



# [RE] CONNECTING M U M B A I

*A response to the increasing spatial and social polarization within the city of Mumbai*

EWS	Economically Weaker Section
LIG	Low Income Group
MIG	Middle Income Group
HIG	High Income Group
FSI	Floor Space Index

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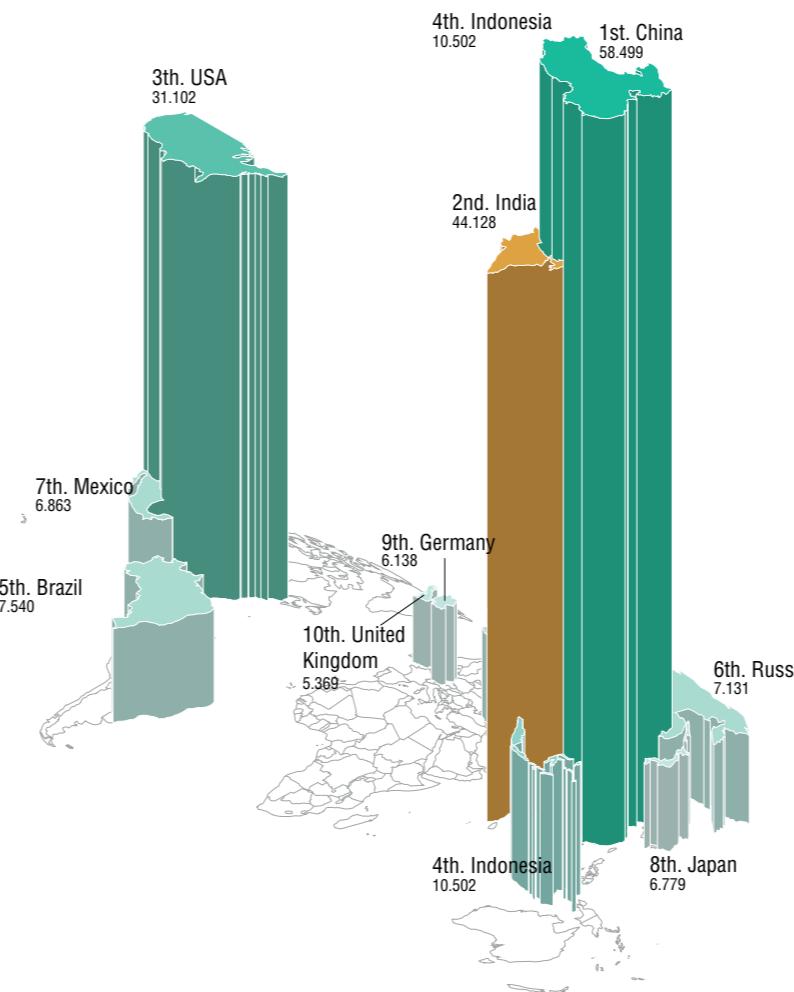
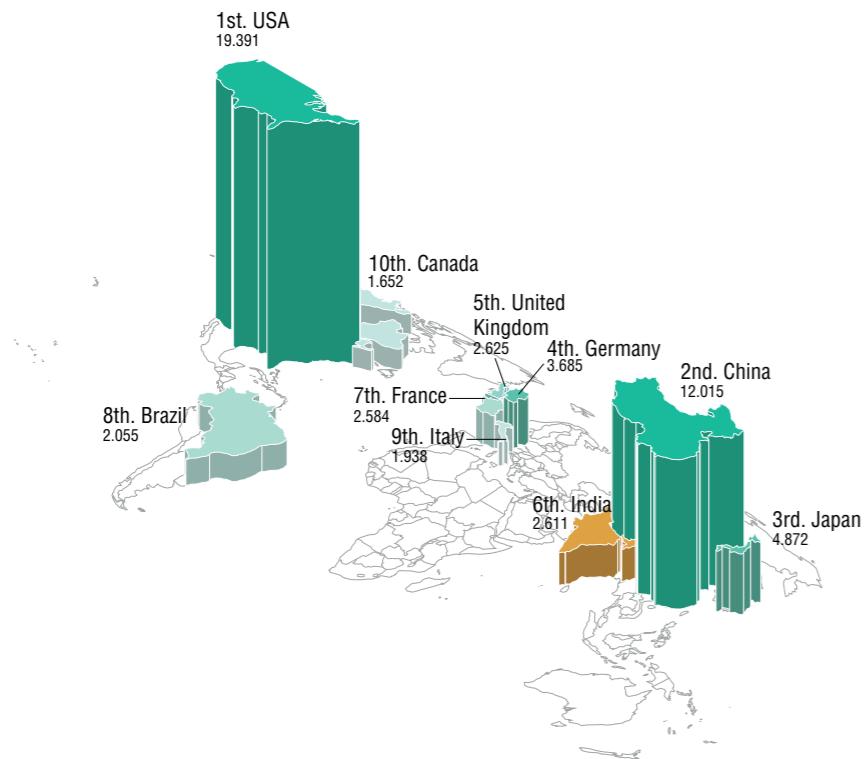
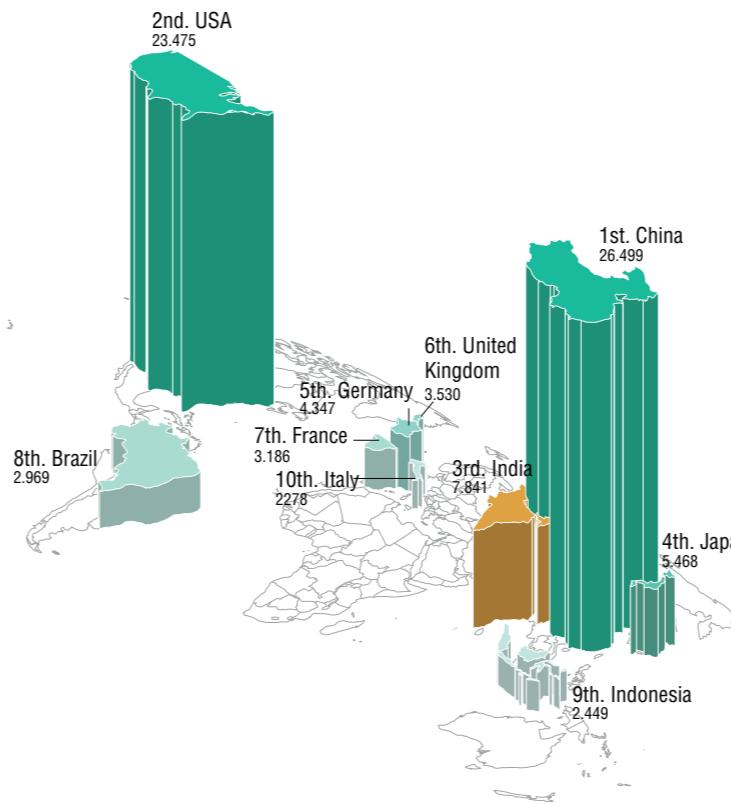
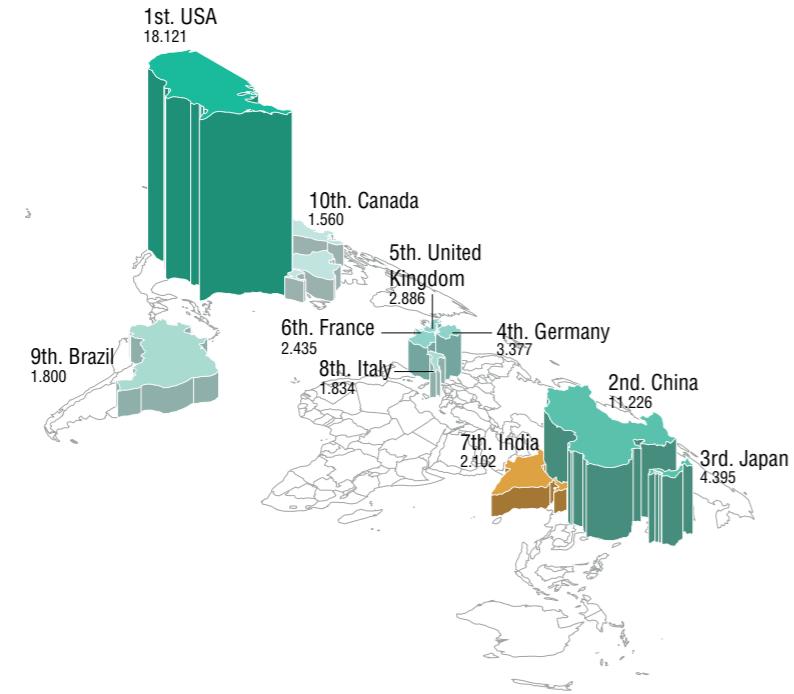
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# **BACKGROUND**

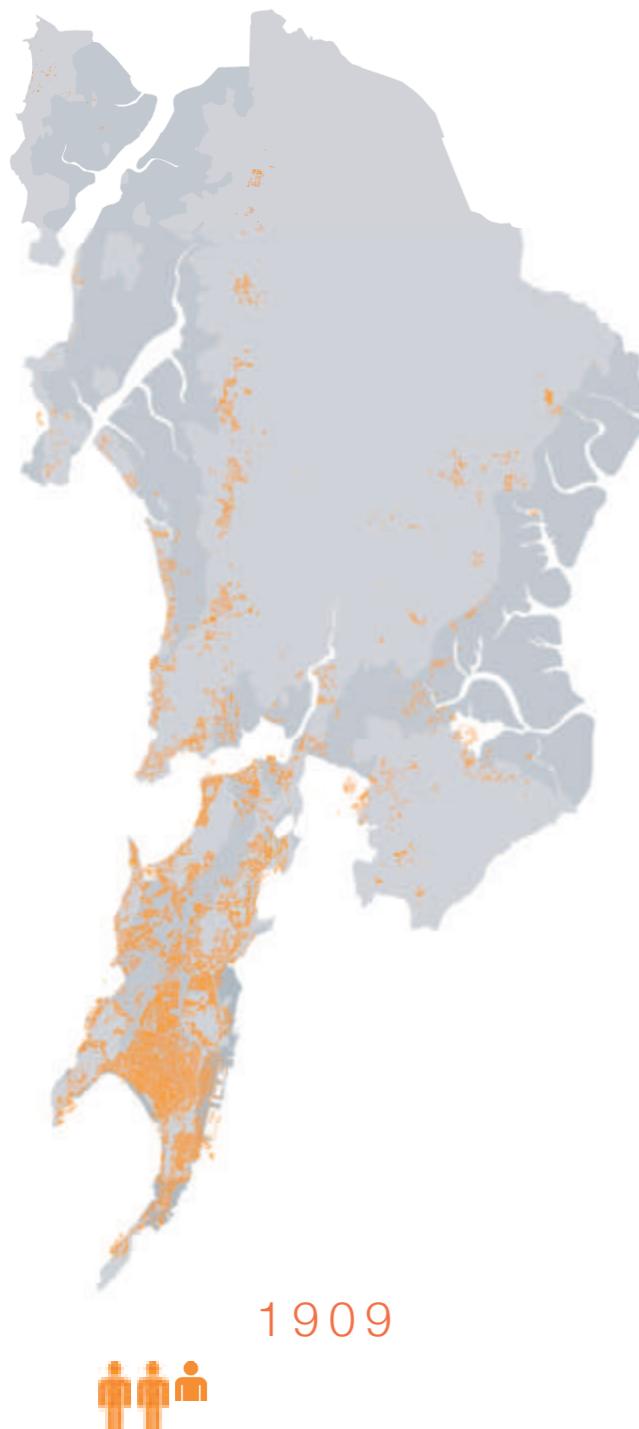




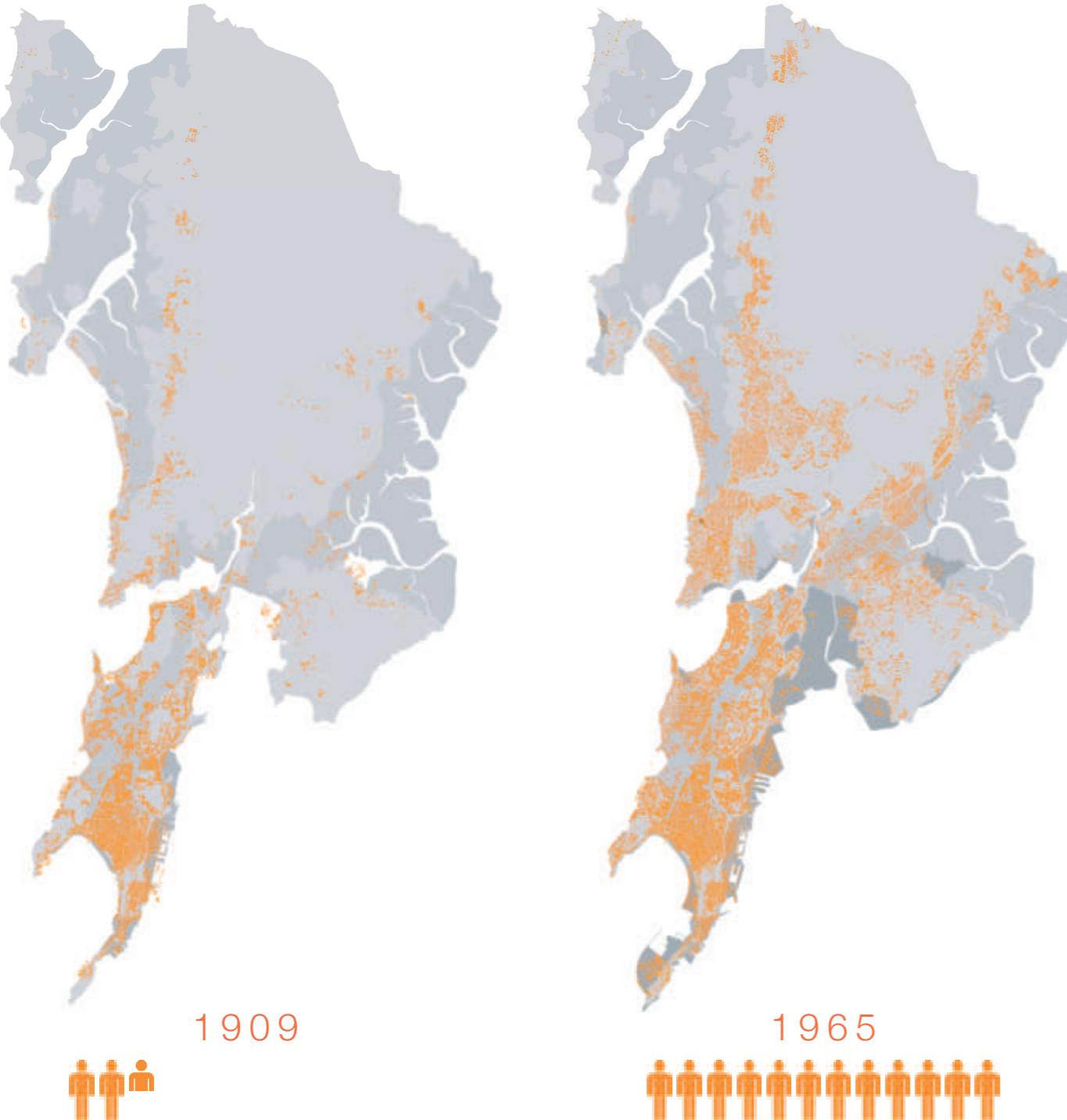
# Growing Economy



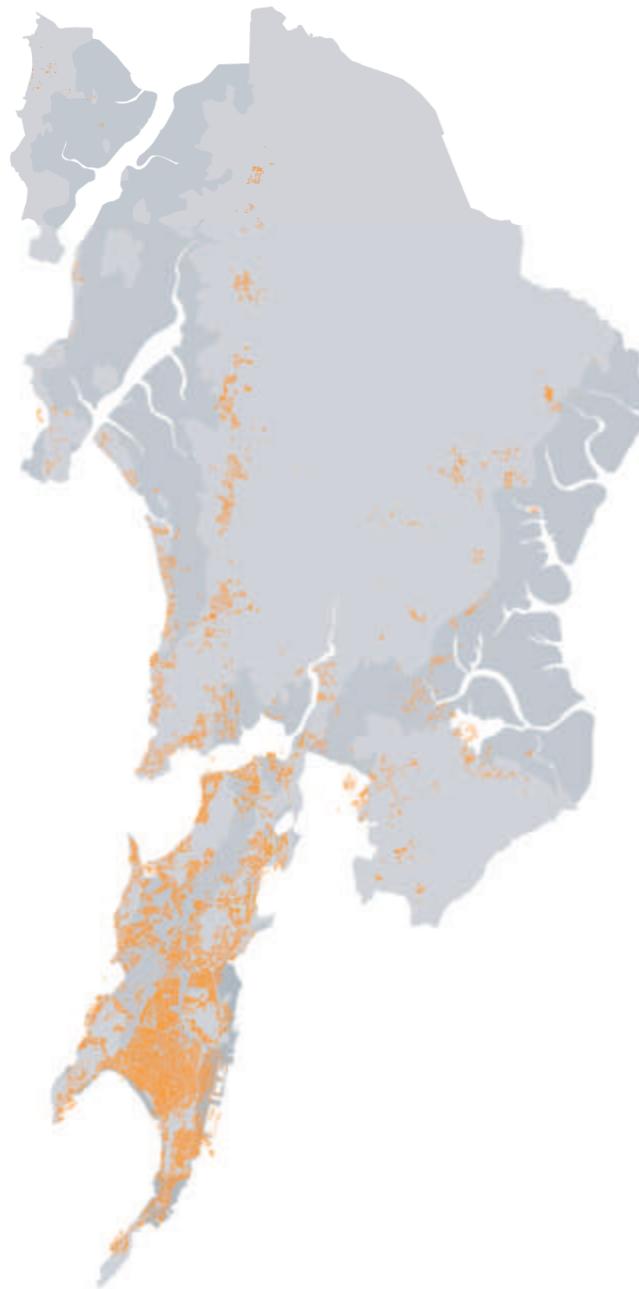
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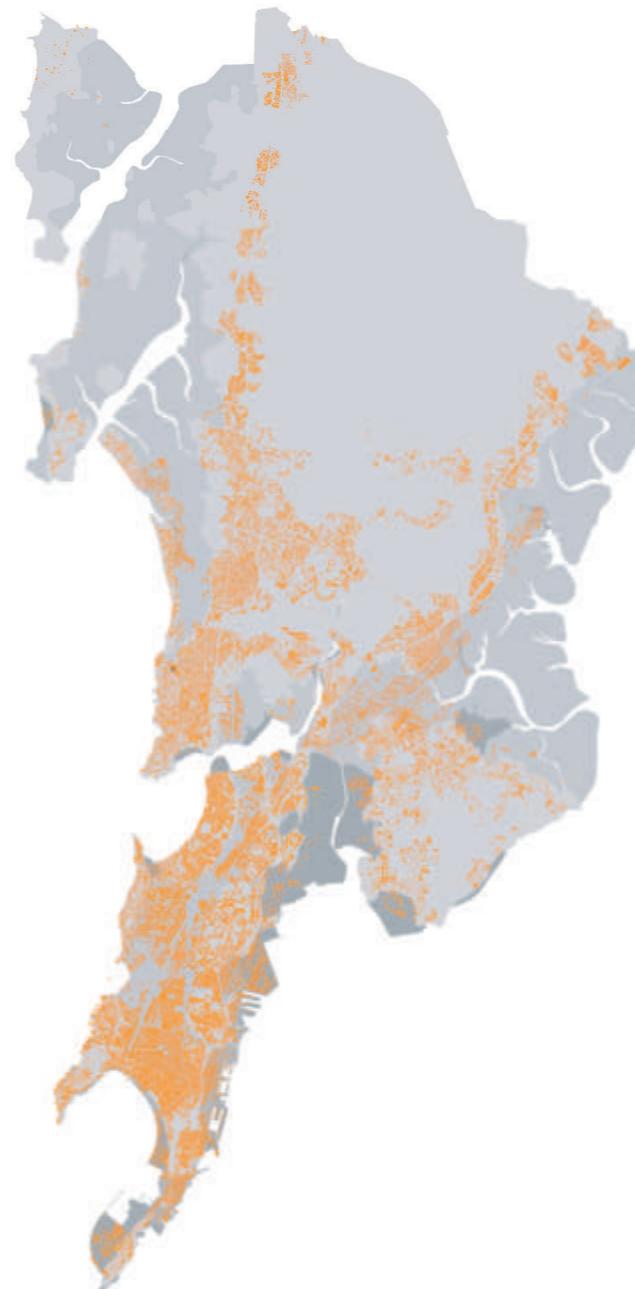
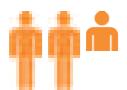
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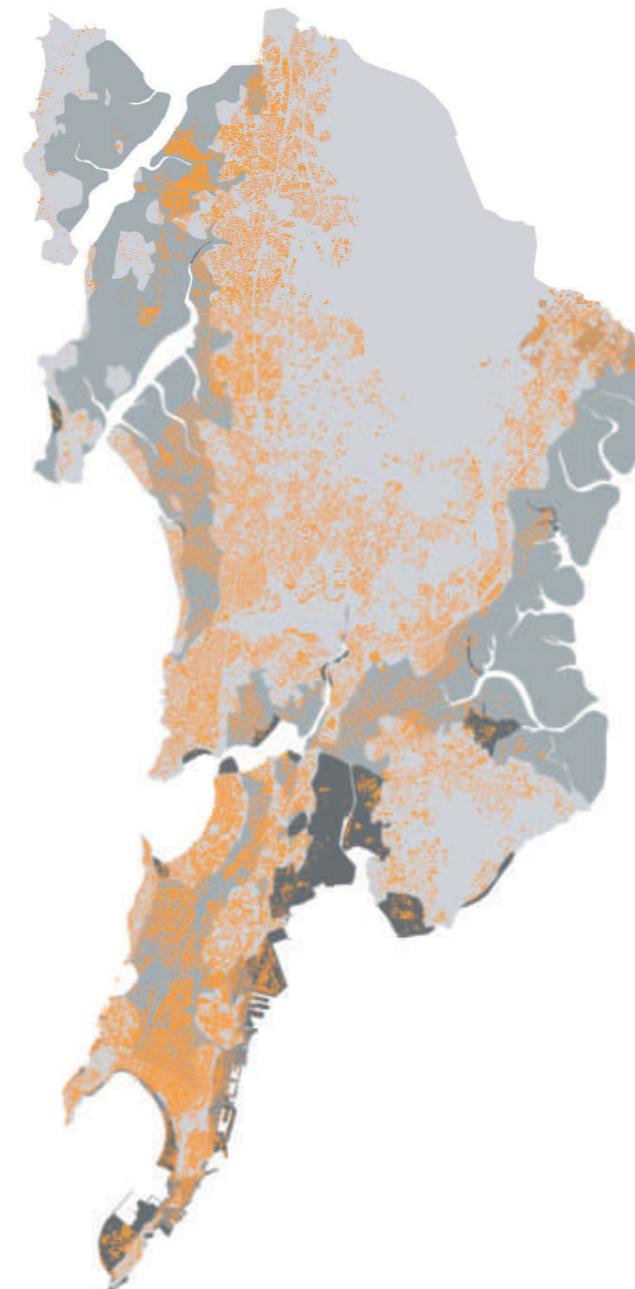
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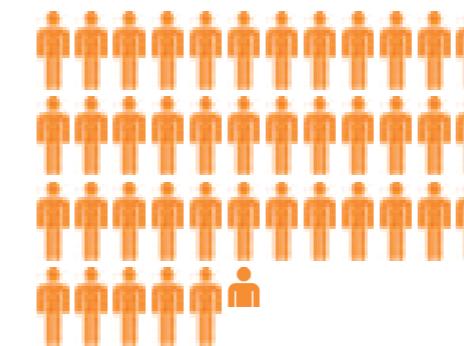
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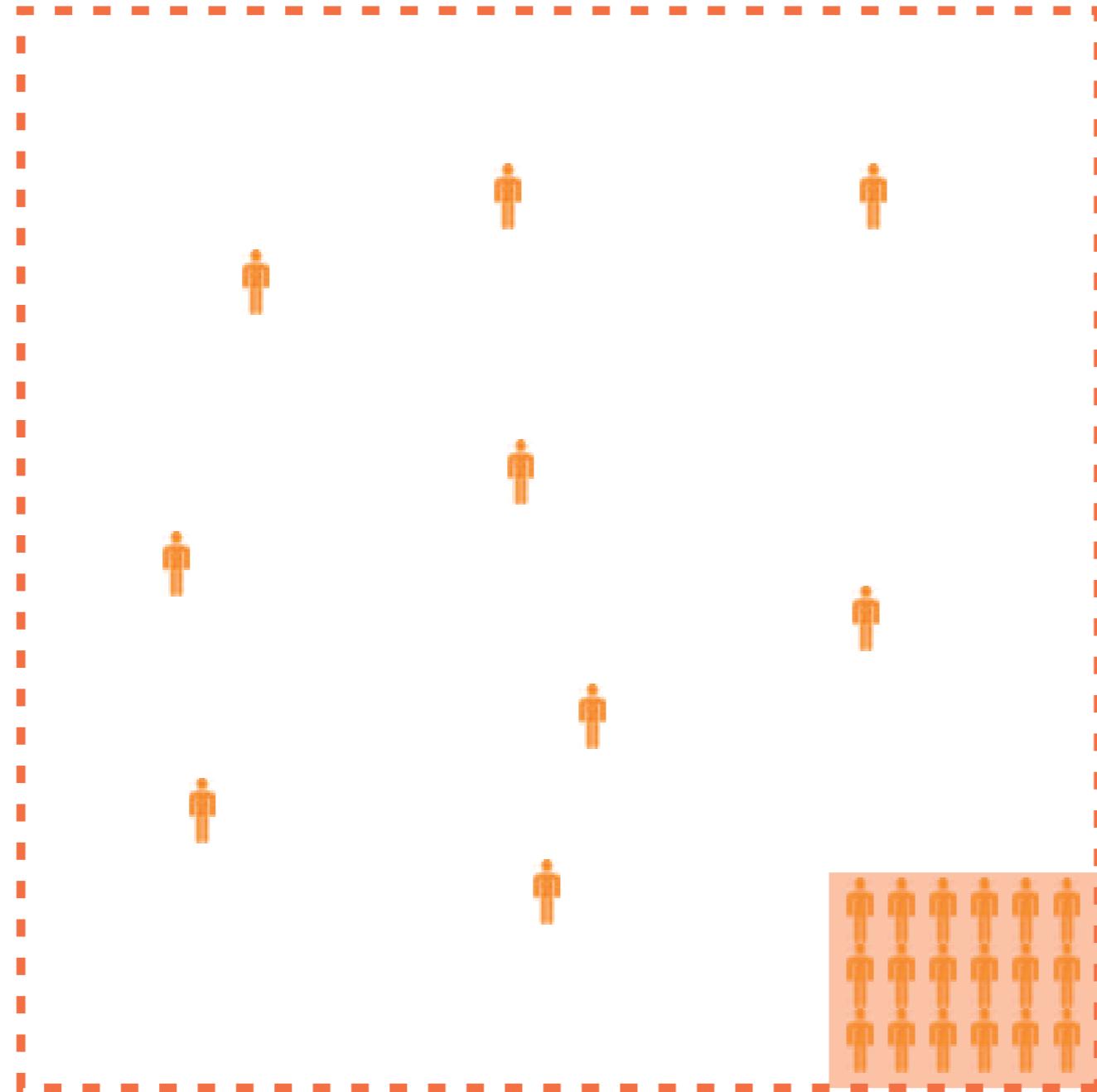


2012



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# Population Density Mumbai



Almost half of the world's wealth is owned by 1% of the population, the spatial and physical effects of this inequality are becoming more pronounced.

In Mumbai two thirds of the population live on 5% of the land.

