall for the urban orchard Ayni 1 junio

Beginning of construction process.



SEP
2023

Public policy design



Current members of the executive board for the design of the Urban Agriculture policies of the district county of San Juan de Miraflores -Lima



Our next steps

After assisting five different processes of social production of habitat in Lima -between the years of 2021 and 2023- we have gathered valuable lessons on how to interact with the communities, and how to understand the needs and claims of each group to bring relevant tools to boost the strength of the organizations we work with. In the future, we set our goals to, not only, keep these learning experiences, but to create and innovate our strategies of engagement in order to reach bigger goals with the communities we work with and broaden the number of organizations we work with in 2024 and 2025.



Communication

We will focus on keeping our followers updated on the latest news of projects and events we engage in, as well as sharing curated pieces of academic discussion to make a connection between our praxis and the values we stand for.



Innovation

Our goal is to engage in academic and political discussions while upholding our principles. Additionally, we plan to publish academic works to stimulate conversation on related endeavours.



Projects

We strive to conclude the construction of 3 of our ongoing projects. We look forward to starting working outside the city of Lima. We have a keen interest in working with rural communities.



Volunteering

Our dedication to maintaining Habitable as a secure platform for diverse interactions is a source of great pride. Over the coming years we aim to expand our volunteer base and harness the power of 50+ volunteers by 2025.



Partnerships

We will focus on concluding new partnerships that will lead us to build a strong network of collaborators that will allow us to conclude our organization's goals.



Our numbers

DESIGNED AND
BUILT
PROJECTS

05

PARTICIPATORY
WORKSHOPS
GIVEN

54

DAYS OF
COLLECTIVE
CONSTRUCTION

47

VOLUNTEERS
THAT
COLLABORATED

23

ACADEMIC
EVENTS FOR
EXCHANGE

07

SPACES OF
POLITICAL
INCIDENCE

01

BENEFITED
FAMILIES

100+

PARTNERSHIPS

06

HUGS AFTER
EVERY WORKING
DAY

250+

ODS

11 Sustainable
cities and
communities

ODS

10 Reduced
inequalities

ODS

13 Climate
action

and more to come ...