## Social Polarization Mumbai



Social and spatial polarization in Mumbai

## World Wide Problem



Social Polarization is a world wide phenomena and growing problem

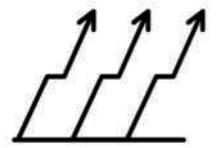


## City of Walls



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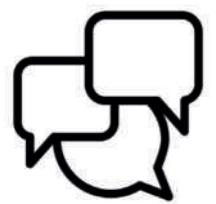
## Problems Generated by Social Polarization



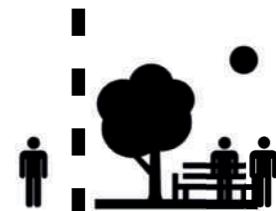
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Mobility



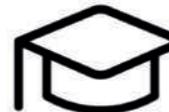
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market



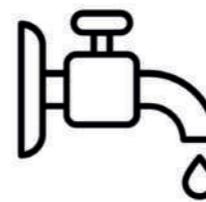
Limitation of Political &  
Social participation



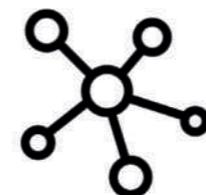
Isolation of Public  
Space



Education



Water supply



City Connections

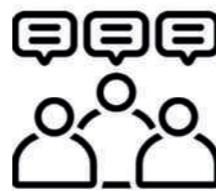


Security

## Problems Generated by Social Polarization



Psychological disorders



Social Disparities



Health Disparities



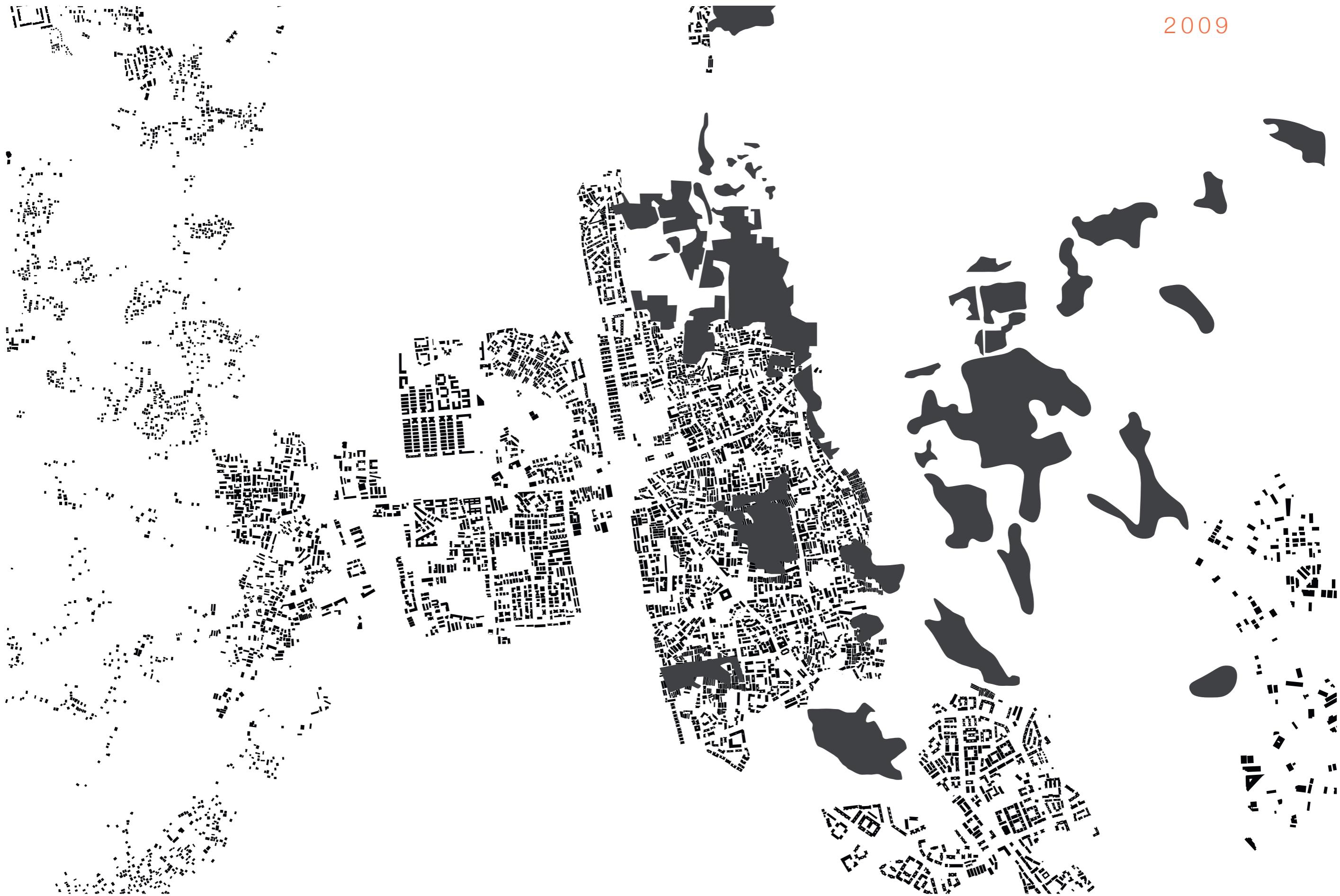
Violence



# Informal Settlements Nalasopara



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## Problem Statement

The increasing **social polarization** and **widening income gap** leads to **spatial and social inequality** in Nalasopara and Mumbai.

This contributes to unfairness between the rich and poor, unfairness in **upward mobility**, **harsh borders** between high and low income groups, **different accessibility to public place**, **ghettoization** of lower income groups.

Which as a result in a disconnect between the **City** and its **Inhabitants**

## Design Goal

The project aims to design and create a framework where all income groups have access to **accessible urban spaces & affordable housing.**

While also soften the boundaries between the income groups but maintaining the **qualities, individuality and opportunities** for each income group.

Which in turn all encourage diversity within this framework to **Re-connect** the people with the city and each other.

### **How can a mixed-use, mixed-income housing development in Nalasopara stimulate the development of socially depolarized sustainable urban settlements?**

Sub-questions:

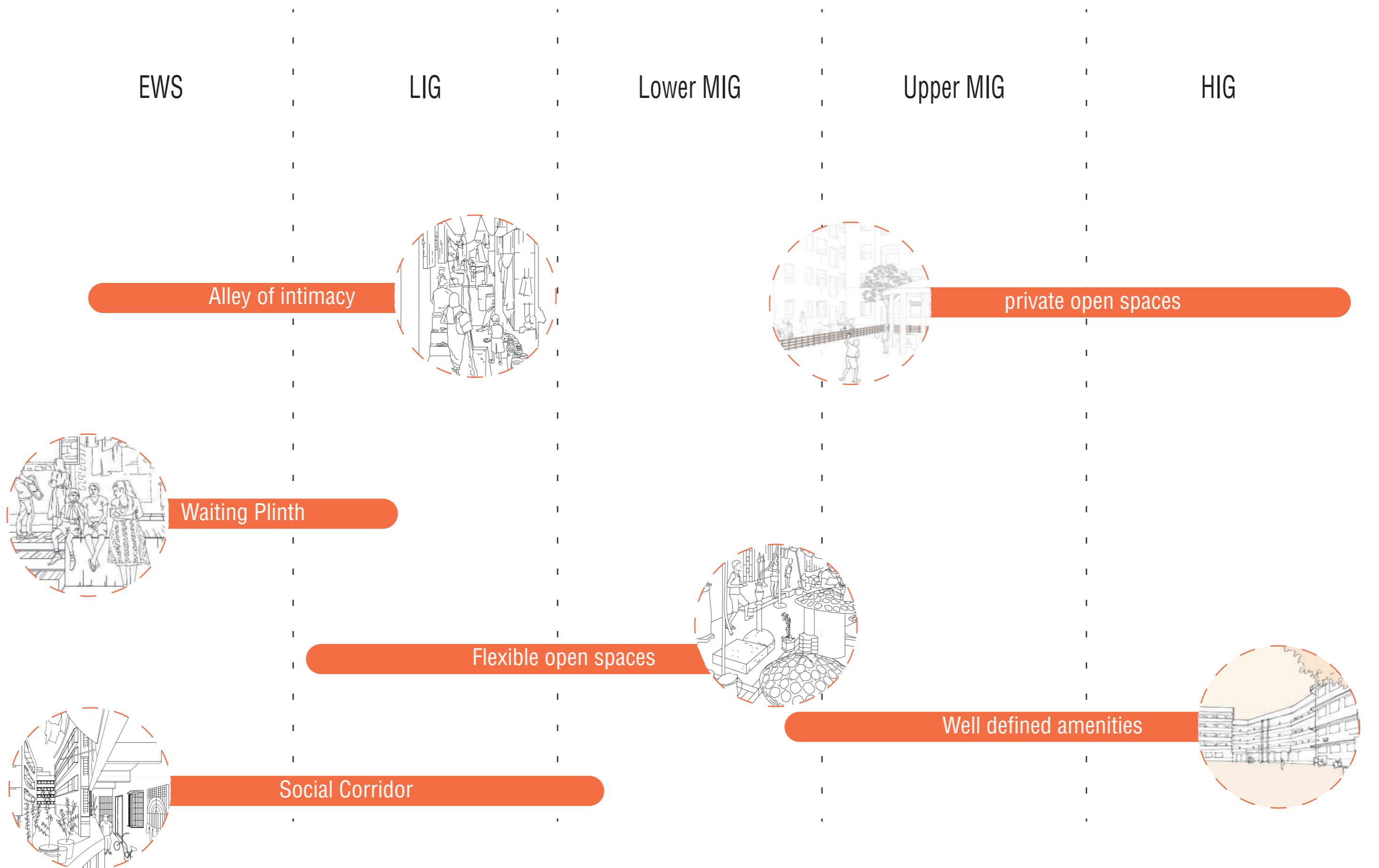
What are the needs and aspirations of each income group?

Which urban & housing configurations are suitable to create a sustainable social connection & interaction between different income groups.

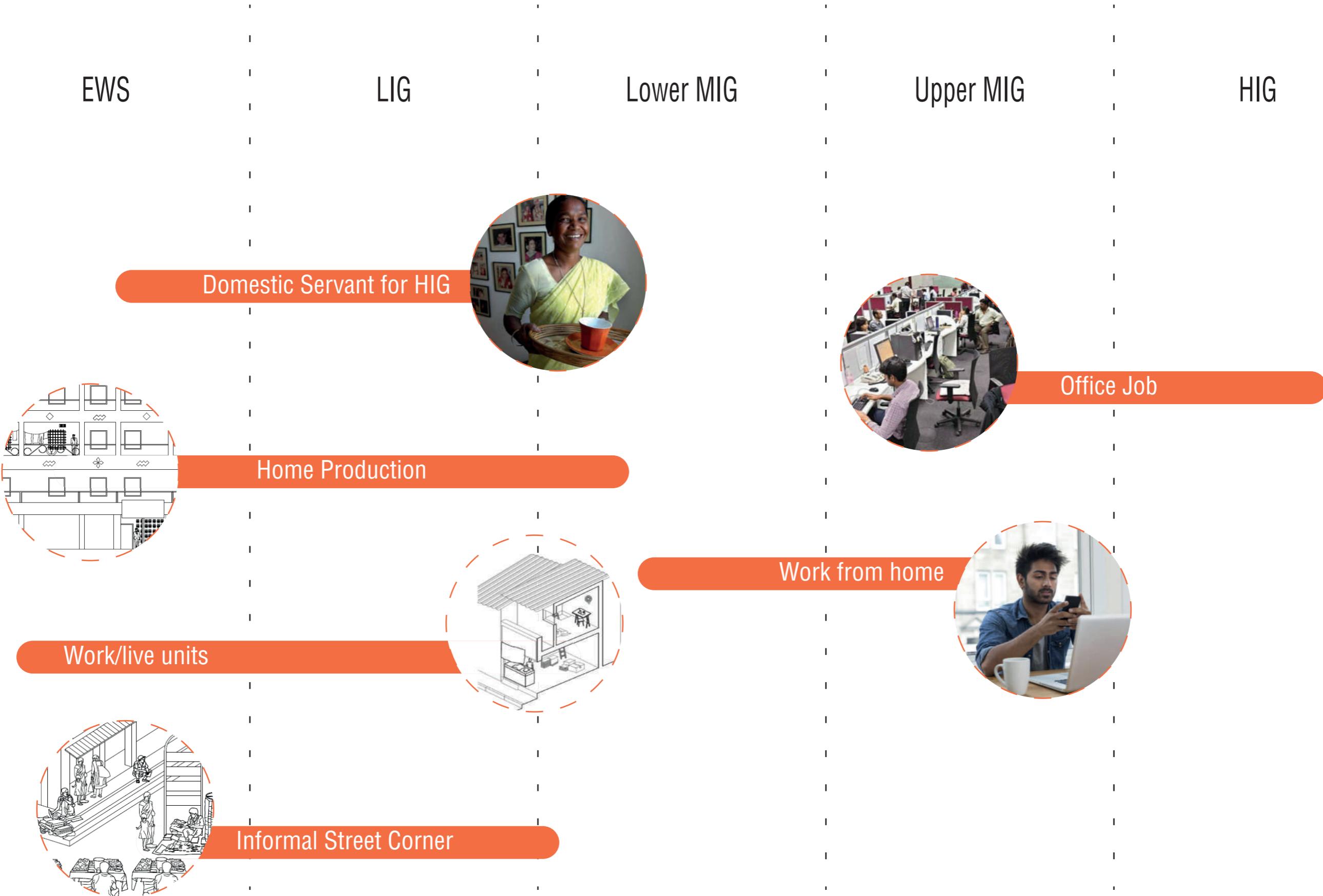
How can a mixed-income housing project connect different income groups?

**RESEARCH**

## Needs|Aspirations per Income Group

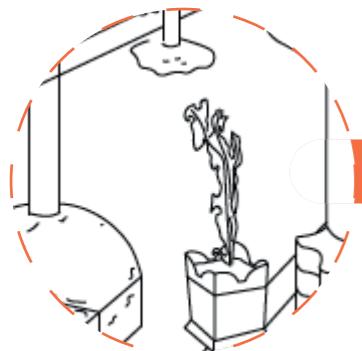


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EWS



Preparing food outside together



Washing/Drying Clothing

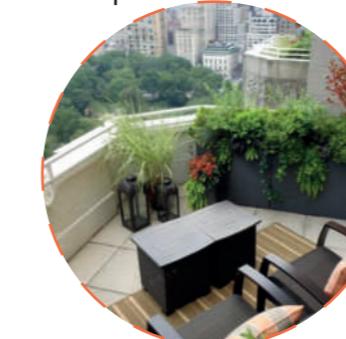


Daytime working

LIG



Lower MIG



Large Balconies

Upper MIG



Panoramic View

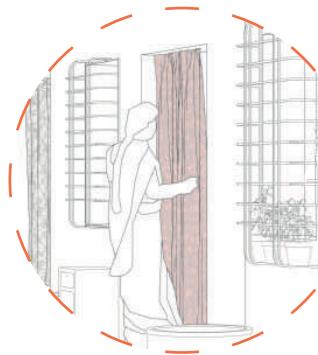


Hire Domestic Servants

HIG

## Needs|Aspirations per Income Group

EWS



Plinth, objects, facade materials to identify unit

LIG



Window Grill

Curtains in front of main entrance

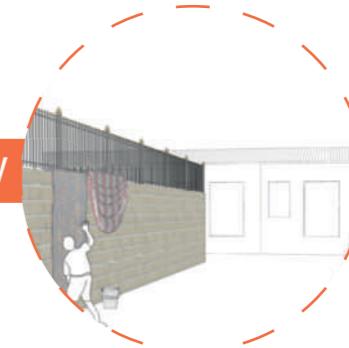


Lower MIG



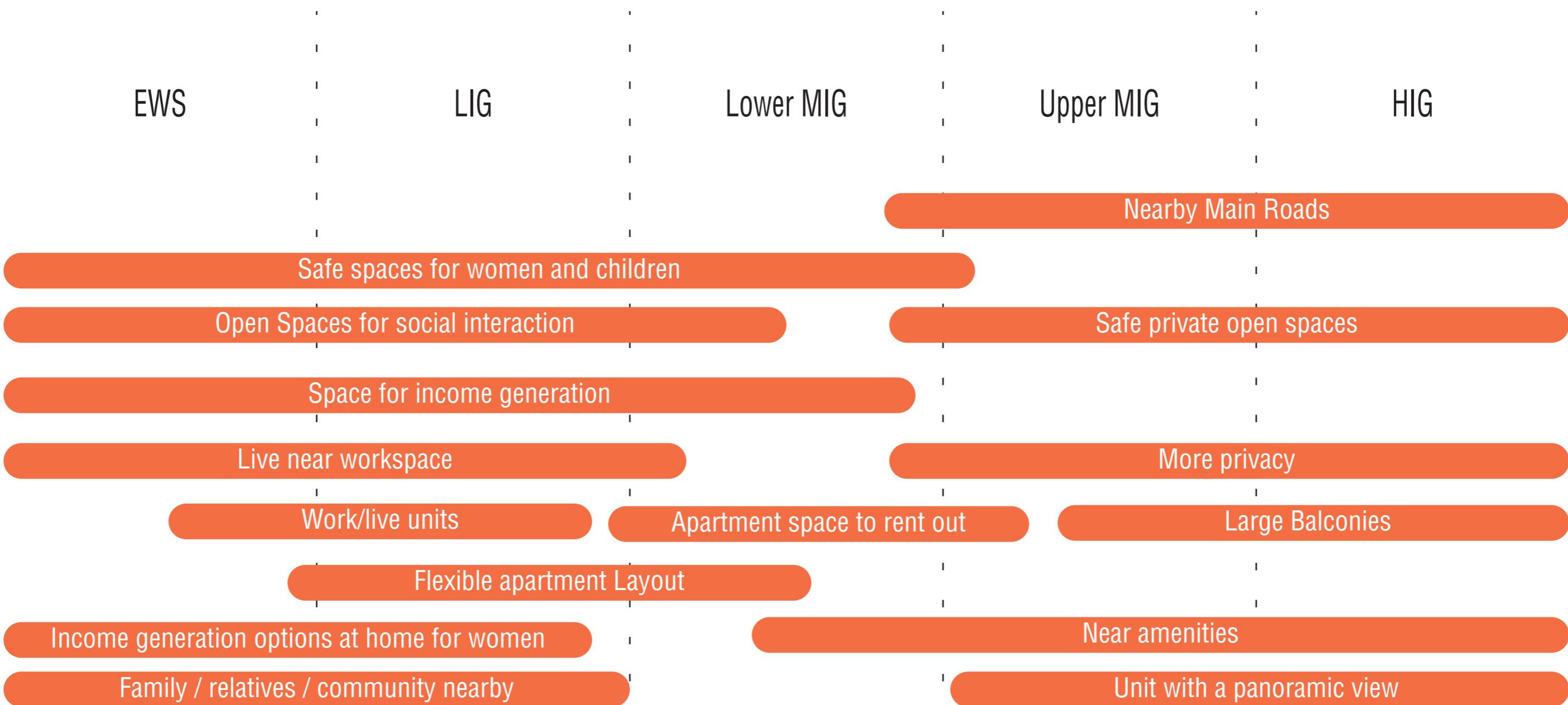
Upper MIG

Walled compound for extra privacy



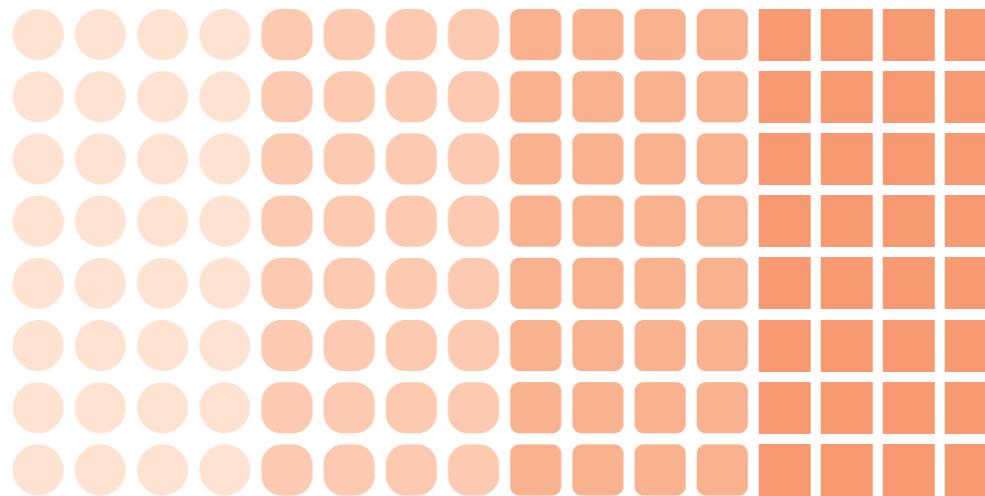
HIG

## Needs|Aspirations per Income Group



## Configurations | Urban

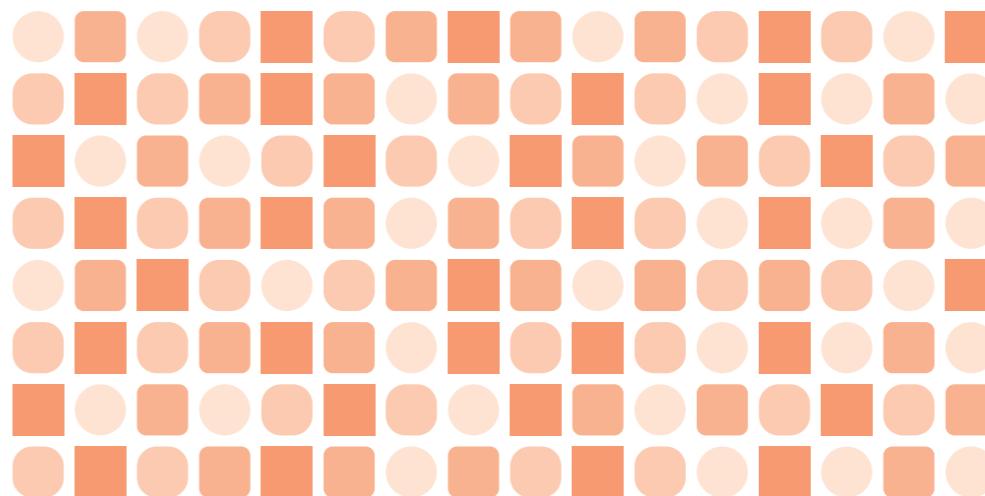
Fully Segregated



Clear Separation

No social Connections

Fully Mixed



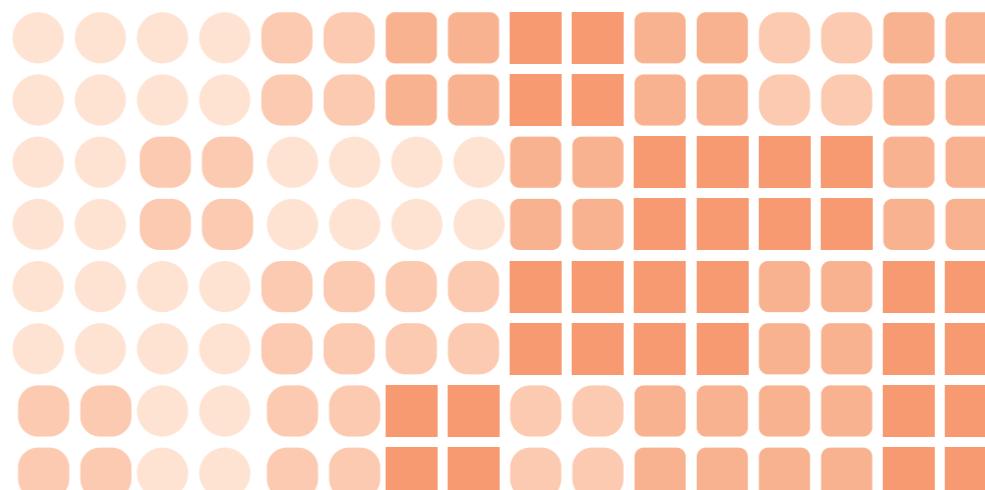
Hard to attract MIG/HIG

Income groups rather live  
near people of the same  
group

Clustered

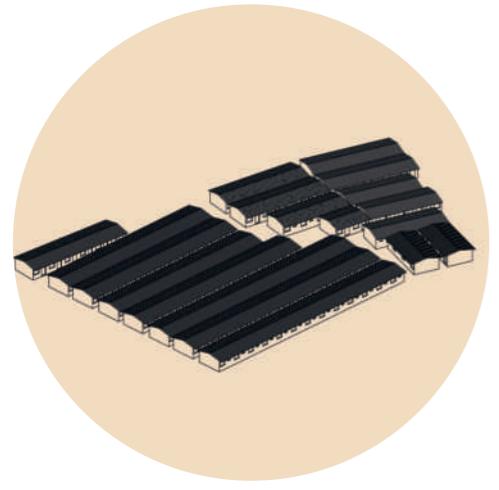
Clustering of groups.

Zones of exchange between  
groups



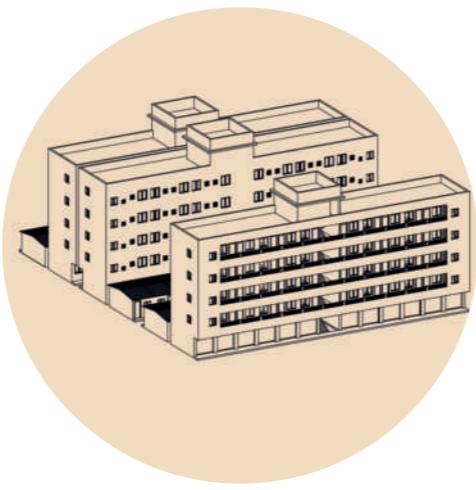
## Configurations | Housing

Low income



Baithi Chawls

Middle/High income



Handshake Chawls



Sri Prastha



Mhada

Inward Facing

Outward Facing

Communal Space

Privacy

Unused leftover spaces

Security

# Case Study | Aranya

Hierarchy of Open Spaces

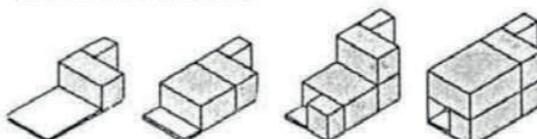
Central Amenity spine

Zoning of income groups

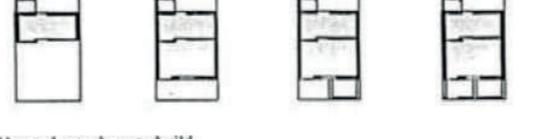
Individuality in chosen parts of dwelling



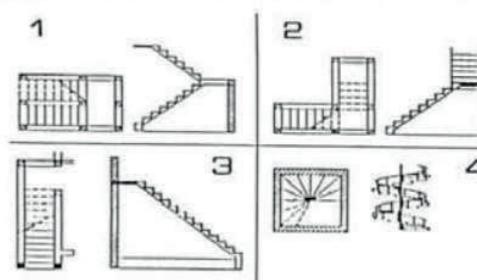
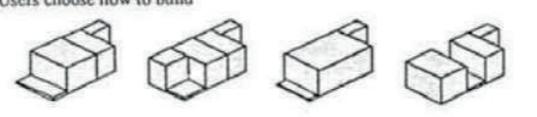
Users decide how much to build



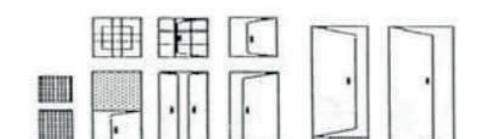
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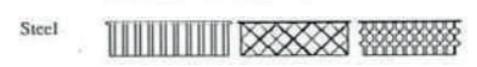
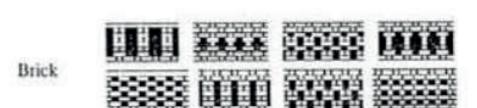
Users make their own combination of elements



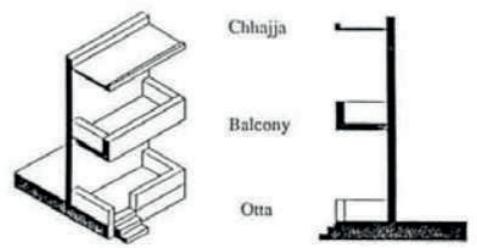
Demonstration Housing Kit Of Elements



Openings Range



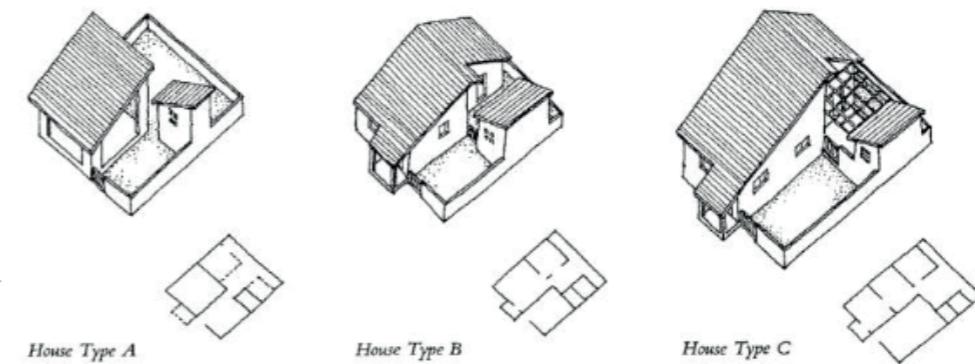
Railing Variations



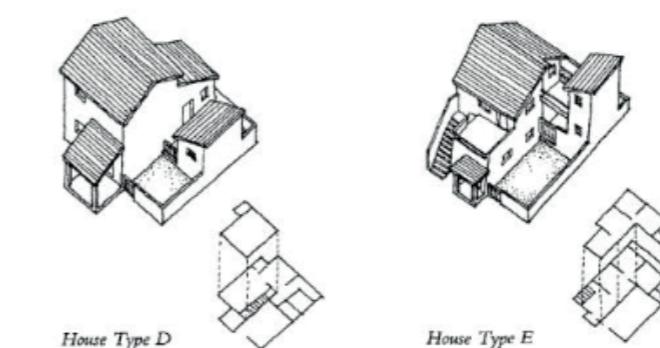
House Extensions Choices

## Case Study | Belapur

Difference in Grid-size



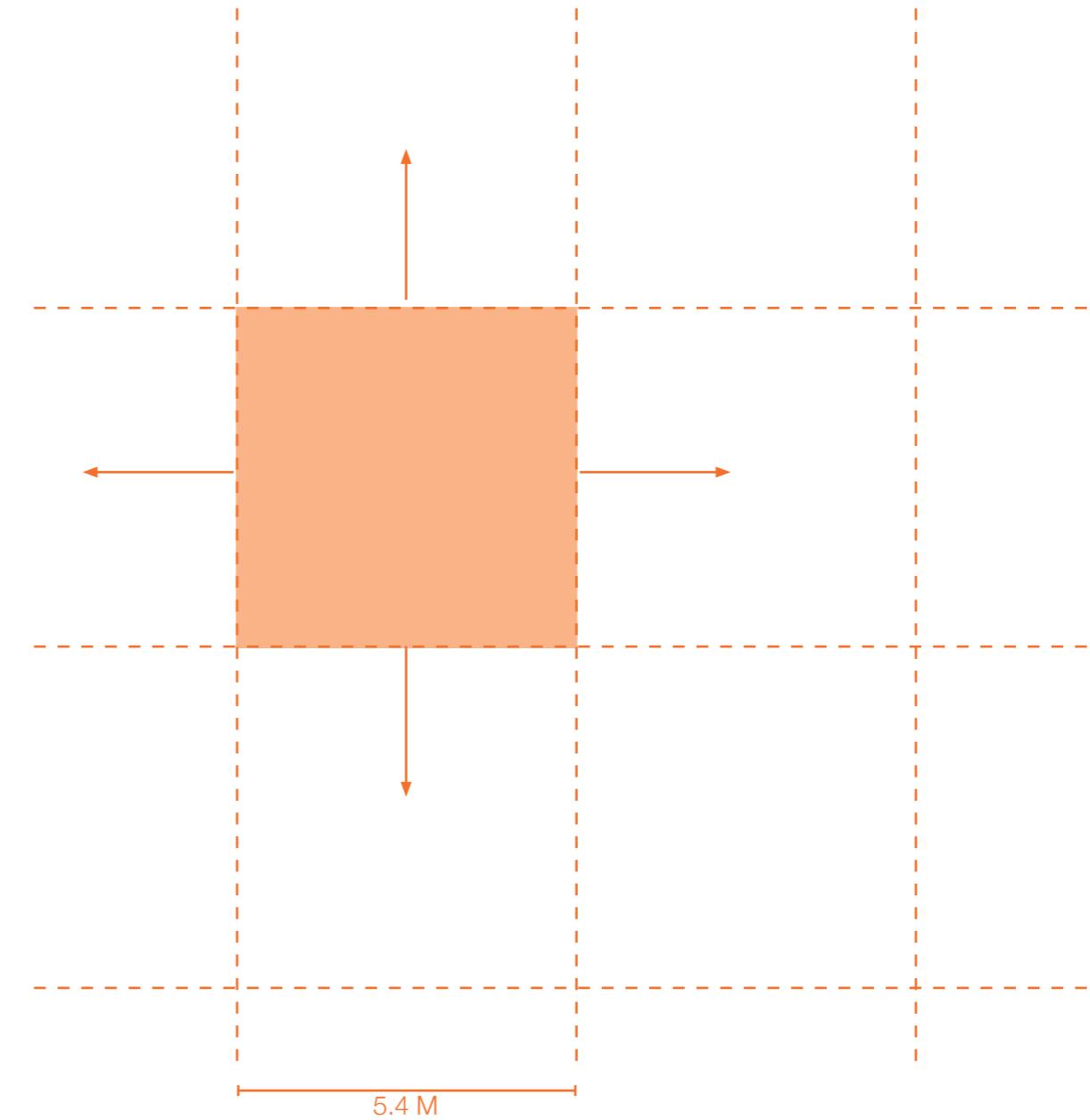
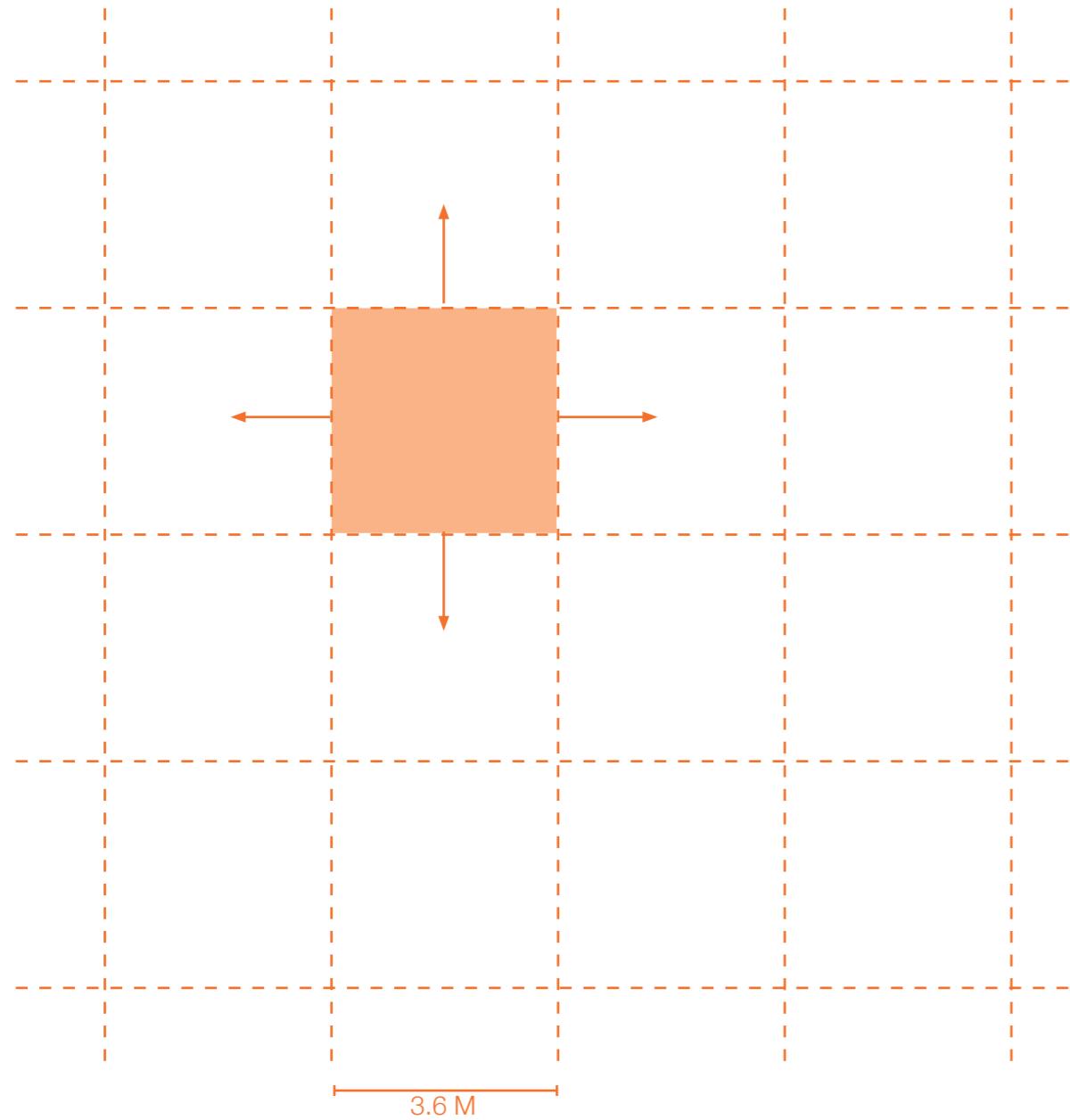
Incrementality



Diversity within a system

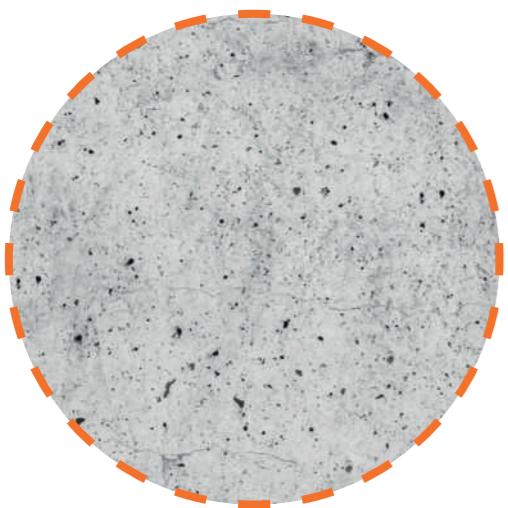


## Design Hypothesis



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### Local Materials

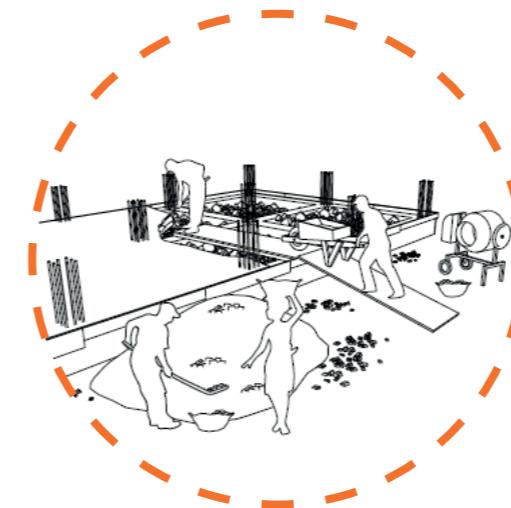


Concrete

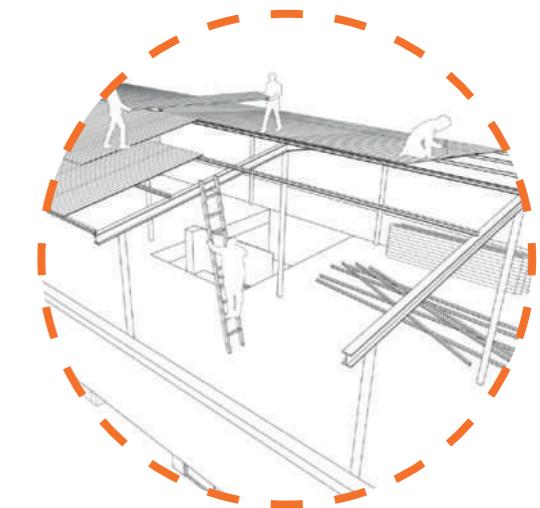


Fly ash Bricks

### Local Methods



Raised Plinth



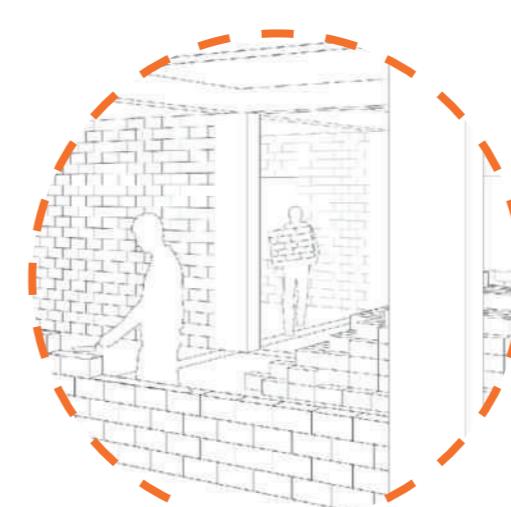
Corrugated Roof



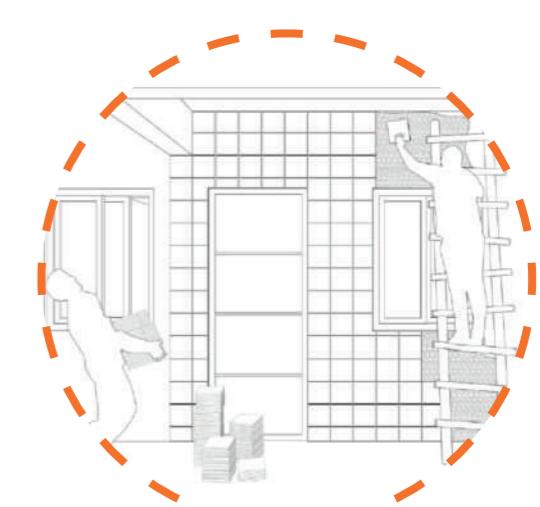
Corrugated sheets



Bamboo

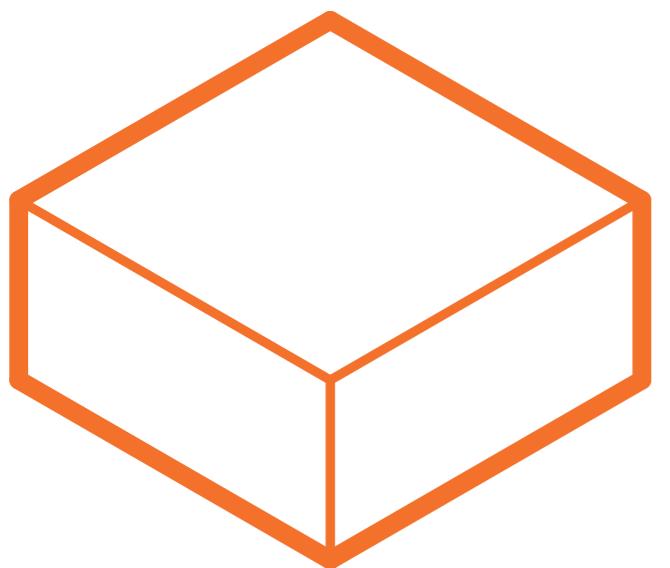


Concrete Frame/ Brick infill

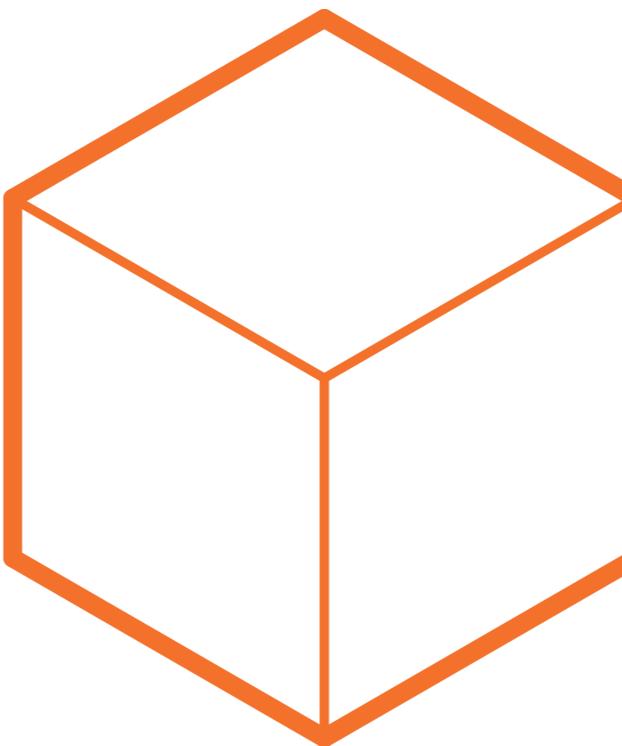


Tiled Surfaces

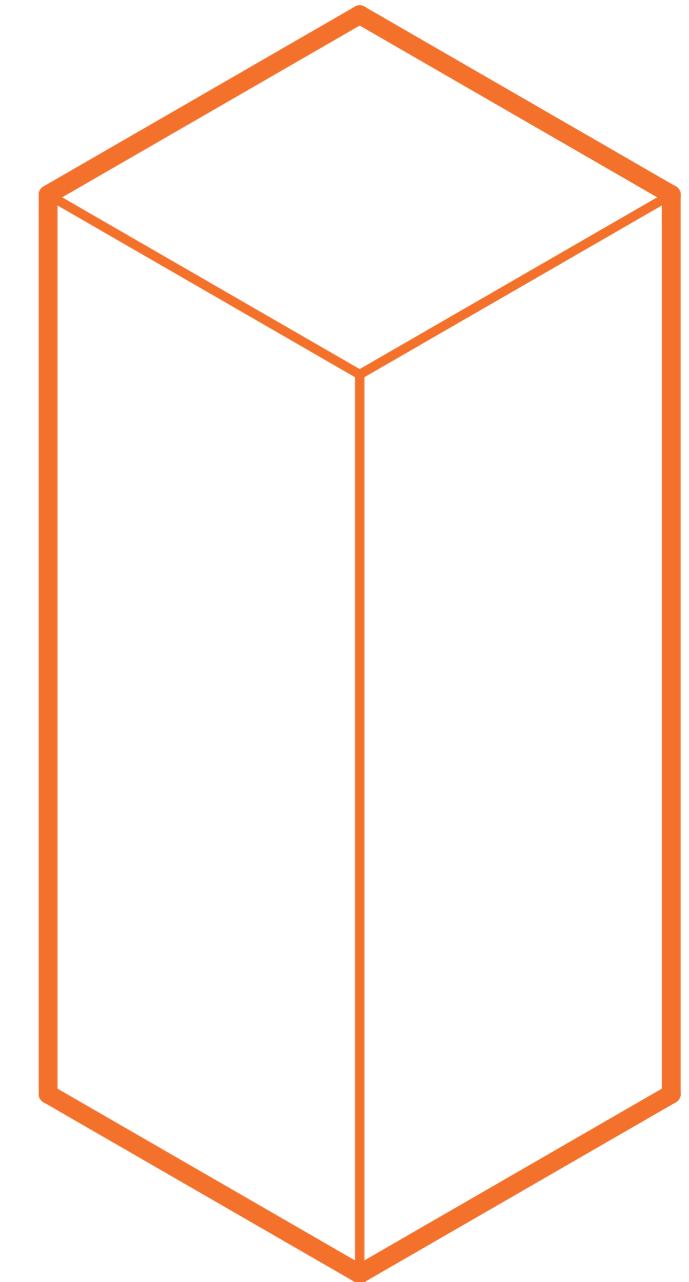
## Design Hypothesis



Low-rise



Mid-rise



High-rise

## Key Takeaways



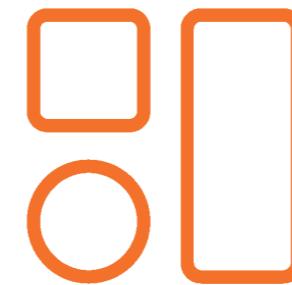
Flexibility



Efficiency



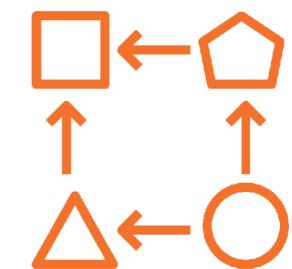
Community



Social Mix



Space for  
income  
generation



Adaptability

**LOCATION**

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0 100m



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0 100m

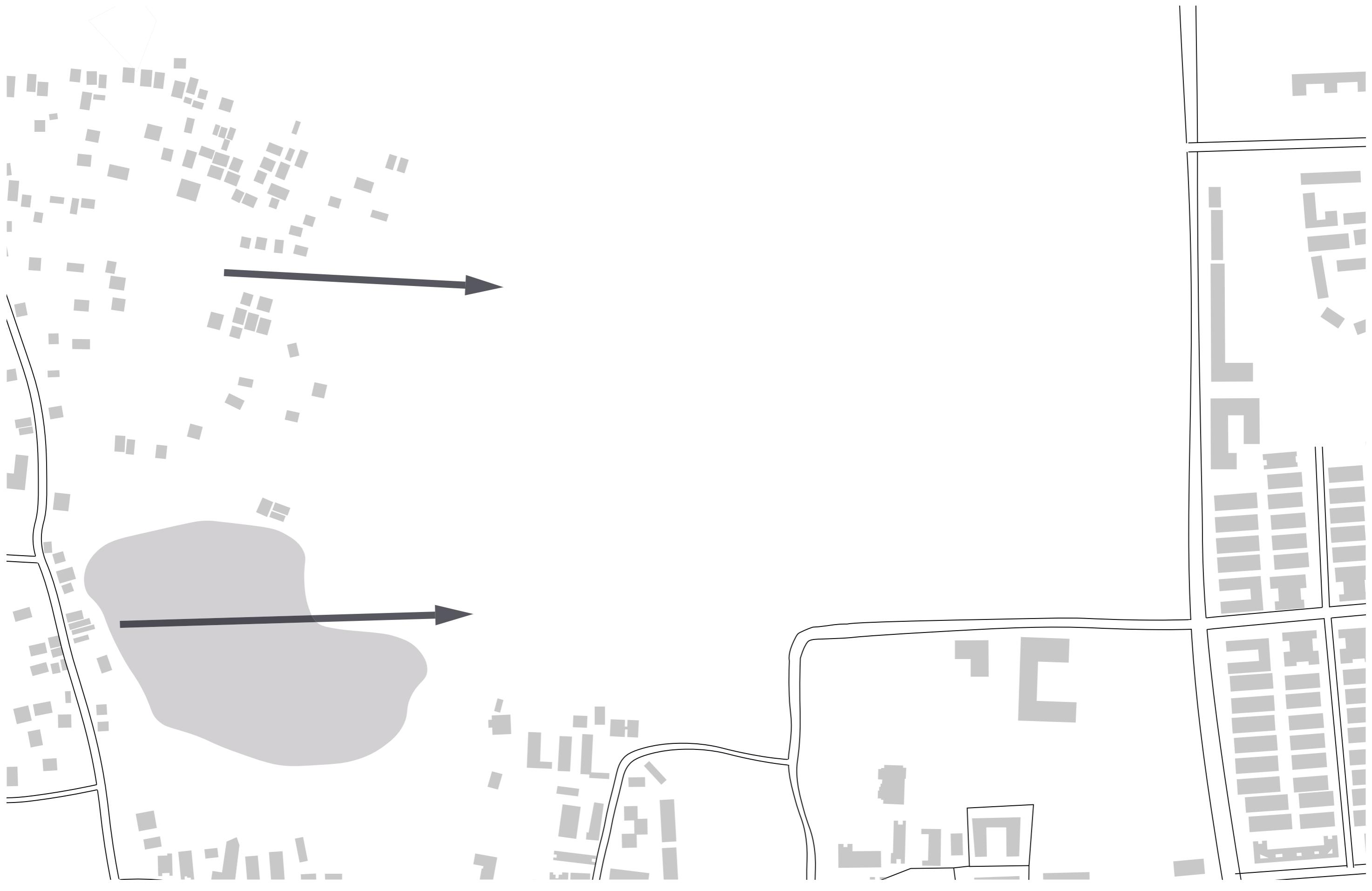


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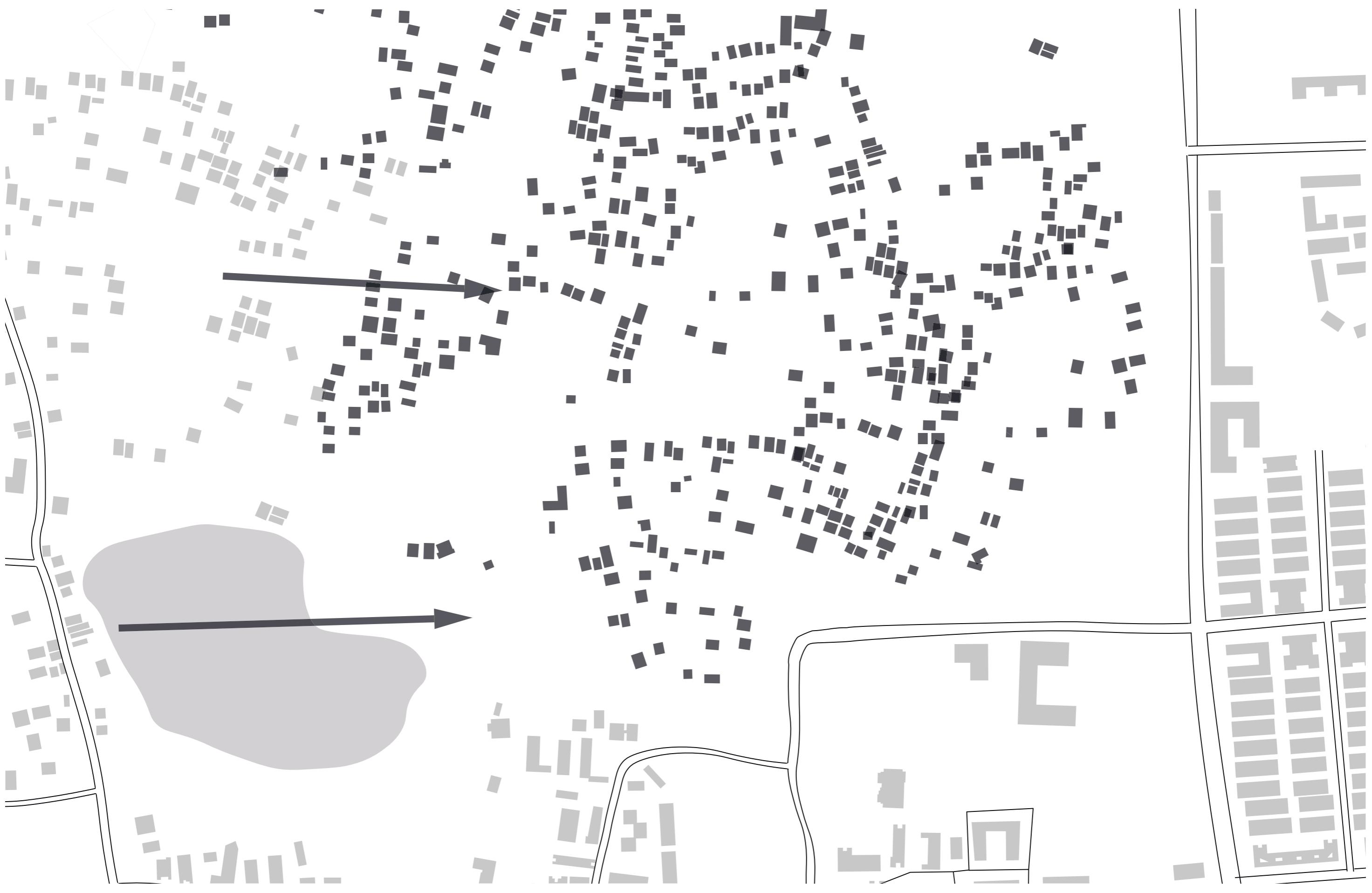
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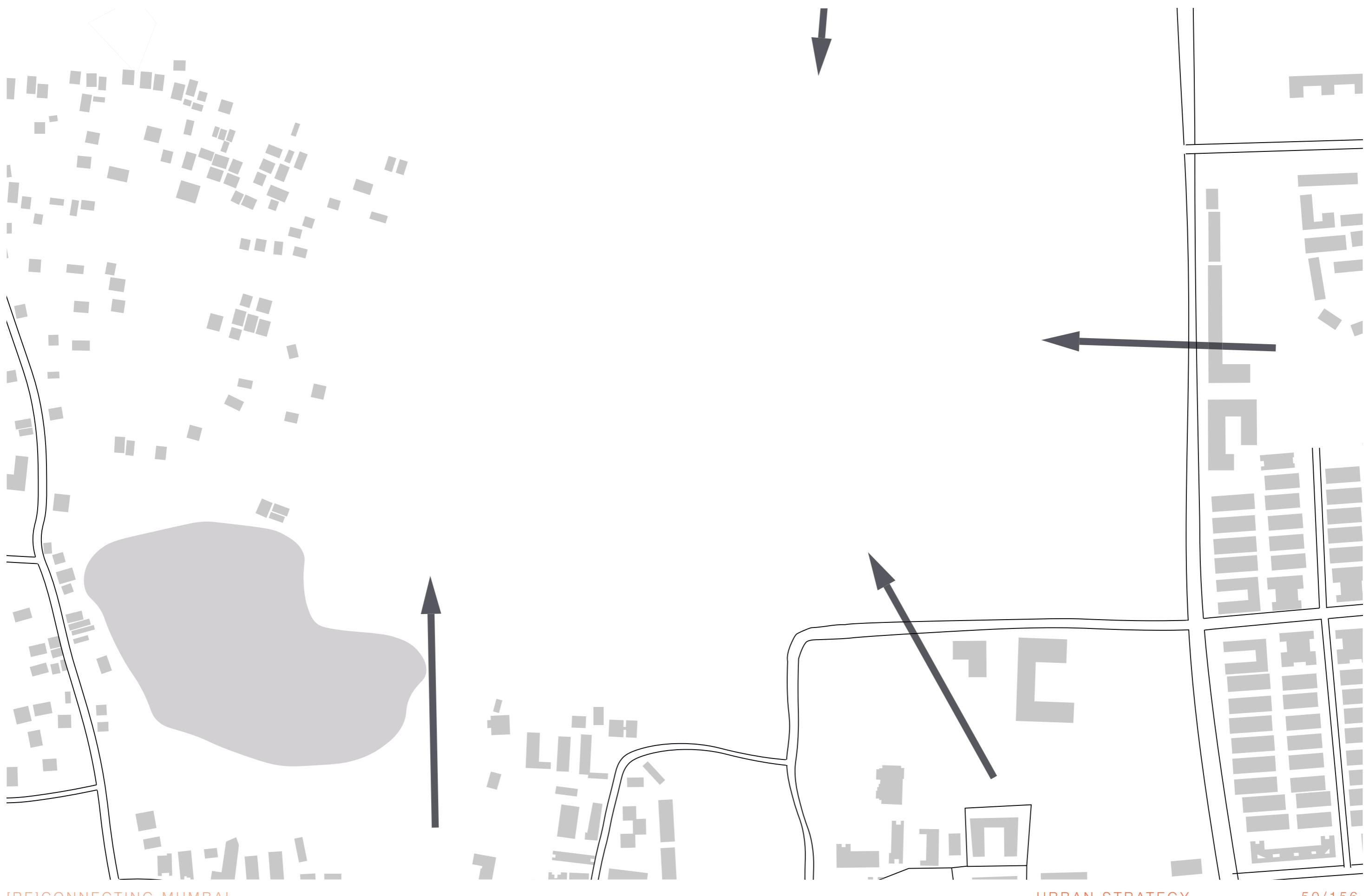
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## Future Scenario 2



## Future Scenario 2

0 100m



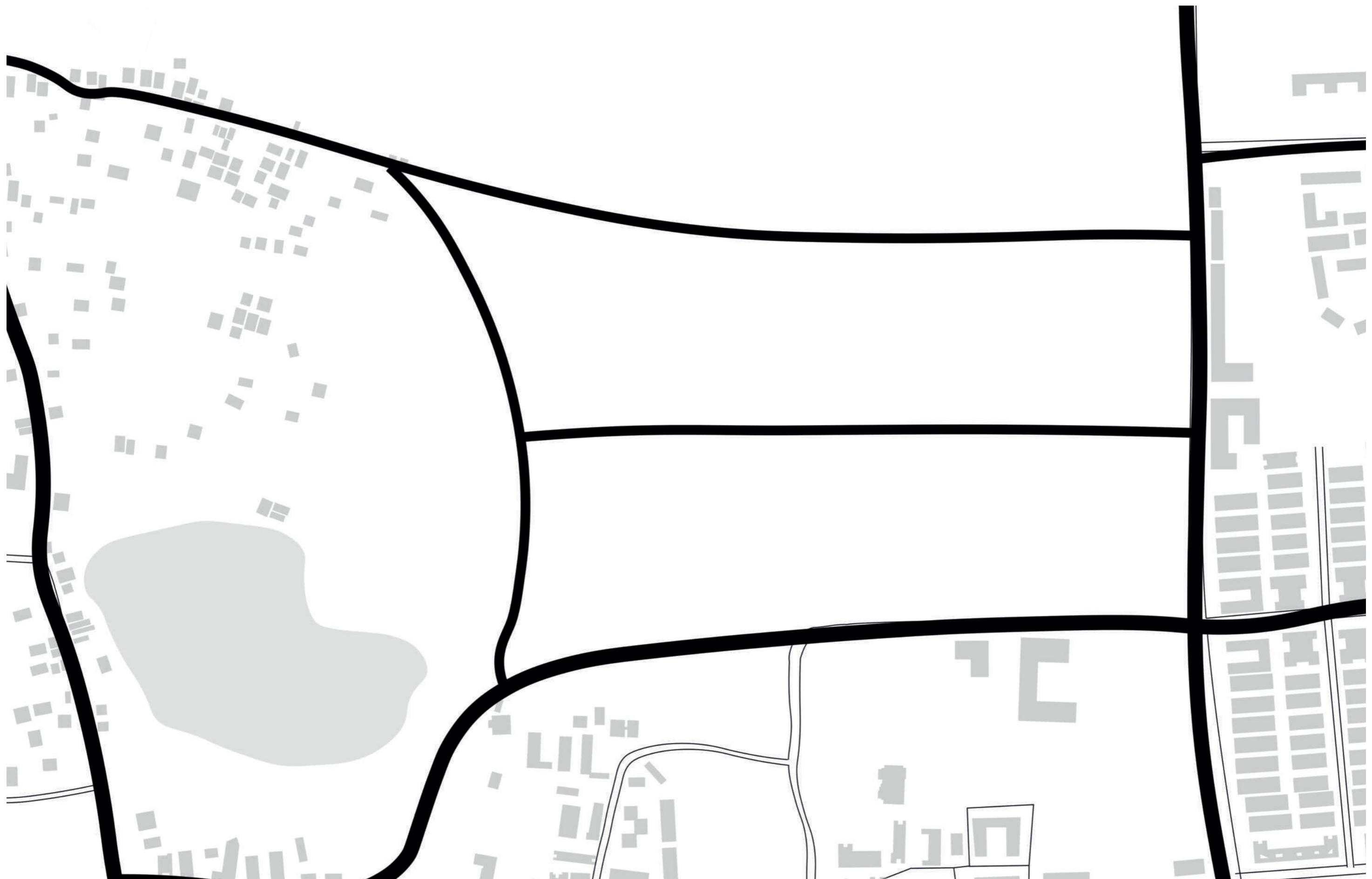
## Primary Roads

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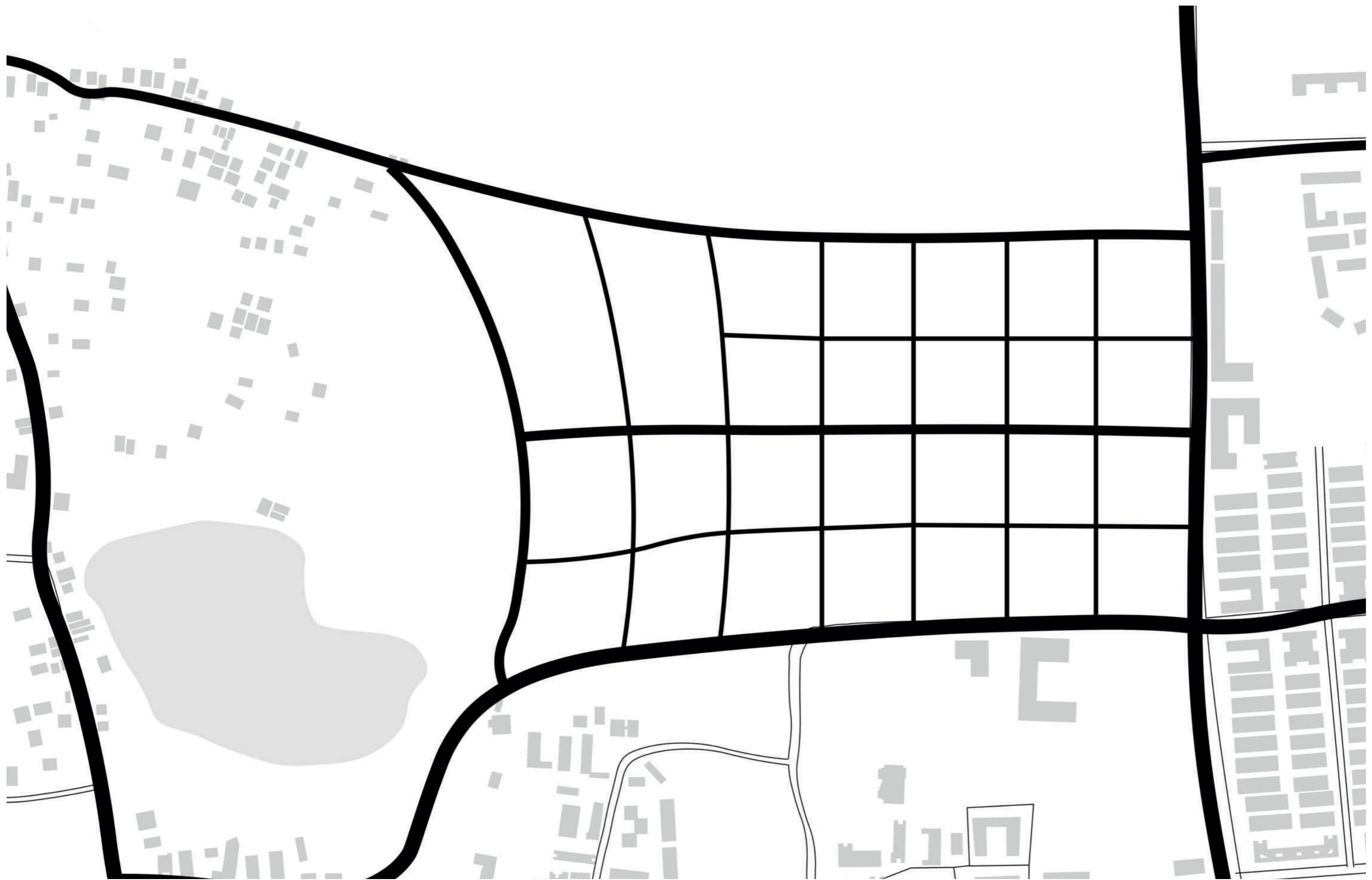
## Secondary Roads

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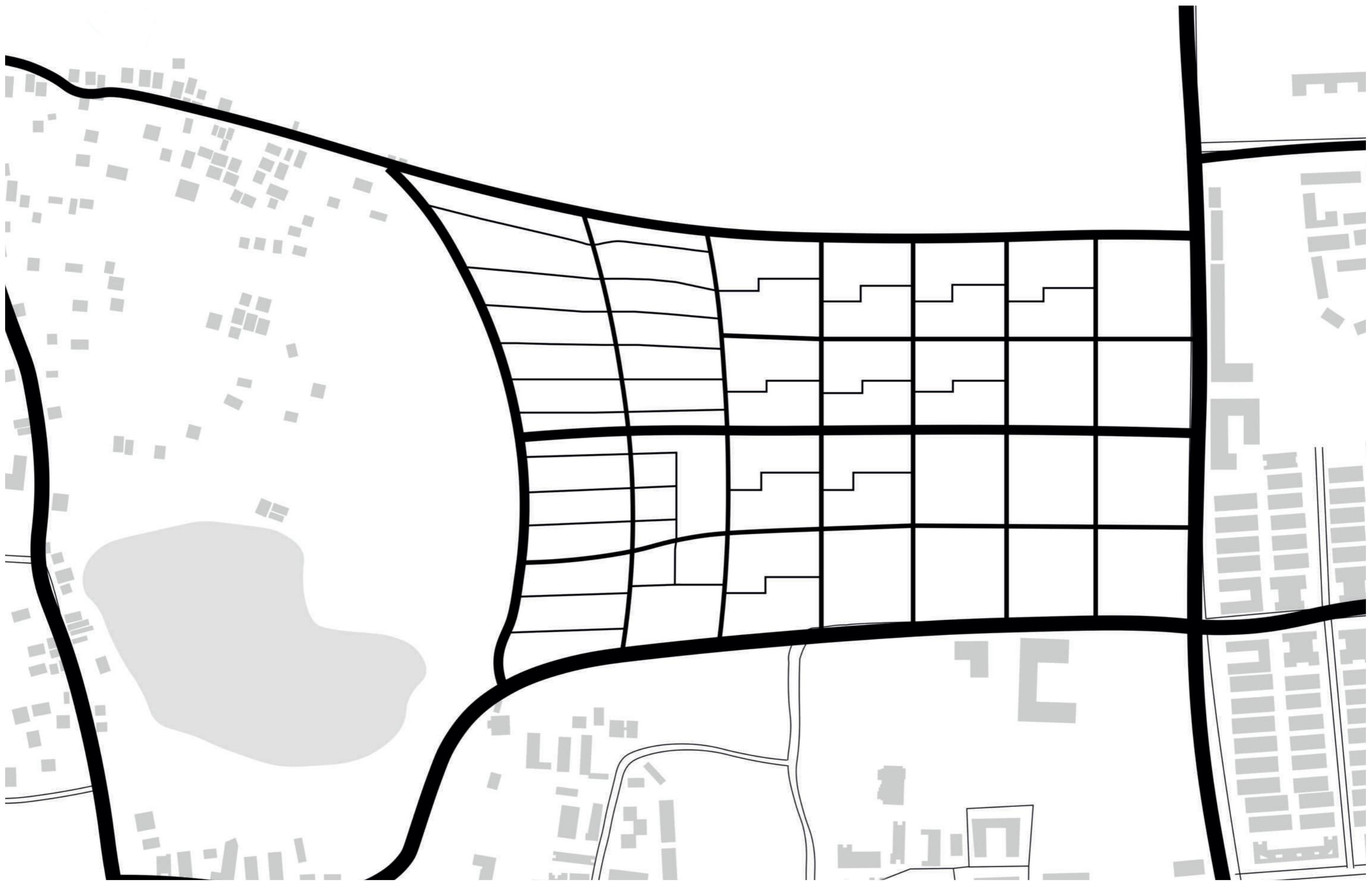
## Tertiary Roads

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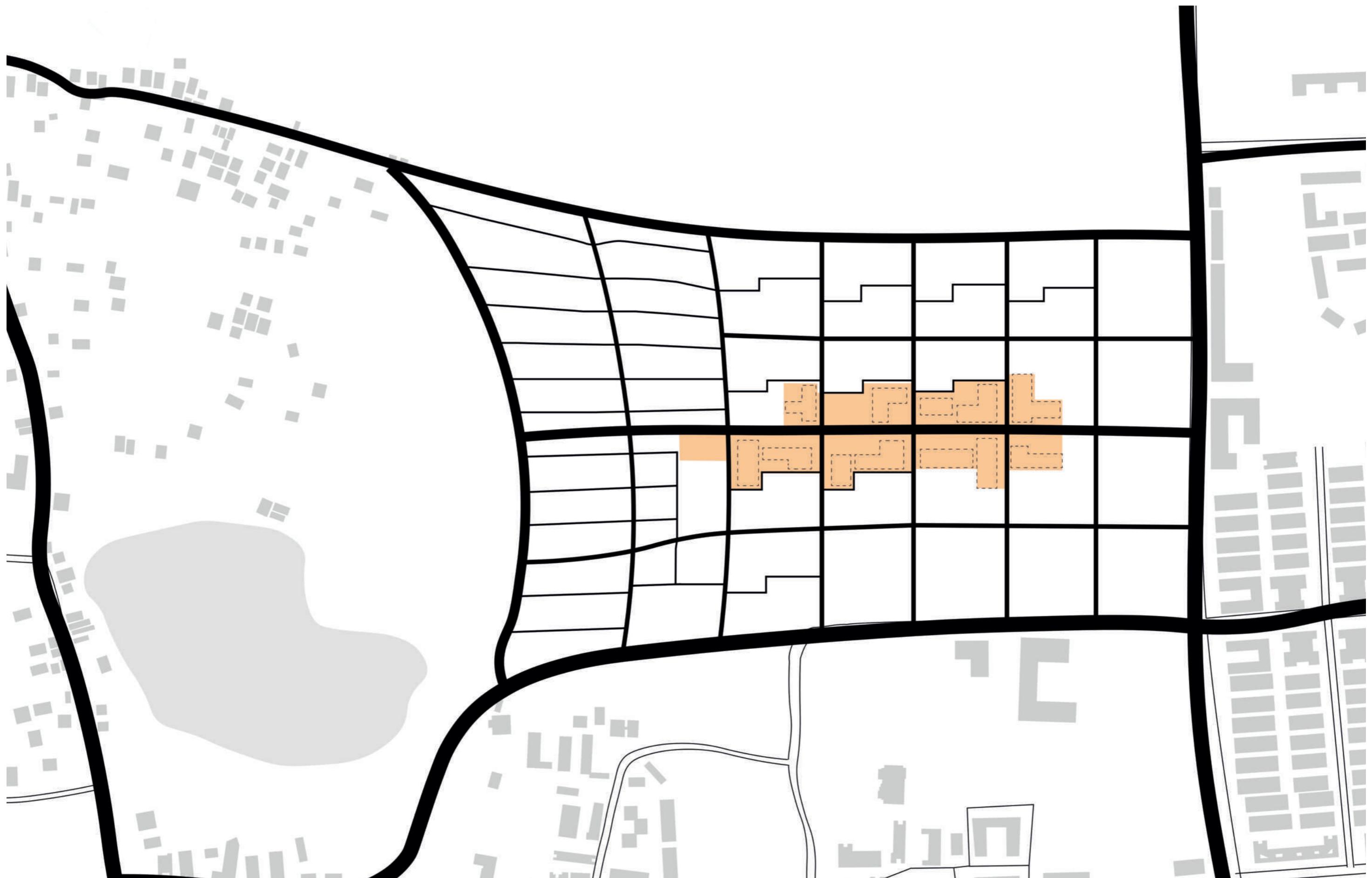
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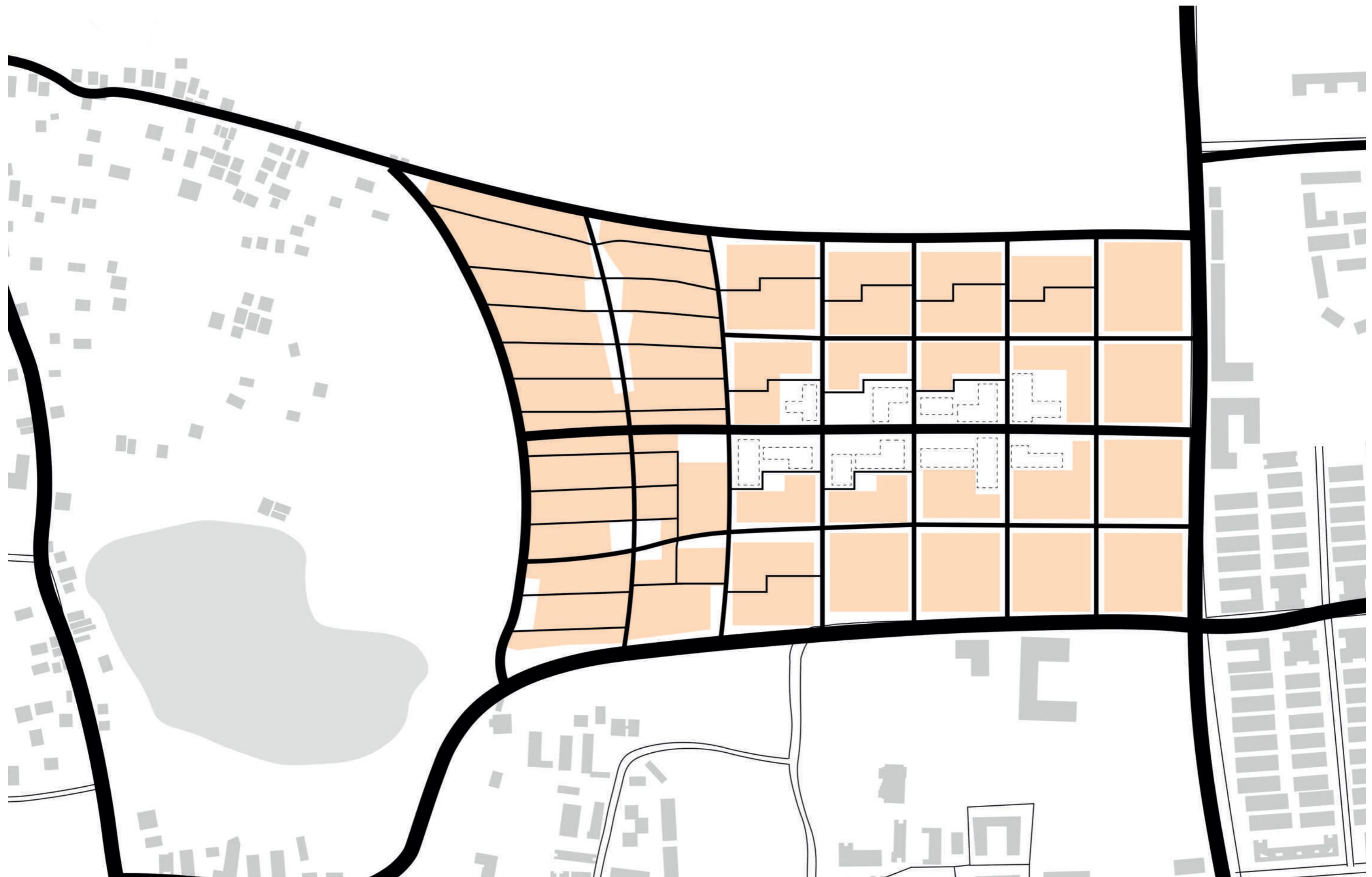
## Larger Amenities

0 100m



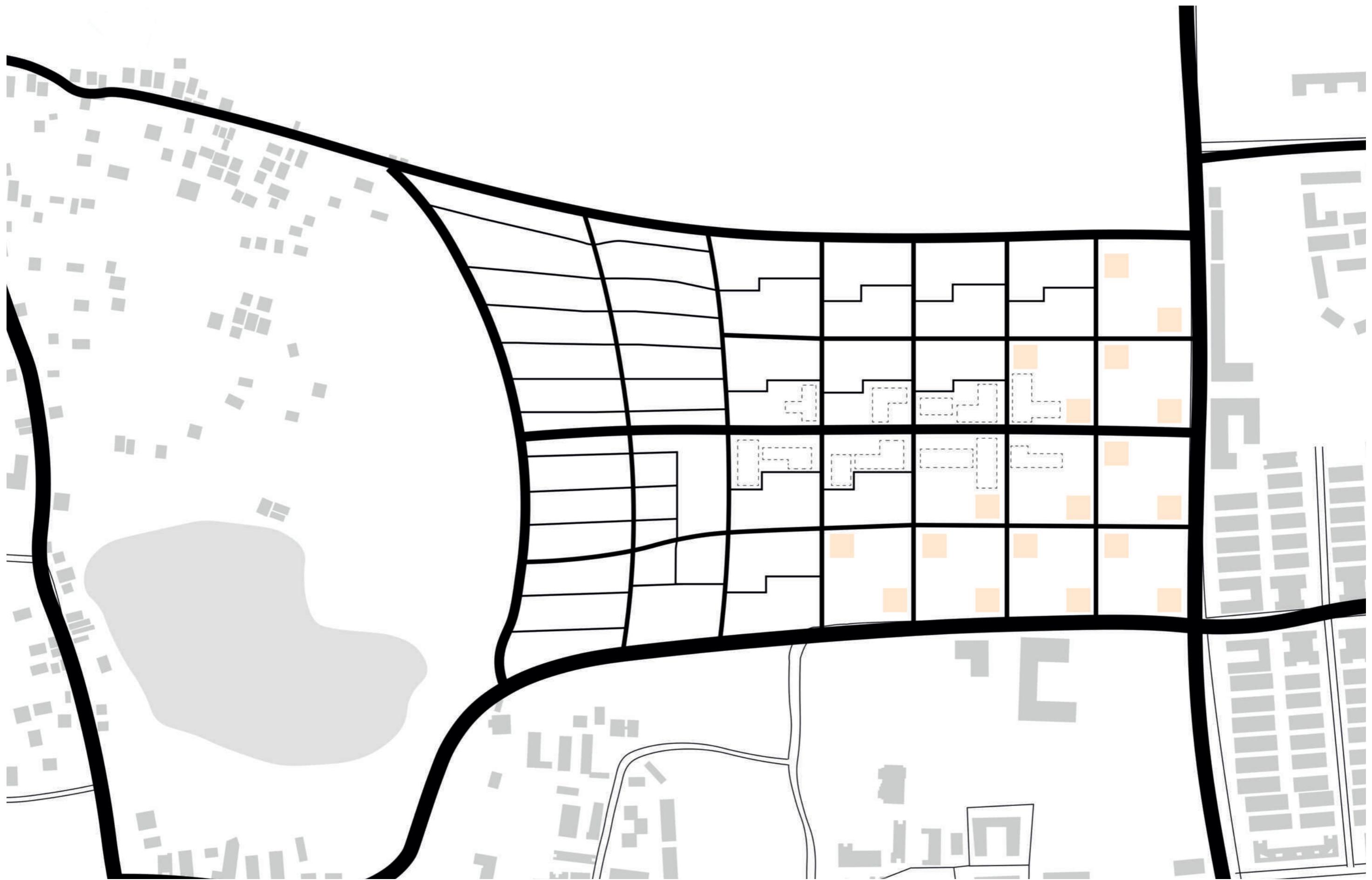
# Plots

0 100m



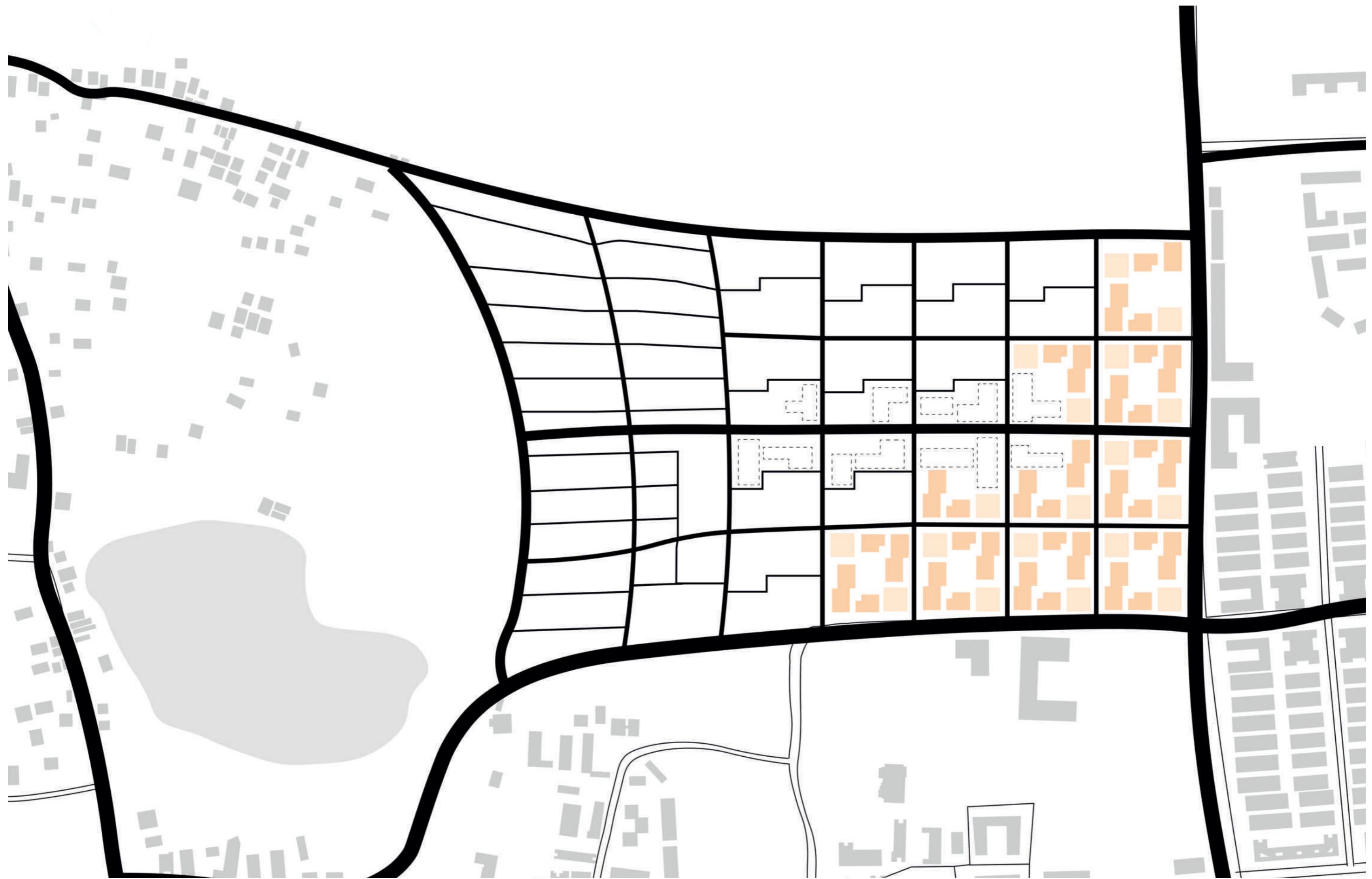
Tower

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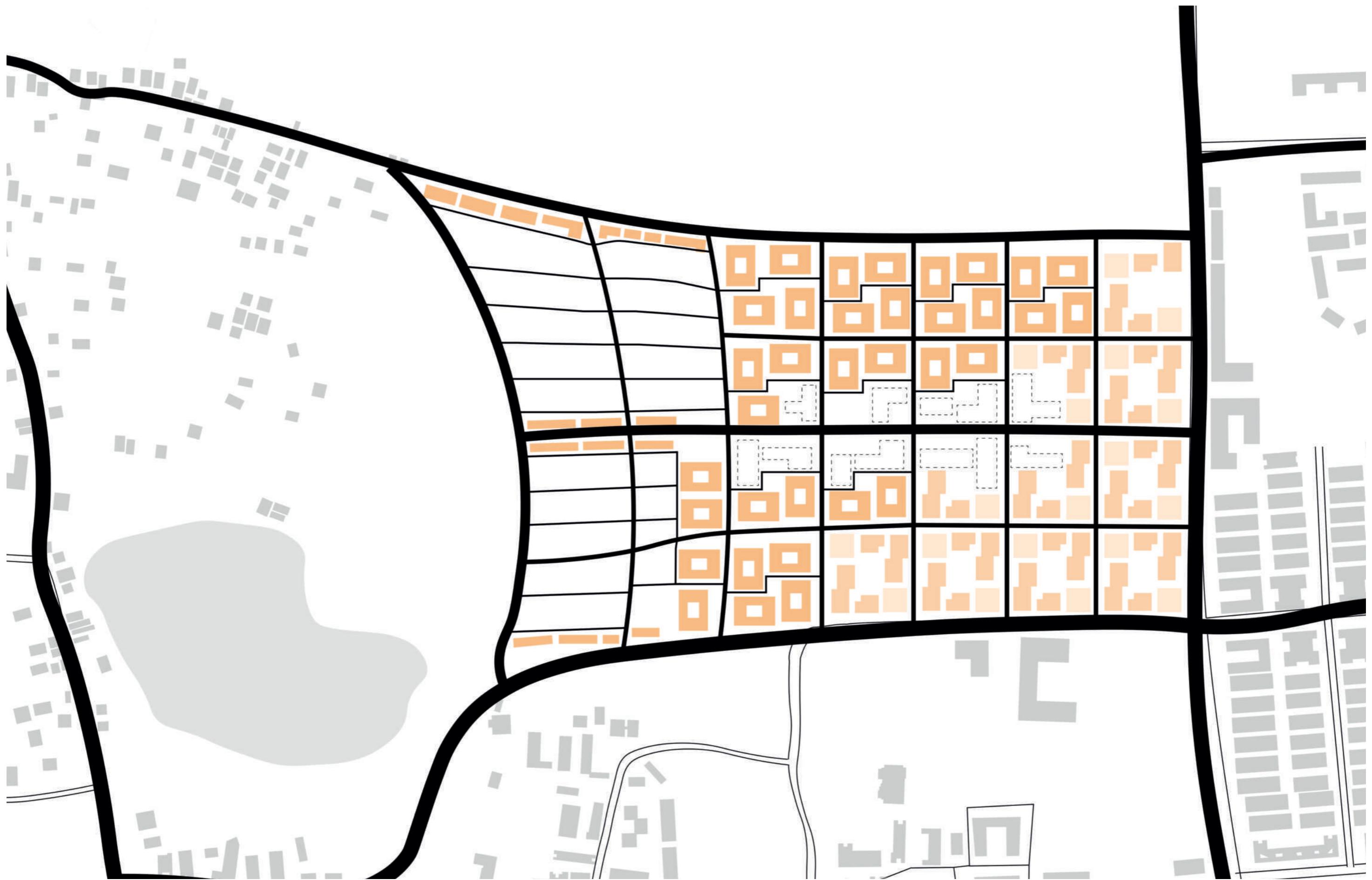
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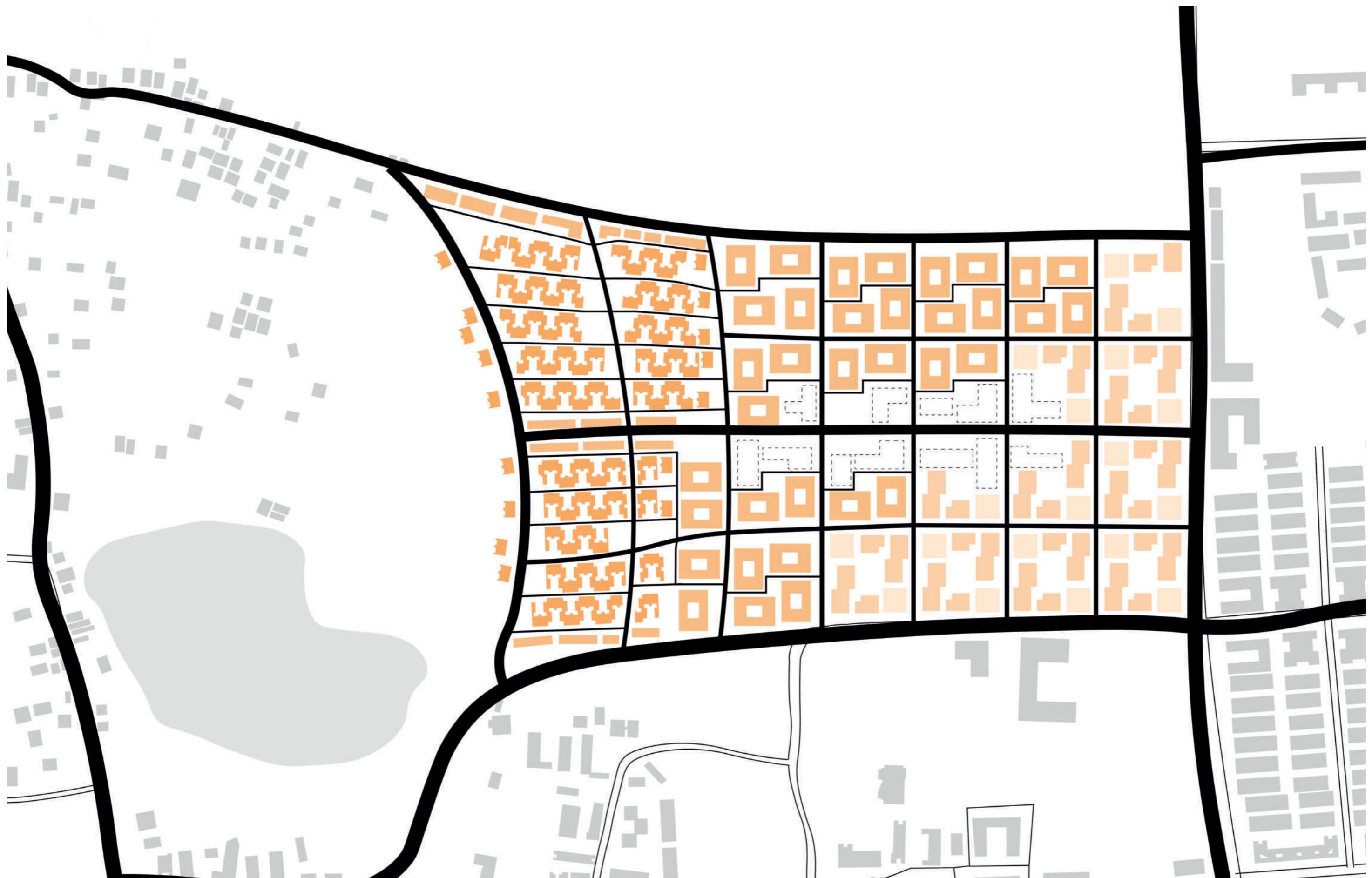
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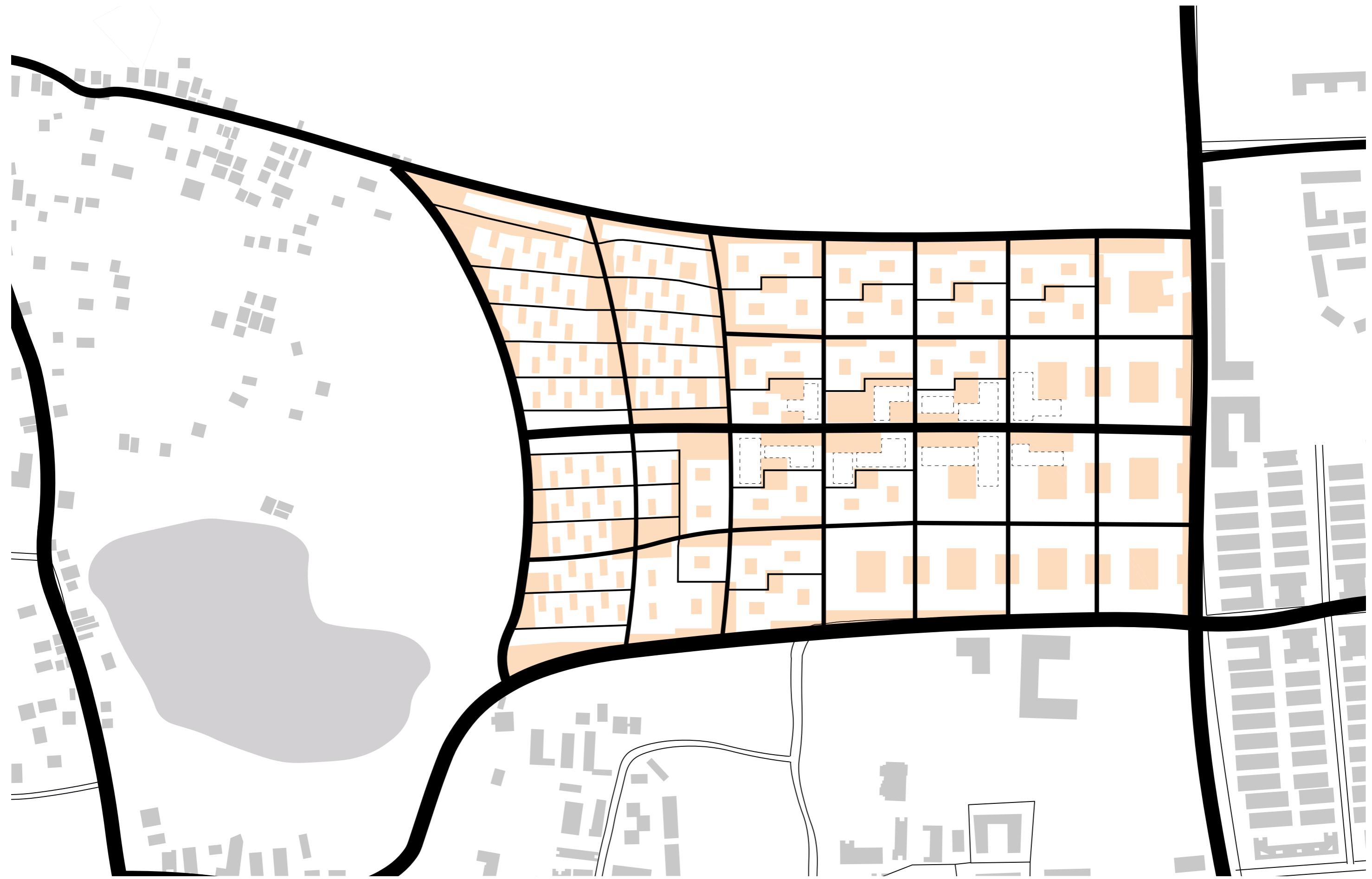
## Sites & Services

0 100m



Green/Open Spaces

0 100m



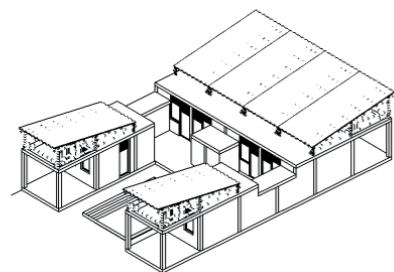
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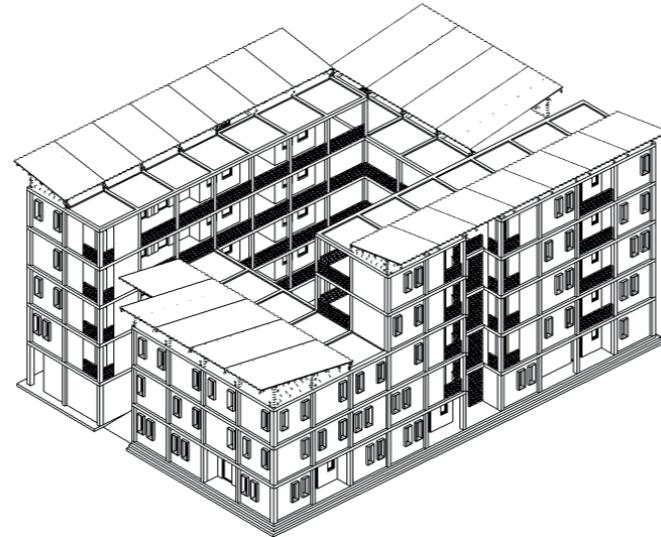


BUILDING  
STRATEGY

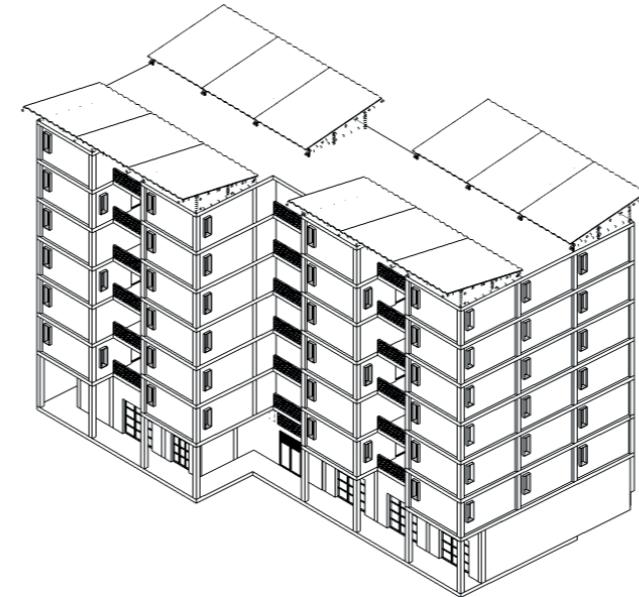
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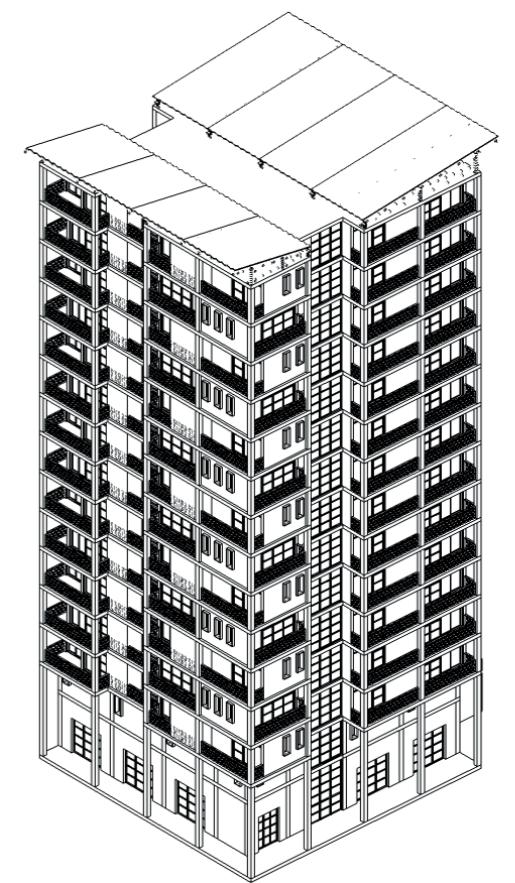
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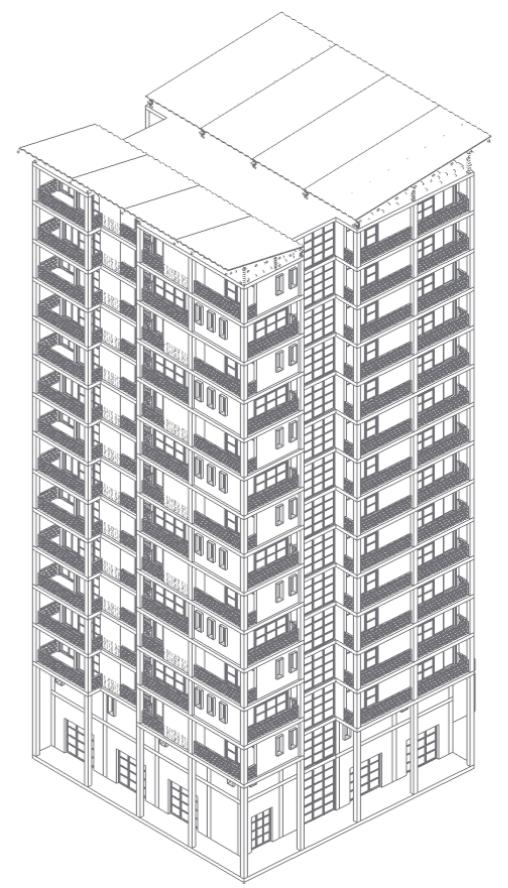
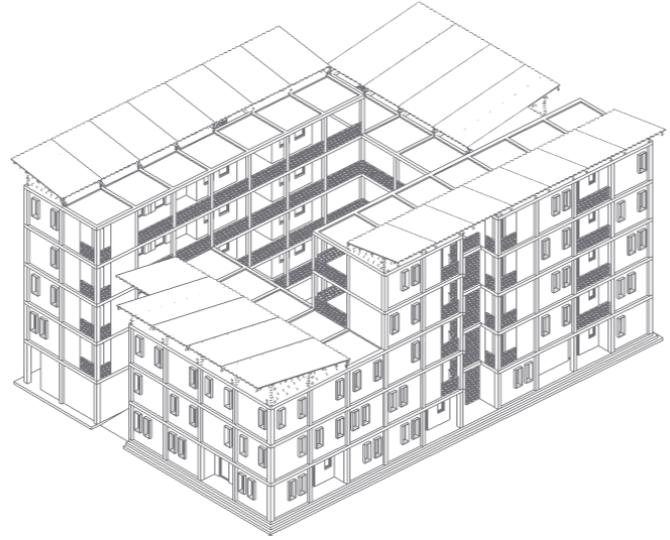
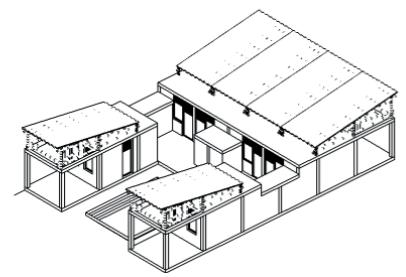
Courtyard



Slab



Tower



Sites & Services

## Sites & Services | Urban Situation

0 7.2m



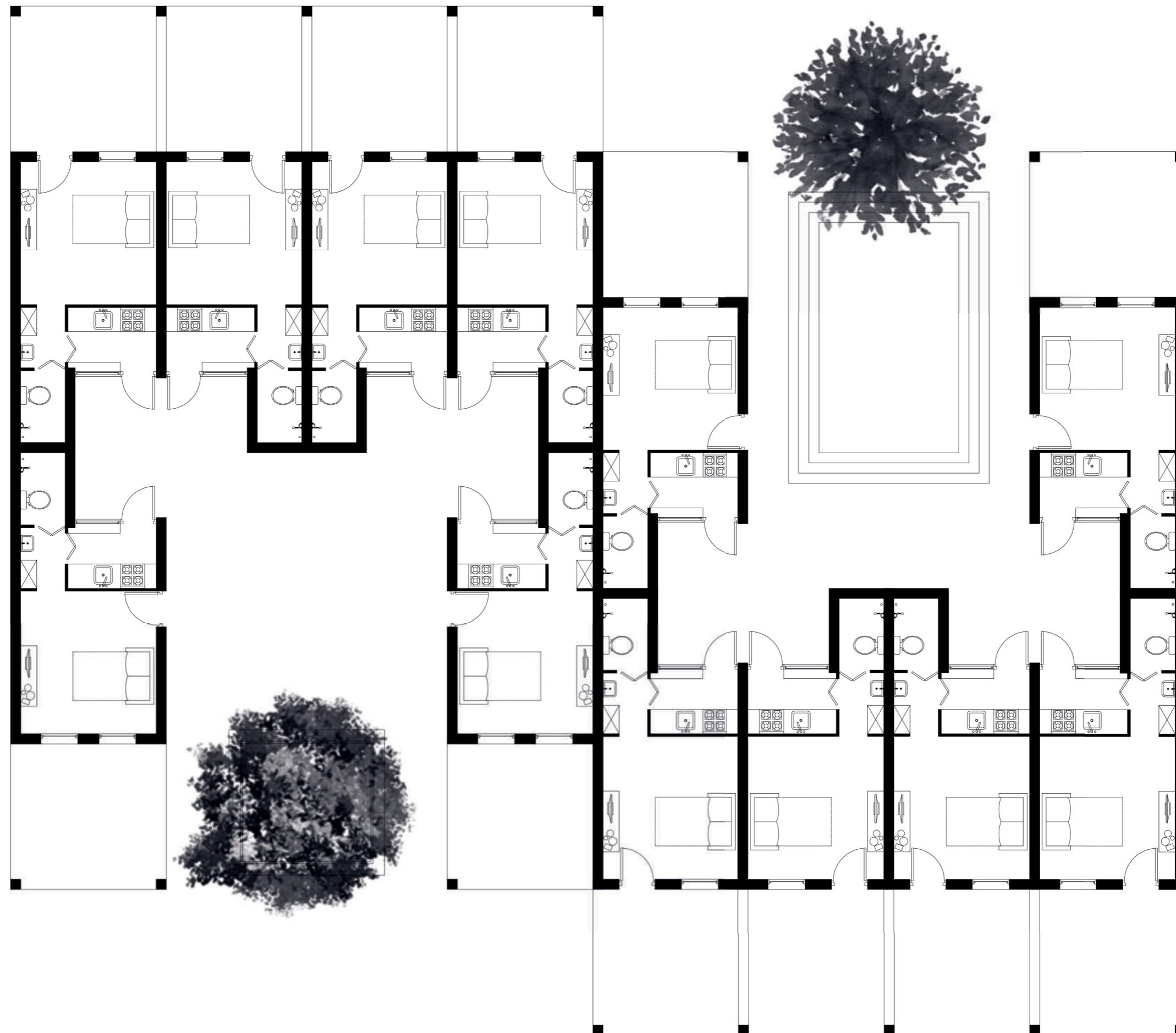
## Sites & Services | Urban Situation

0 3m



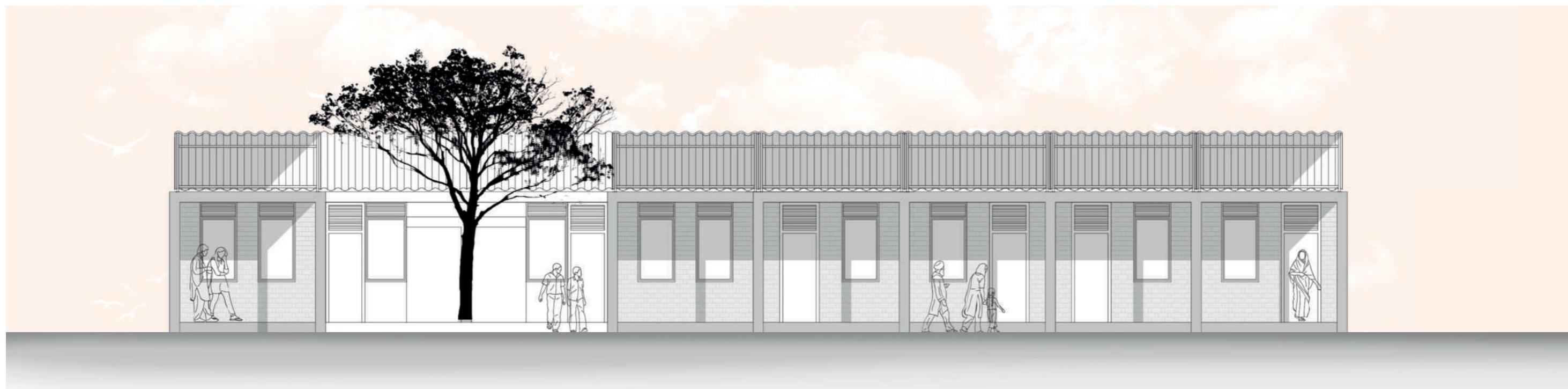
## Sites & Services | Ground Floor

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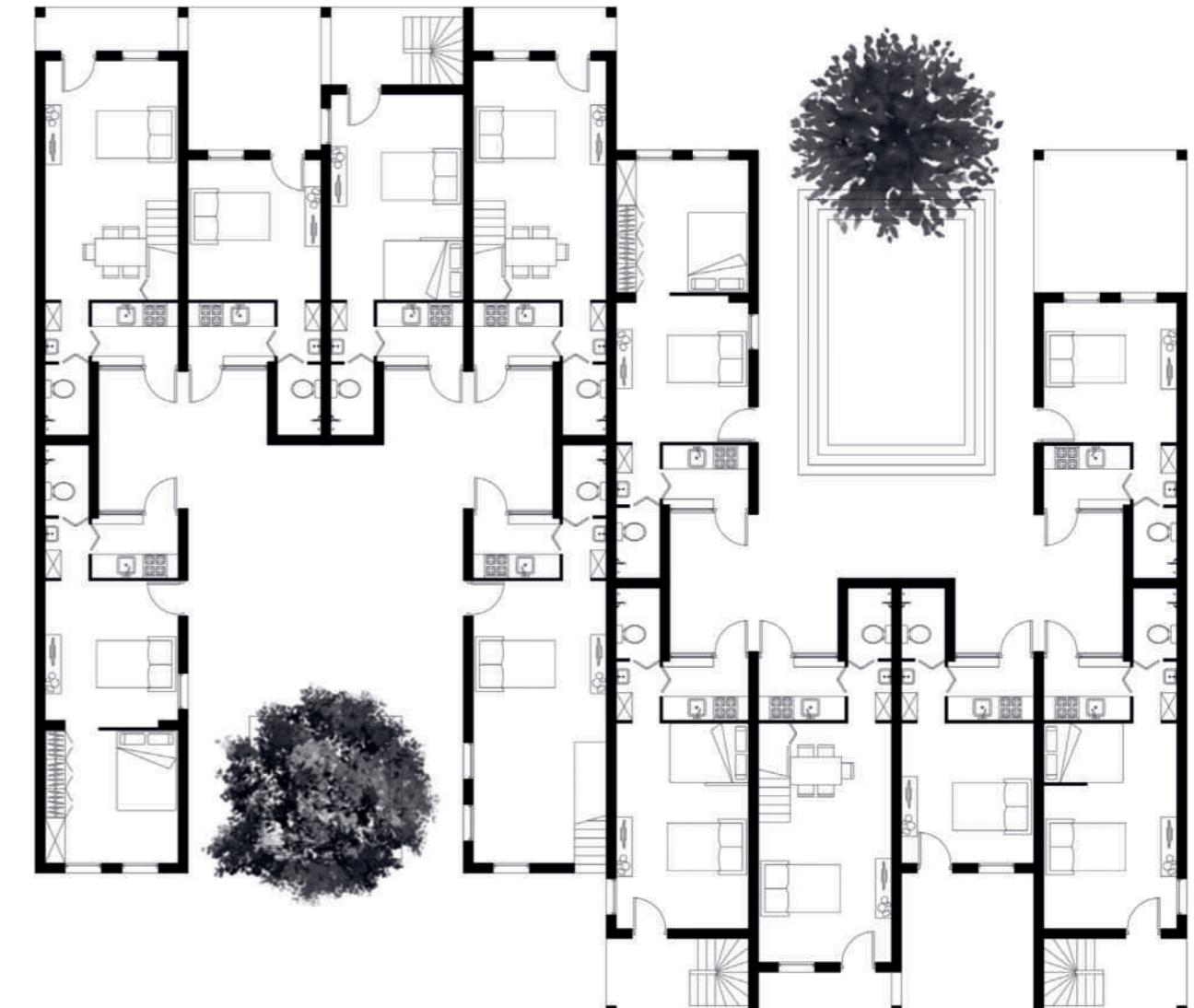
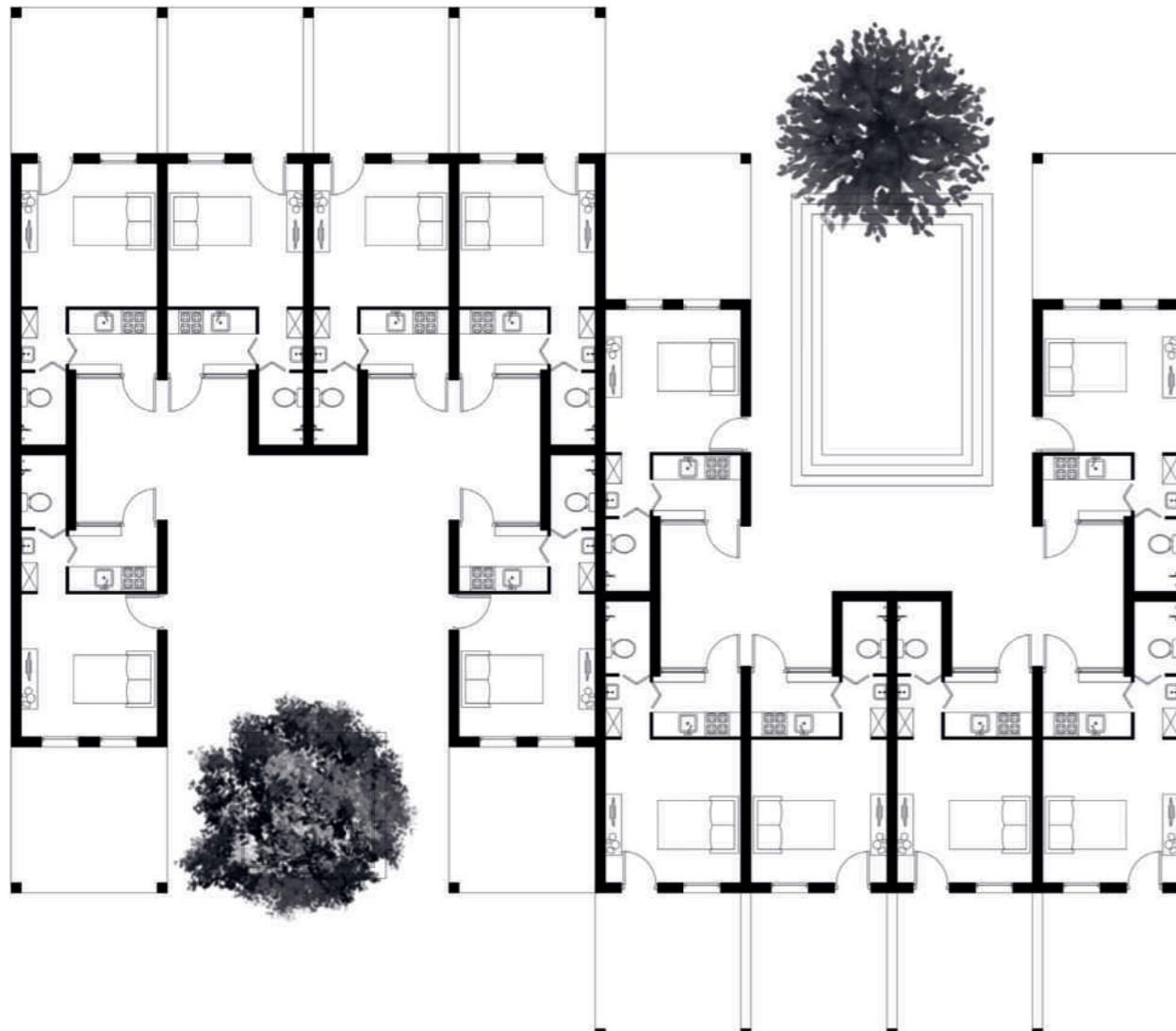
## Sites & Services | Section / Facade

0 3m



## Sites & Services | Unit variations

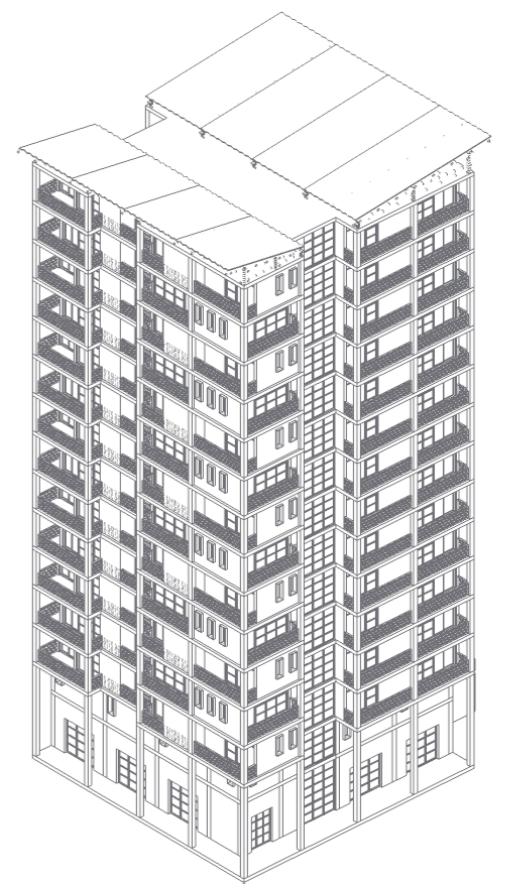
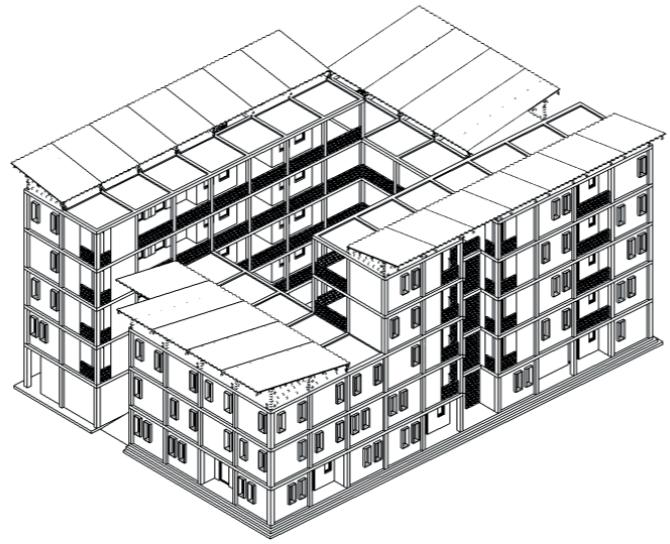
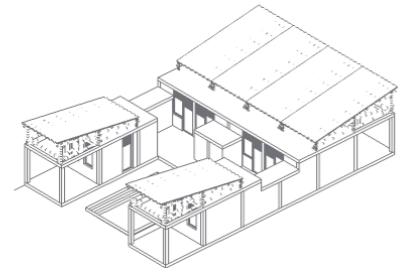
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## Sites & Services | Unit Variations

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Courtyard

# Courtyard | Urban Situation

0 10m



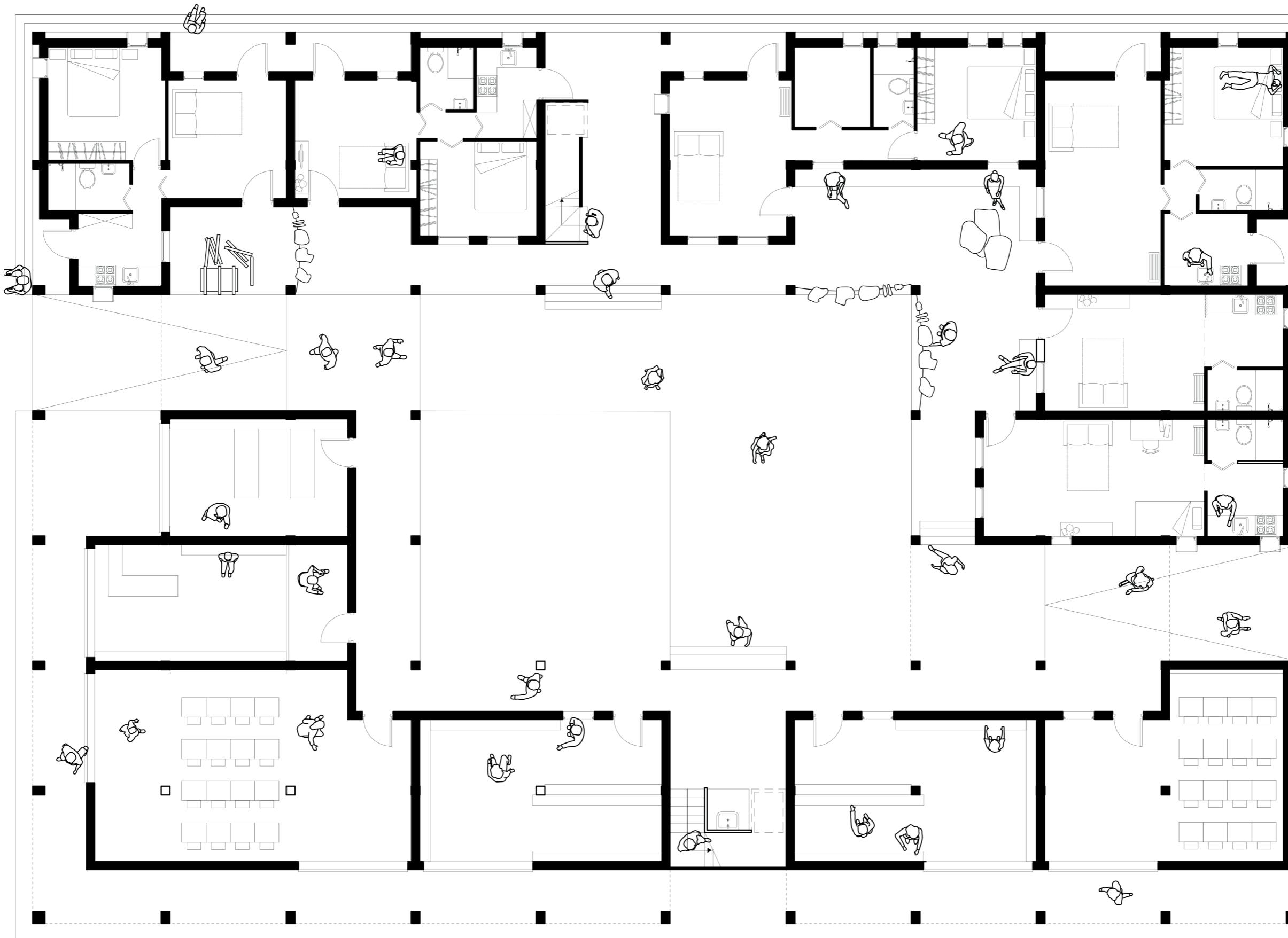
# Courtyard | Urban Situation

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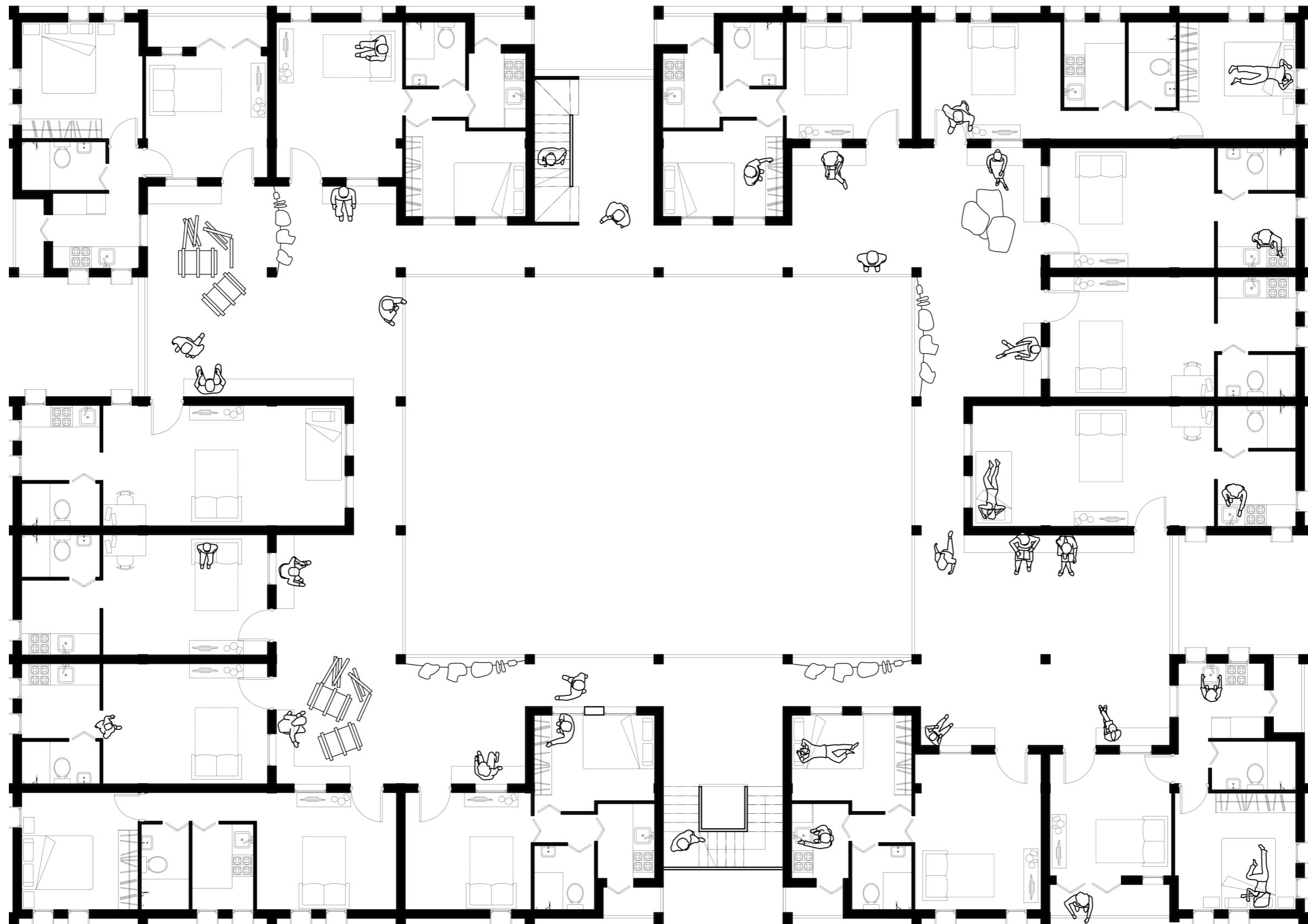
## Courtyard | Ground Floor

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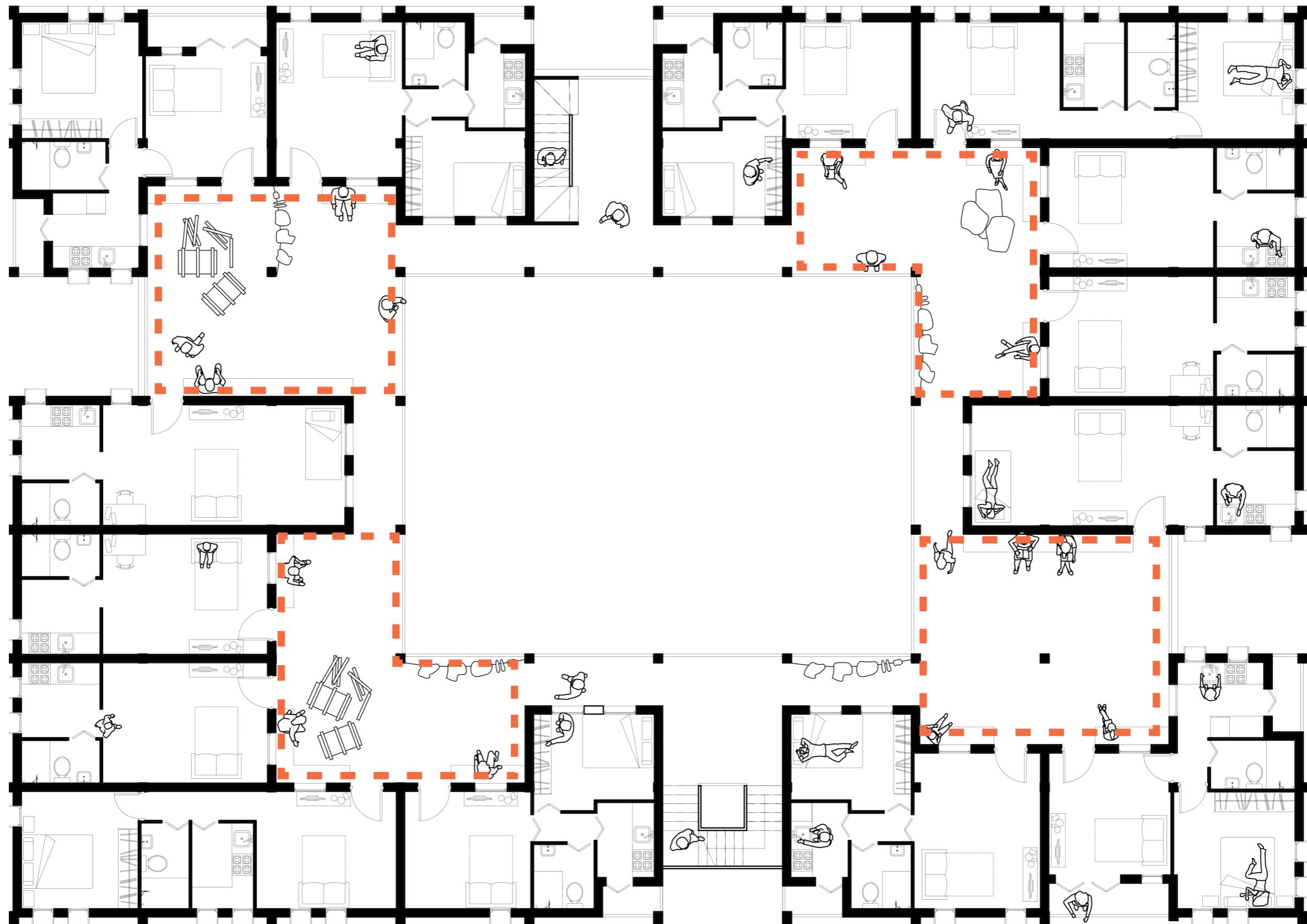
## Courtyard | Typical Floor

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0 2.5m



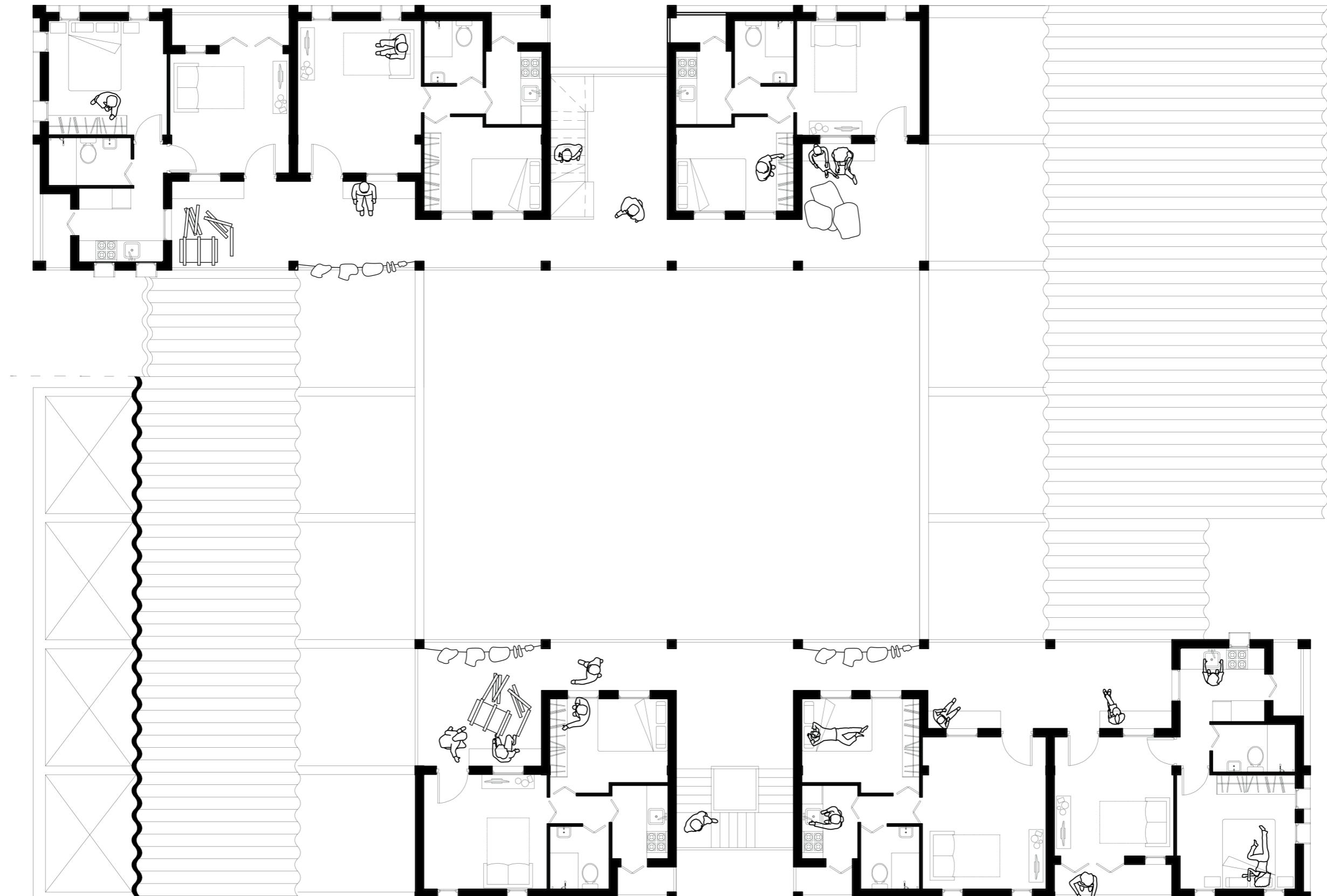
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## Courtyard | Top Floor

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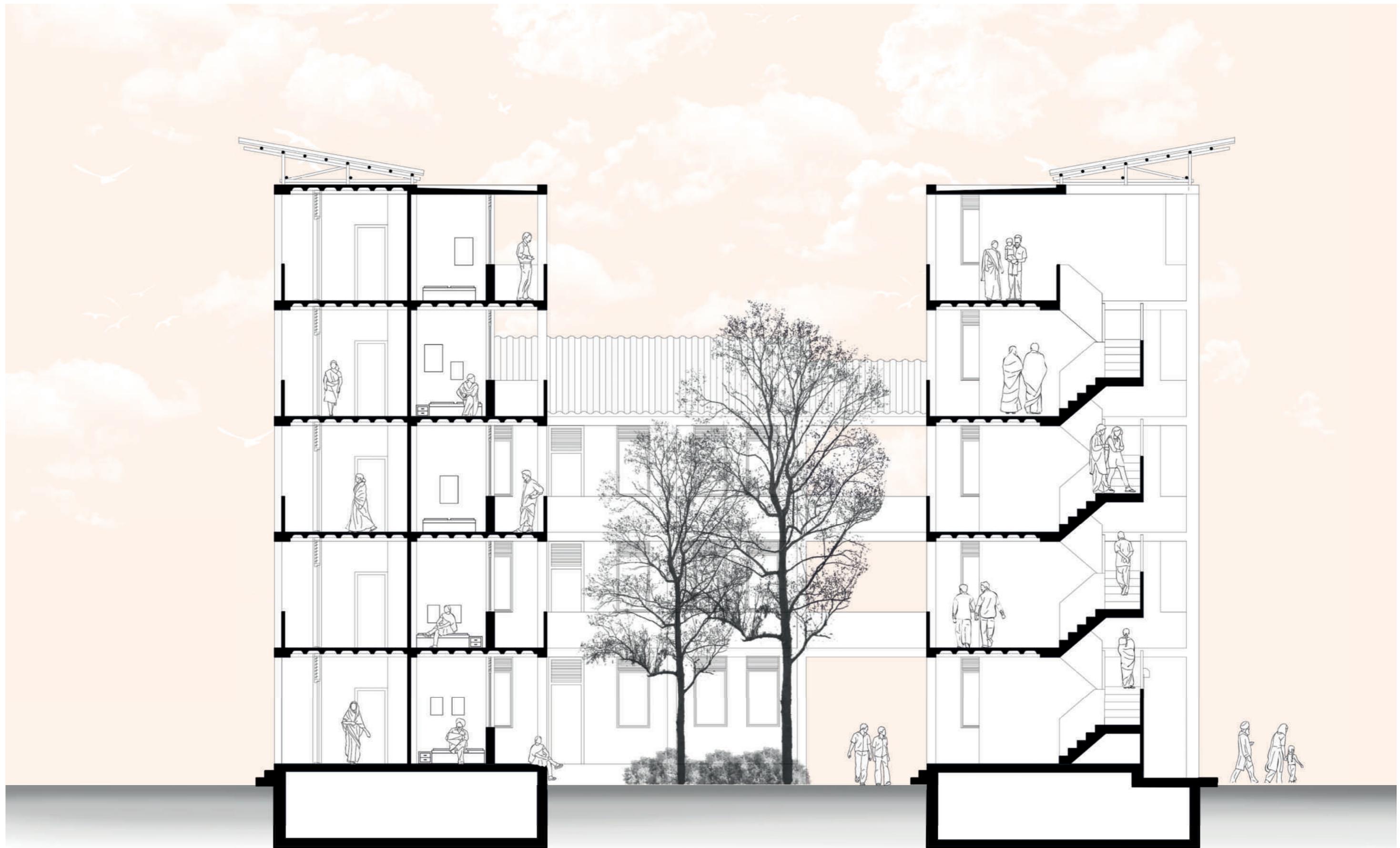
# Courtyard | Section

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# Courtyard | Section

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# Courtyard | Section

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# Courtyard | Facade

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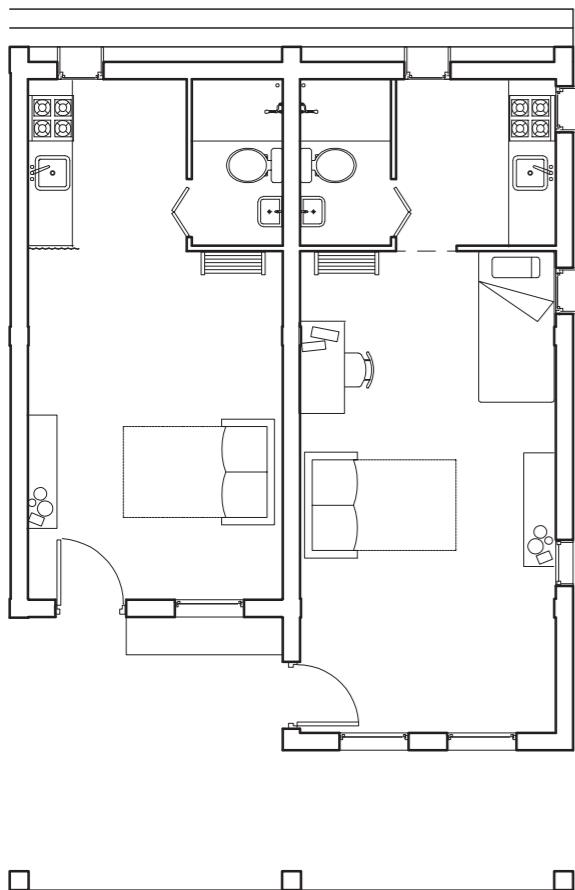
# Courtyard | Facade

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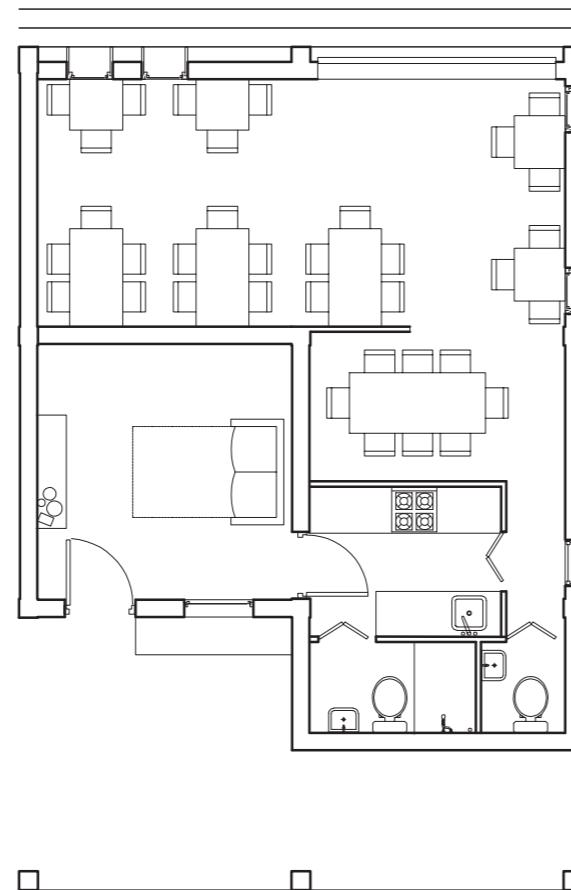


## Courtyard | Unit Variations

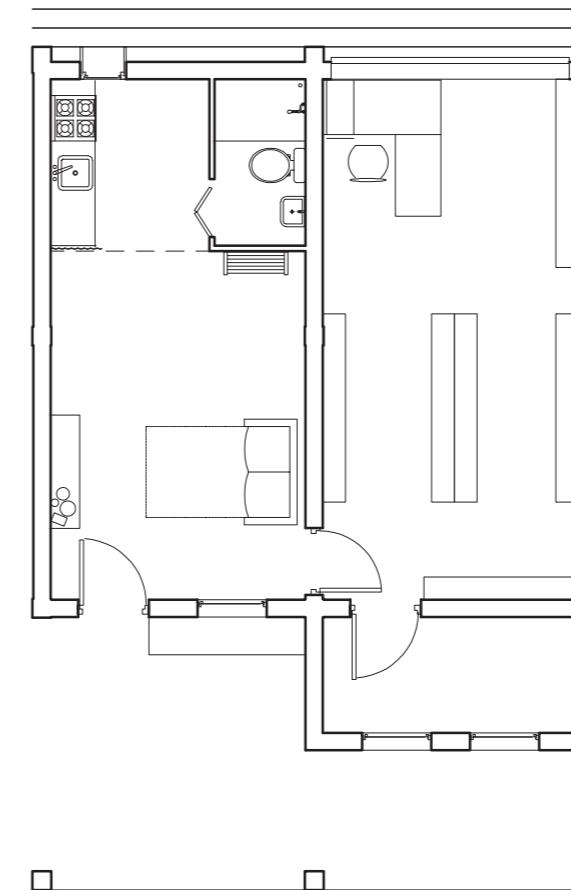
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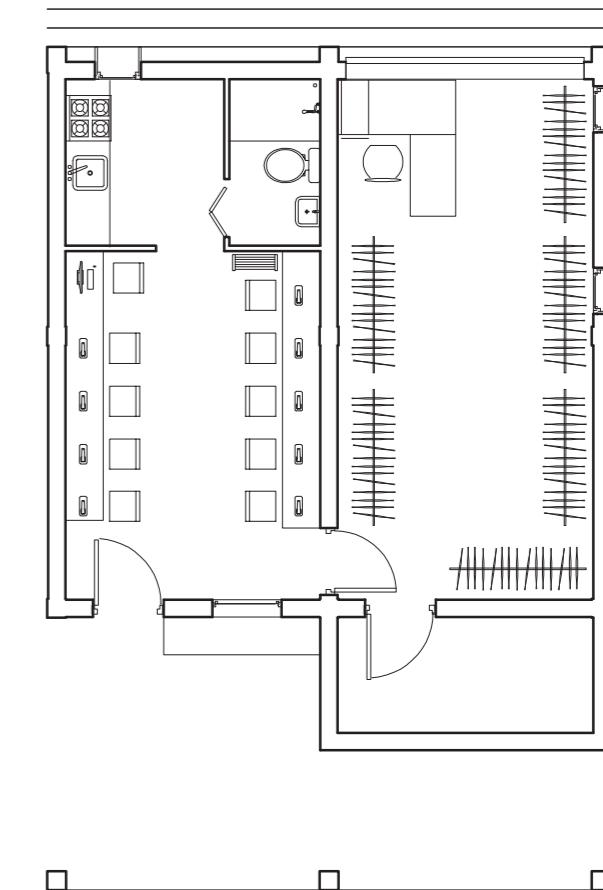
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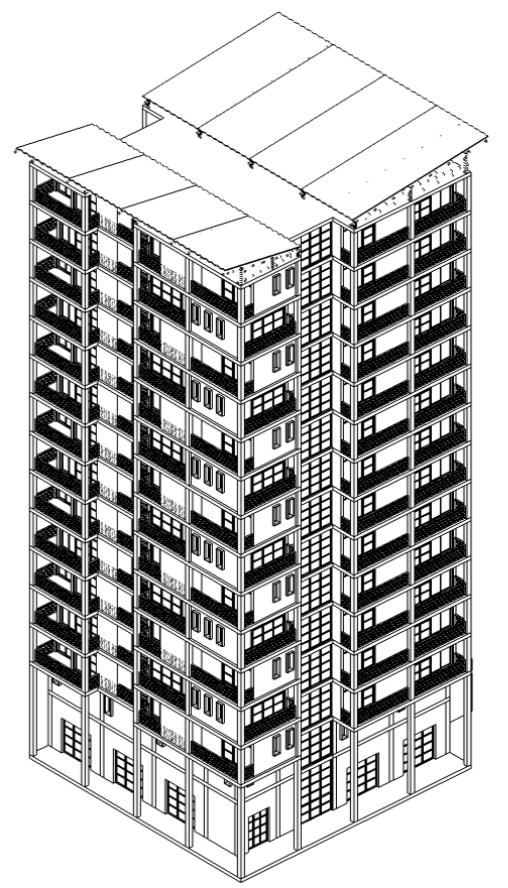
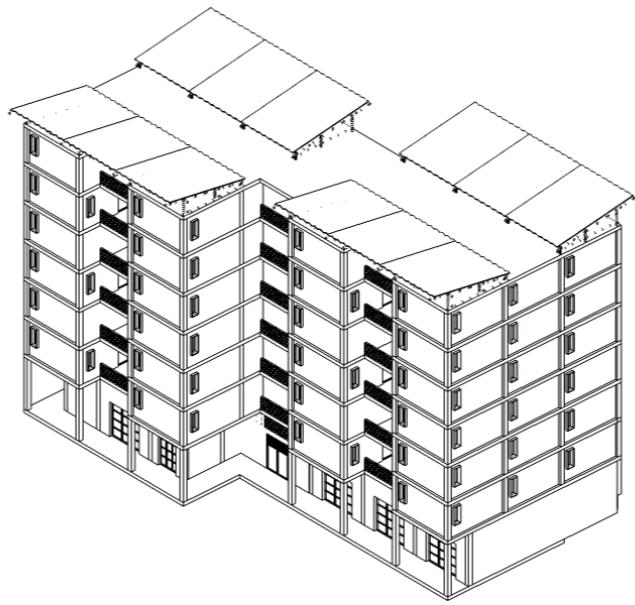
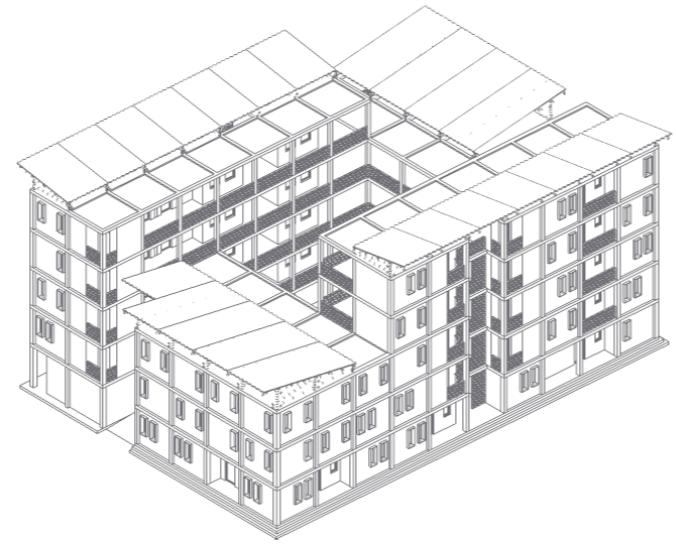
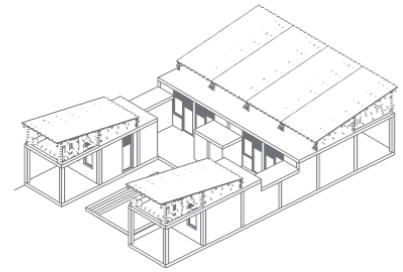
Living + Restaurant



Living + Retail



Production + Retail



Slab

Tower

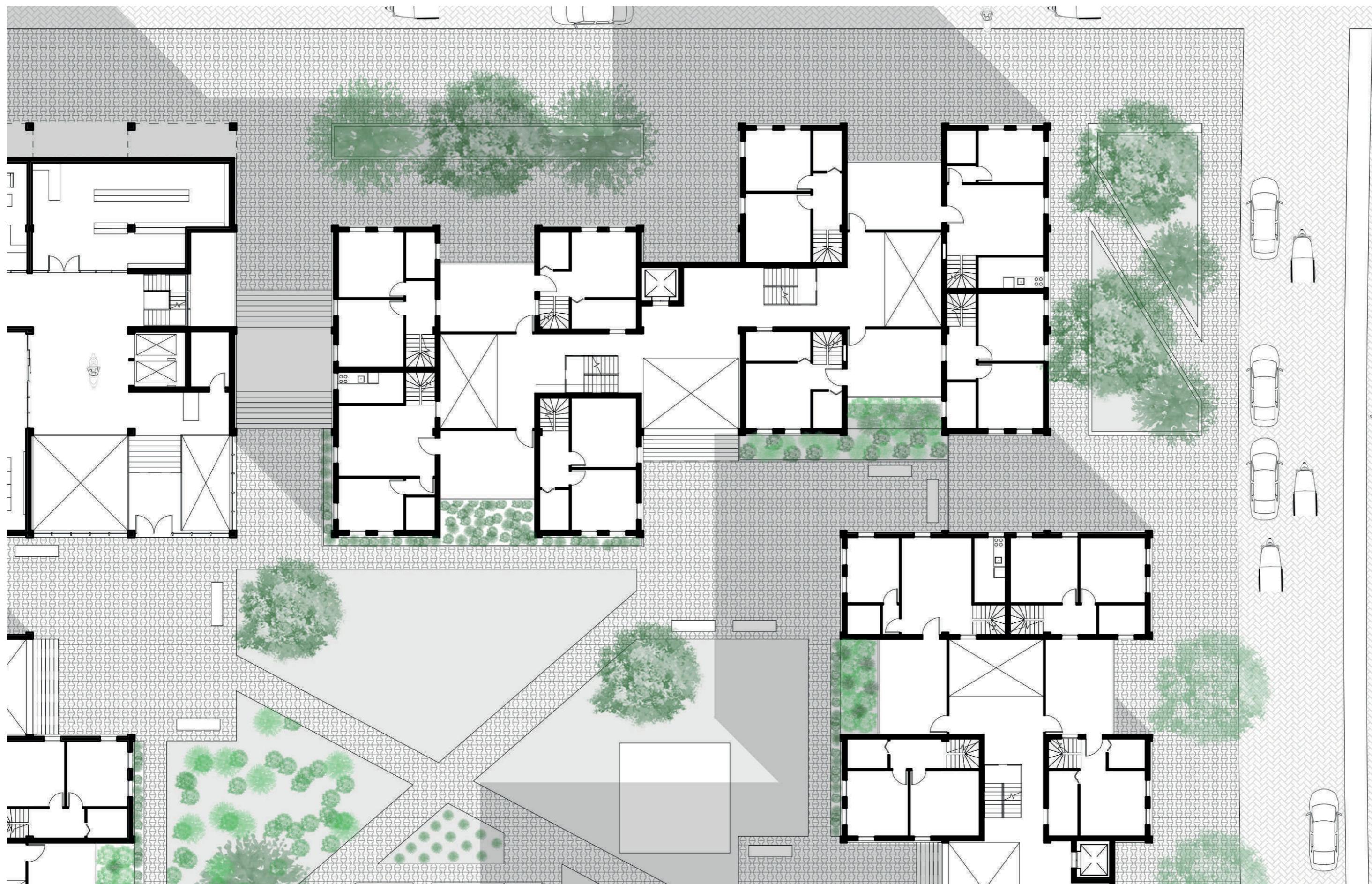
## Slab | Urban Situation

0 10m



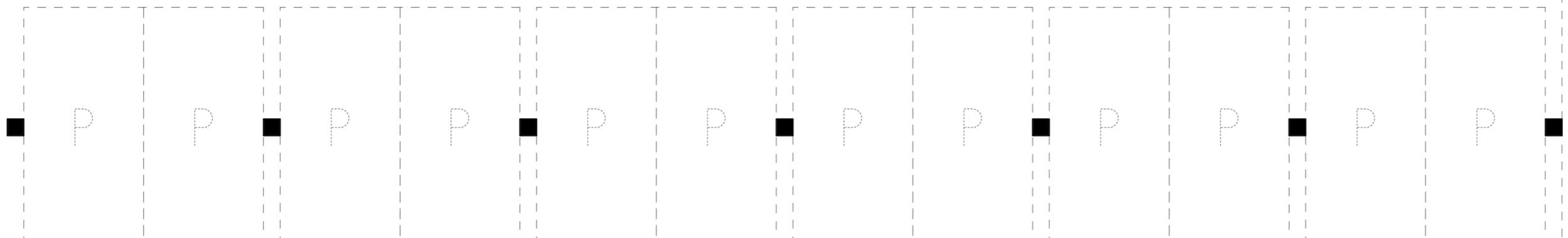
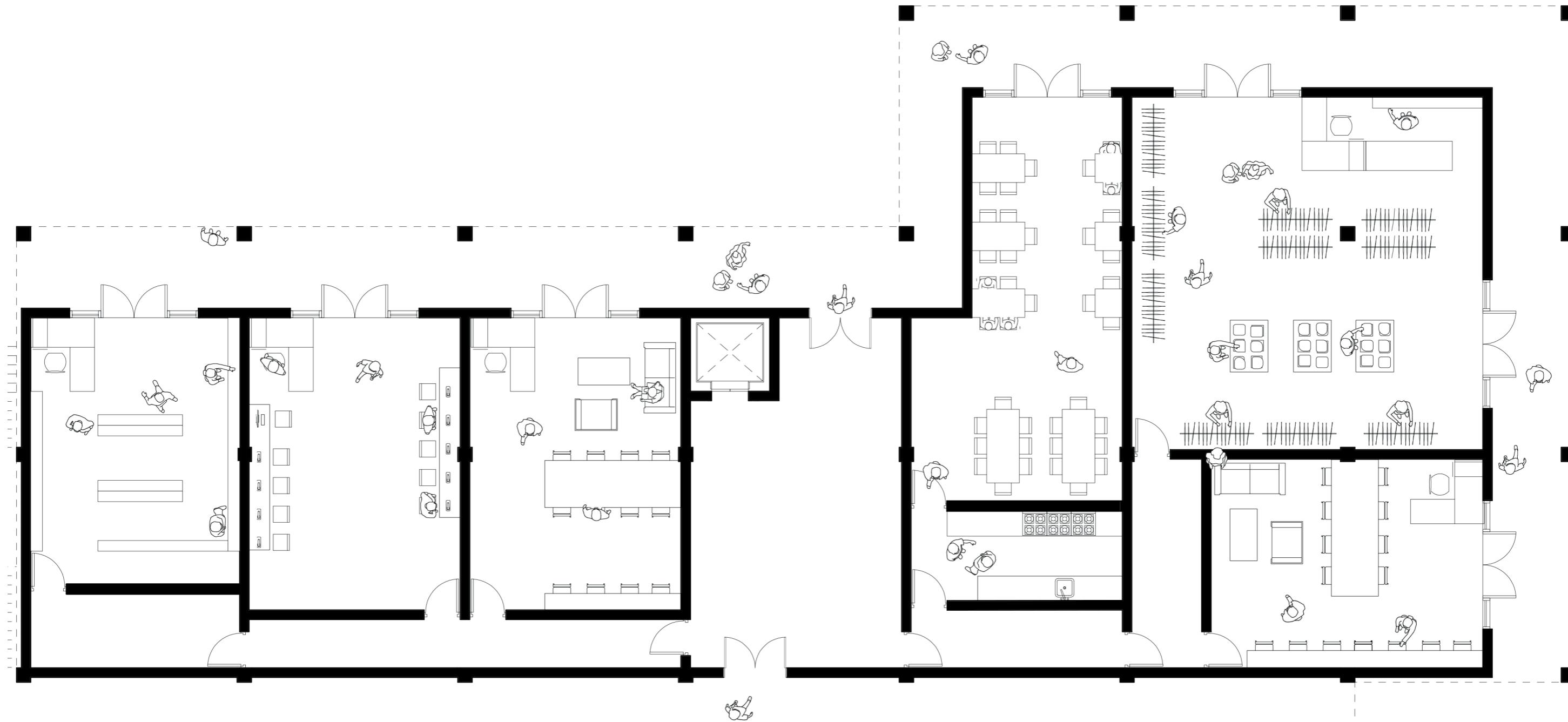
# Slab | Urban Situation

0 5m



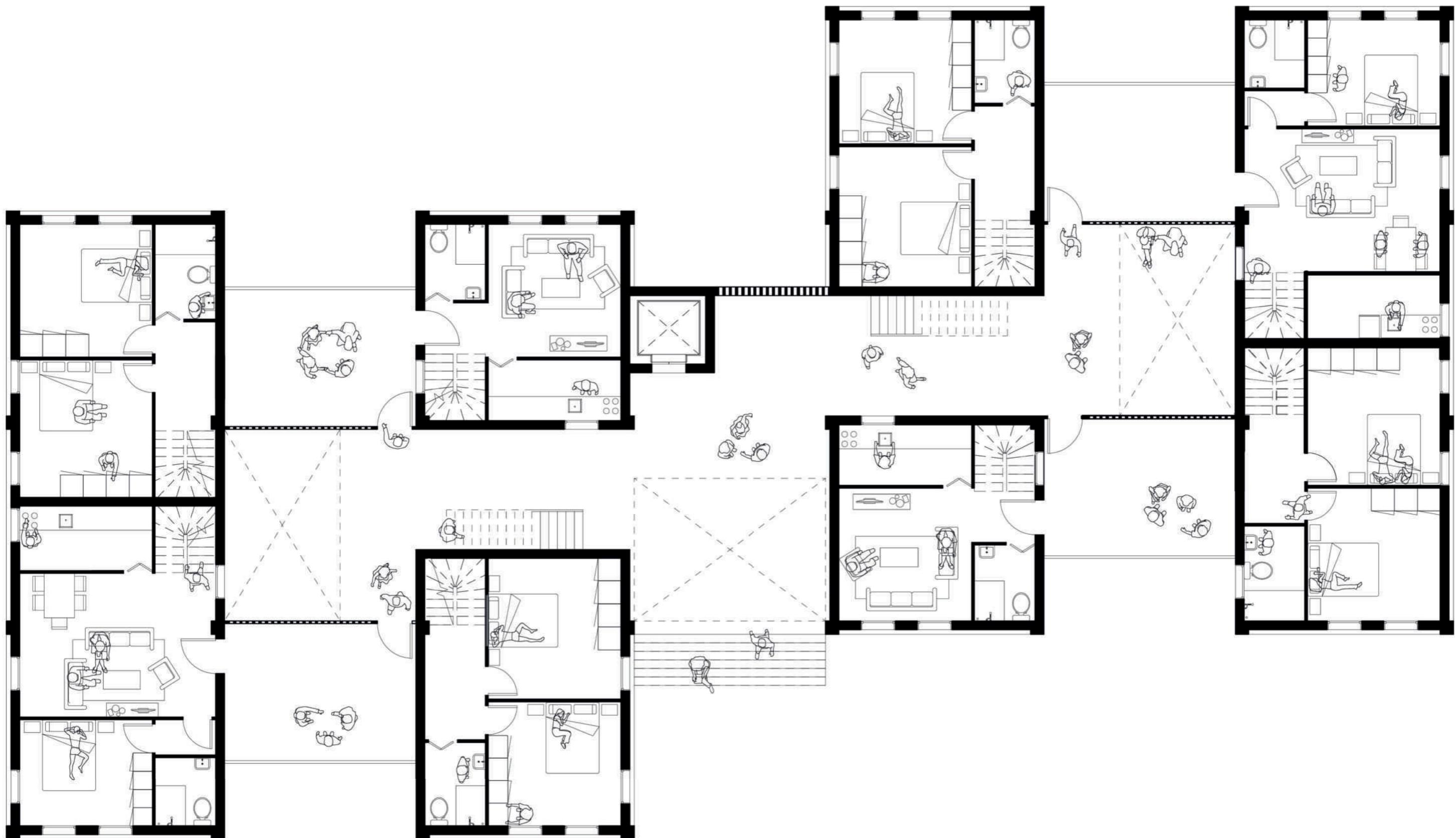
# Slab | Ground Floor

0 5m



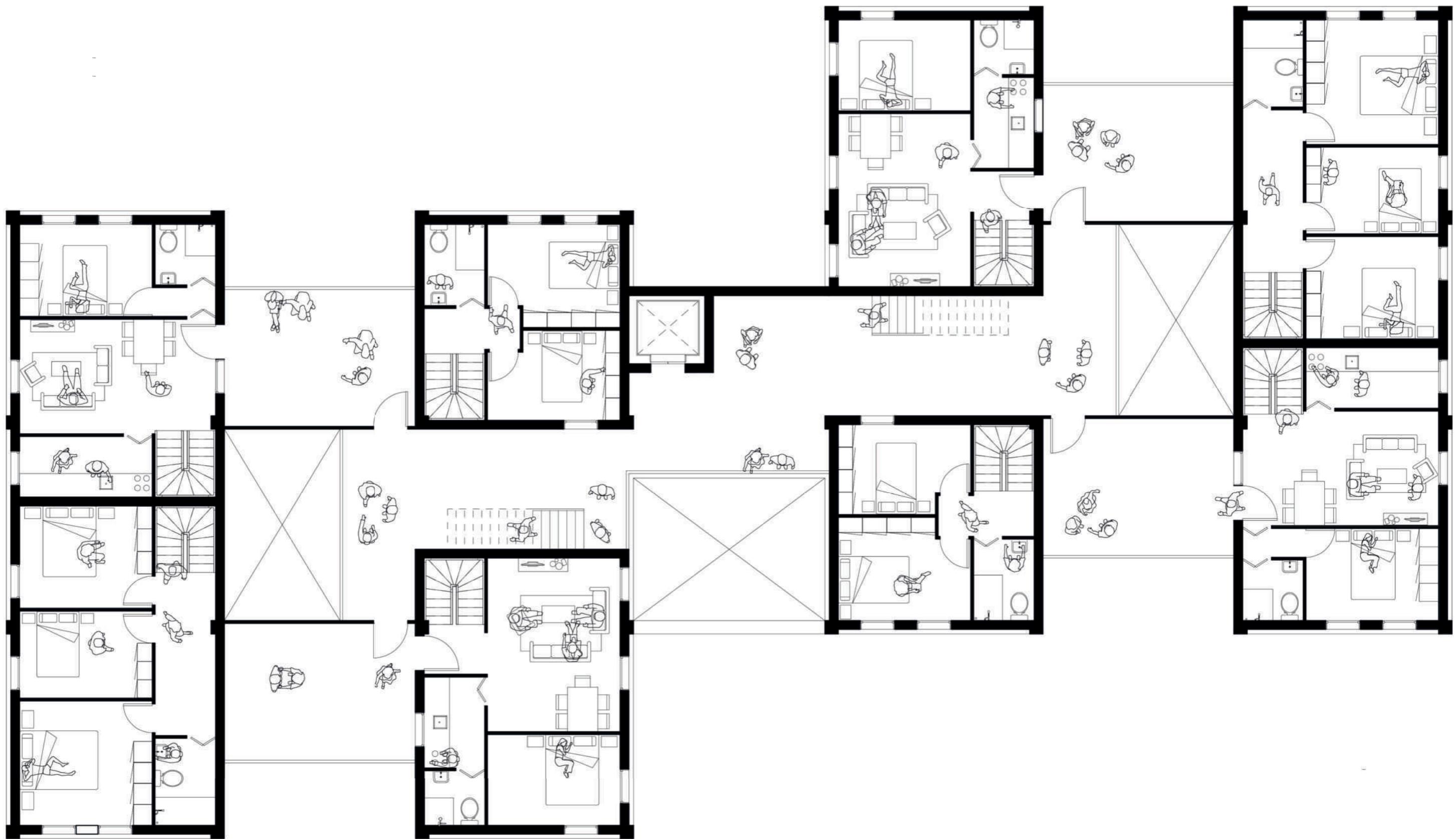
## Slab | Typical Floor Lower

0 5m



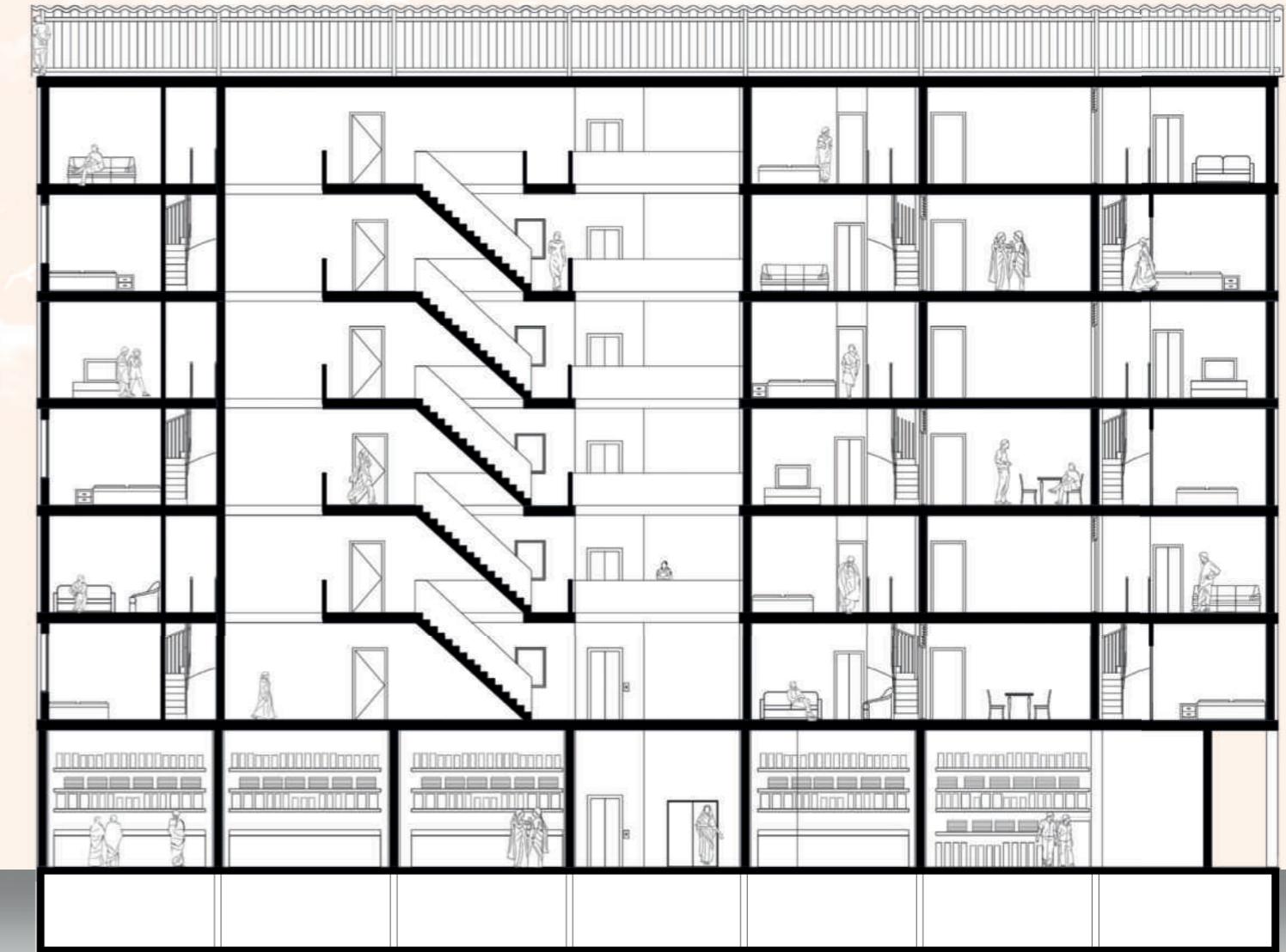
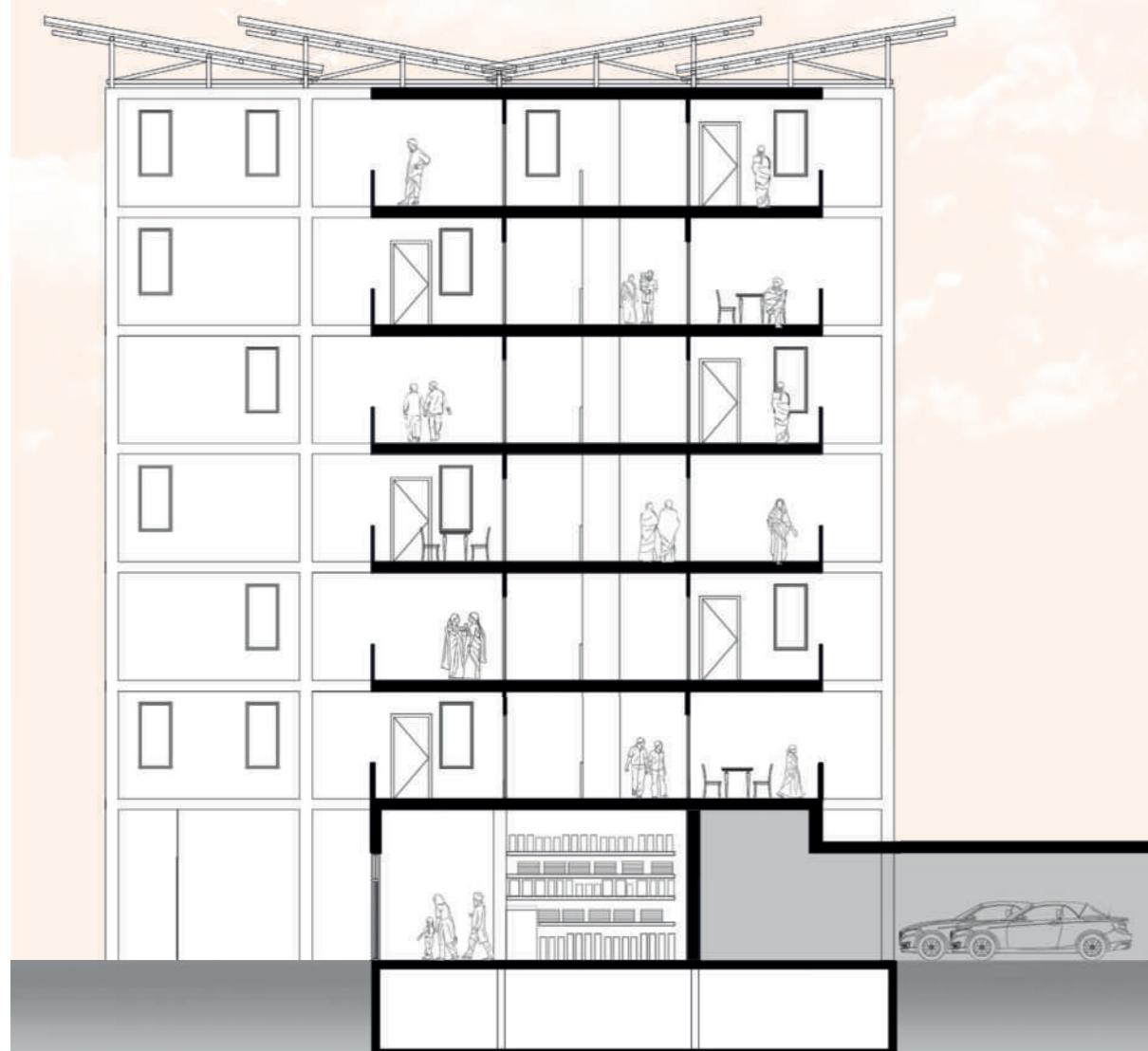
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# Slab | Section

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# Slab | Facade

0 2.5m



# Tower | Urban Situation

0 10m



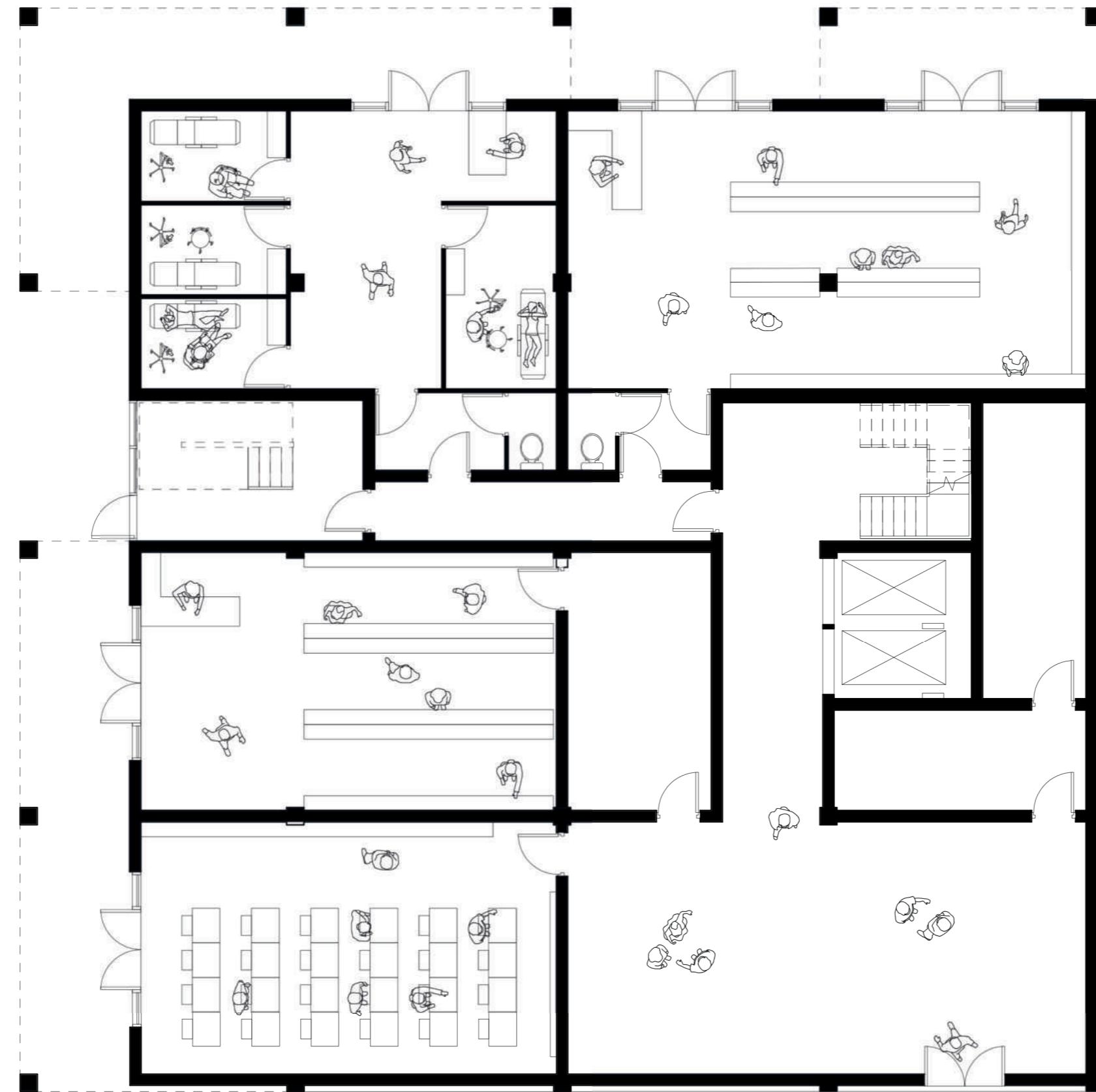
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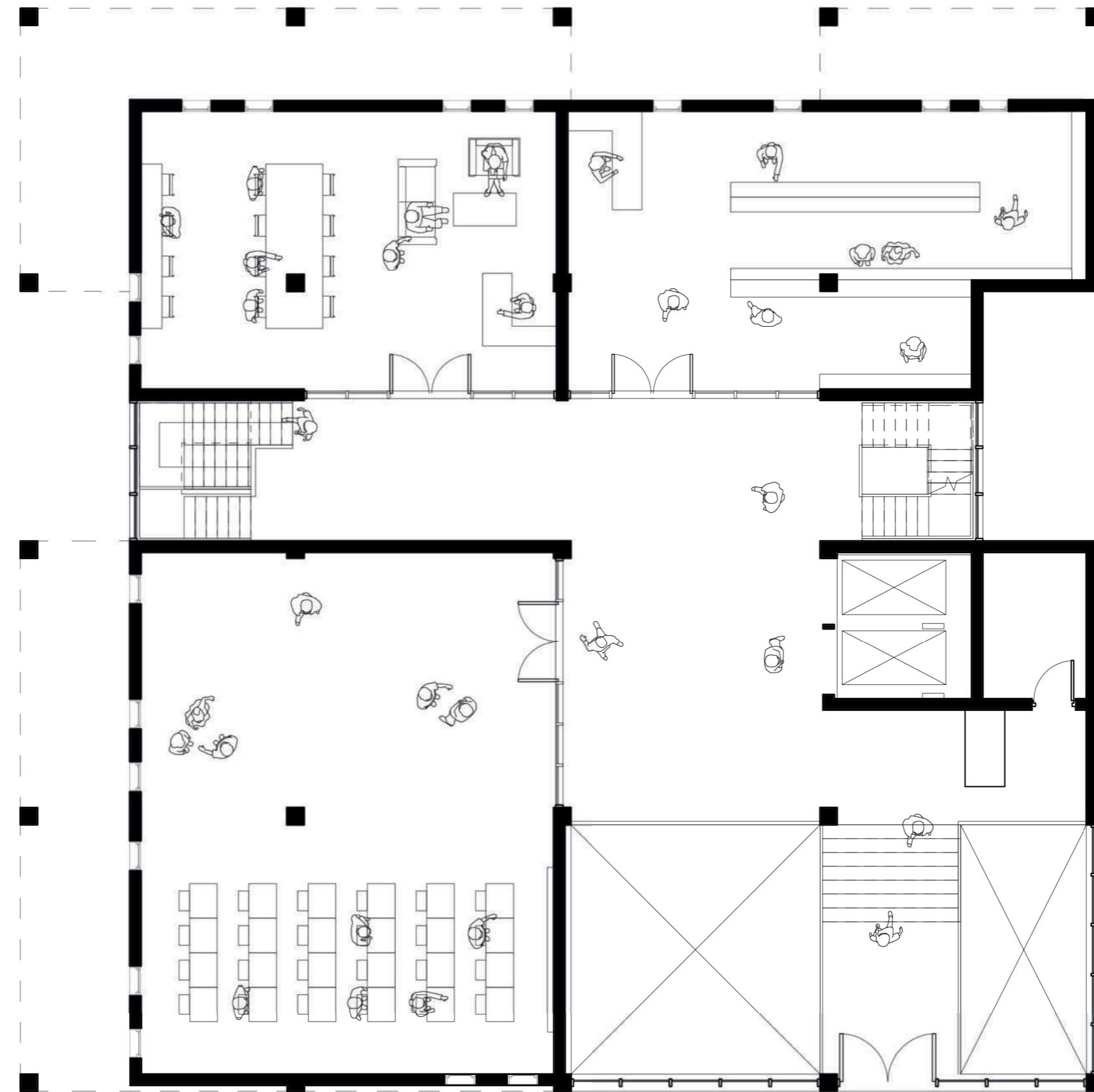
# Tower | Ground Floor

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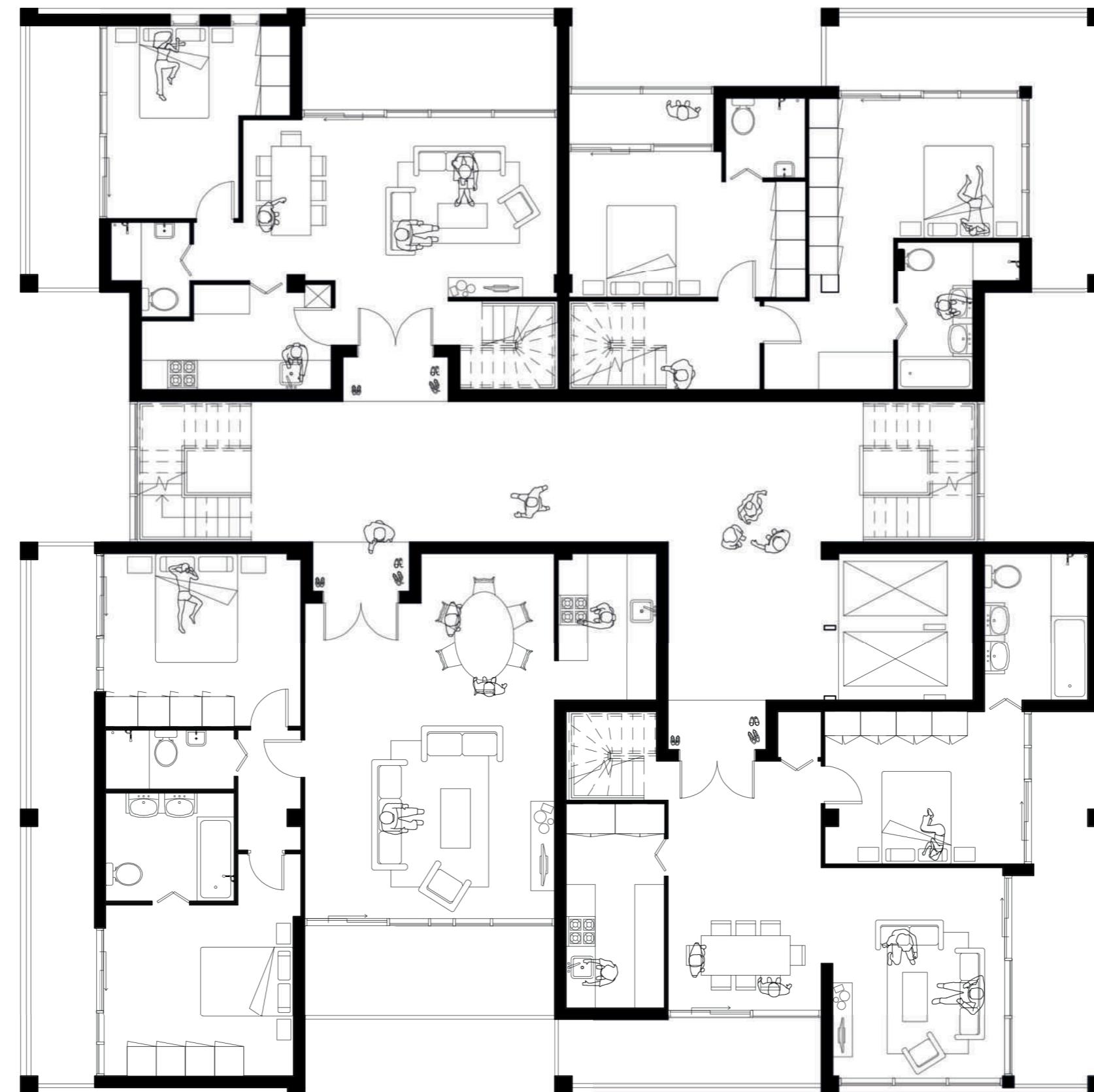
## Tower | Courtyard Level

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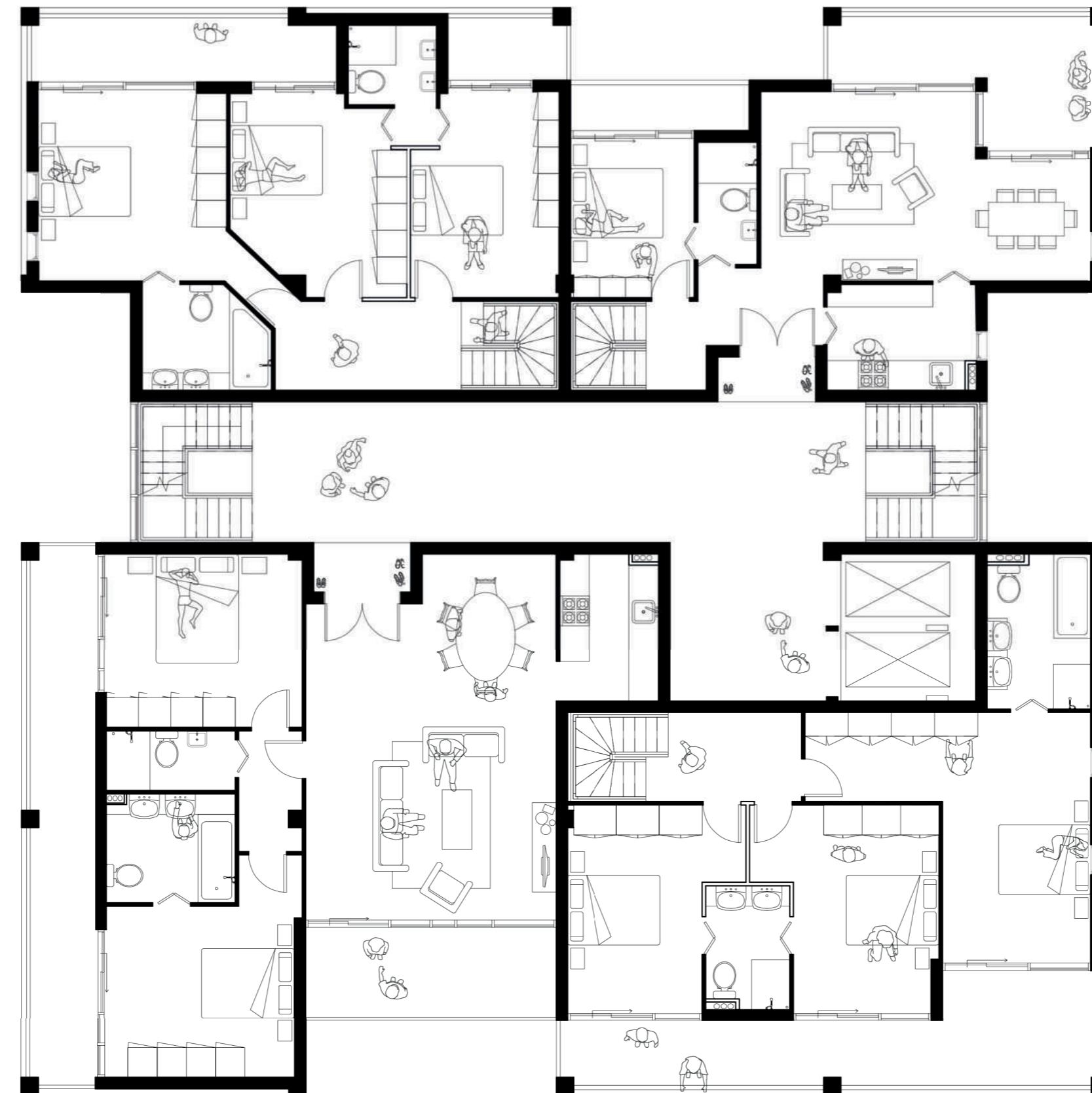
# Tower | Typical Floor Lower

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# Tower | Typical Floor Upper

0 2.5m



# Tower | Section

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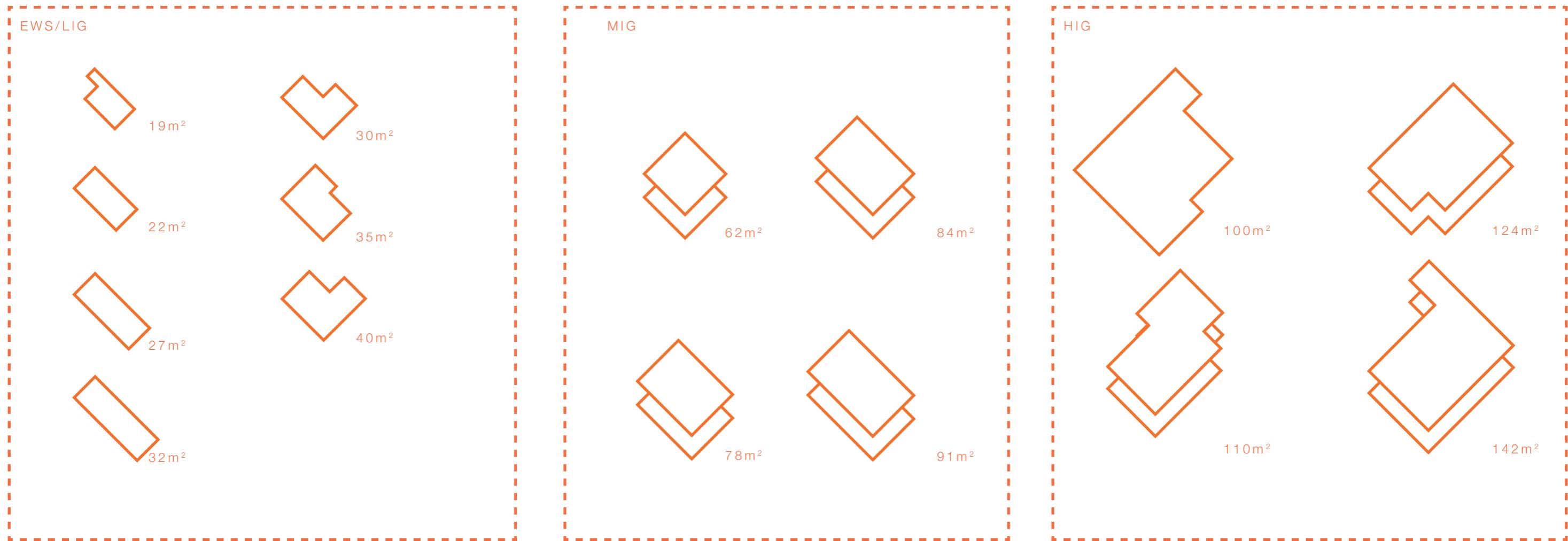


# Tower | Facade

0 5m



# Comparison



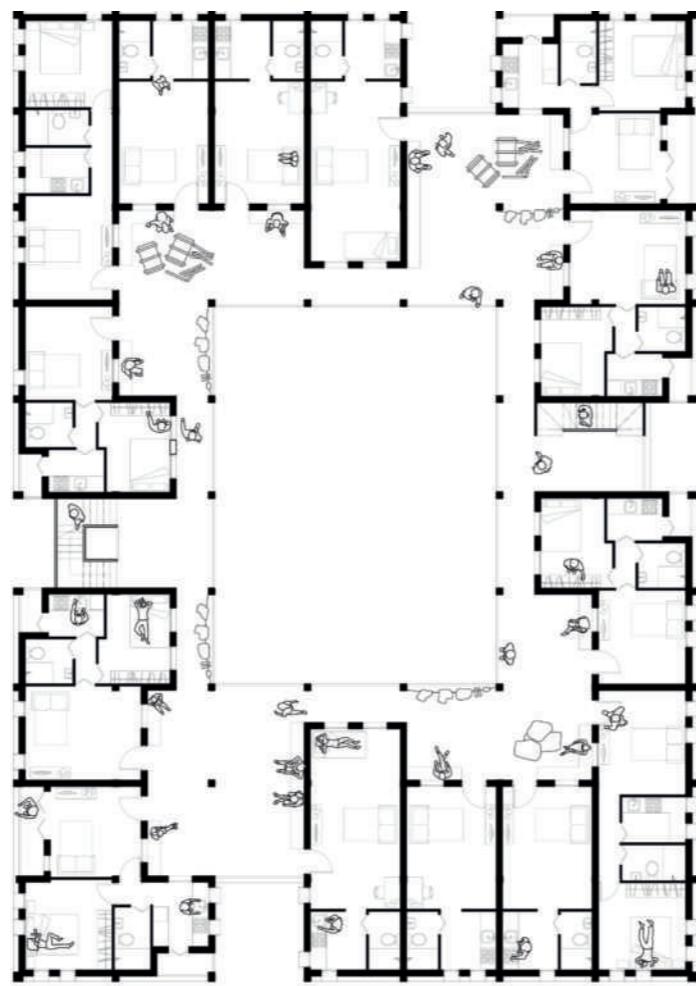
10 m<sup>2</sup>    20 m<sup>2</sup>    30 m<sup>2</sup>    40 m<sup>2</sup>    50 m<sup>2</sup>    60 m<sup>2</sup>    70 m<sup>2</sup>    80 m<sup>2</sup>    90 m<sup>2</sup>    100 m<sup>2</sup>    110 m<sup>2</sup>    120 m<sup>2</sup>

# Comparison



Sites & Services

- No elevator
- Flexible floor plan
- Extendible horizontal/vertical
- Shared courtyards per 6 units



Courtyard

- No elevator
- Shared courtyard on ground floor
- Flexible work-live units on ground floor.
- 'Social hubs' per 3 units to use as an extension of their home.



Slab

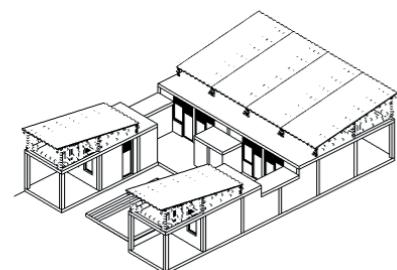
- Elevator
- Shared courtyard with tower typology
- Quiet entrance through courtyard
- Opportunities to rent out certain part of dwelling
- Amenities/ other functions on ground floor



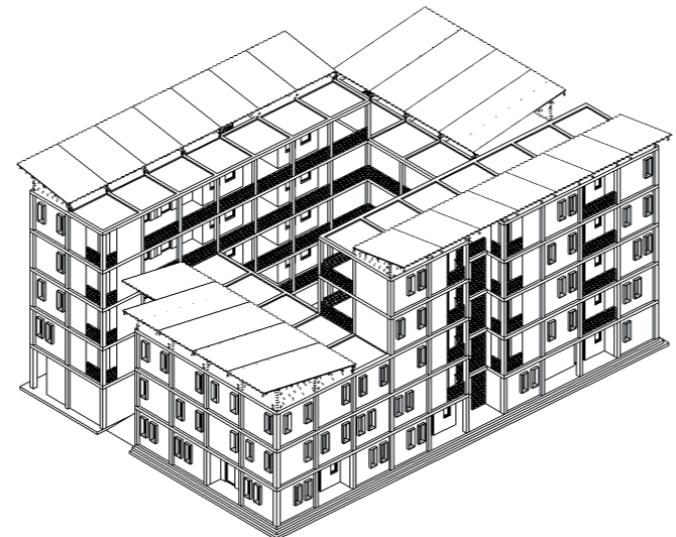
Tower

- Elevator
- Own private entrance
- Large Balconies
- Panoramic views
- Shared courtyard with slab typology
- Amenities on ground floor
- Private communal amenities on first floor

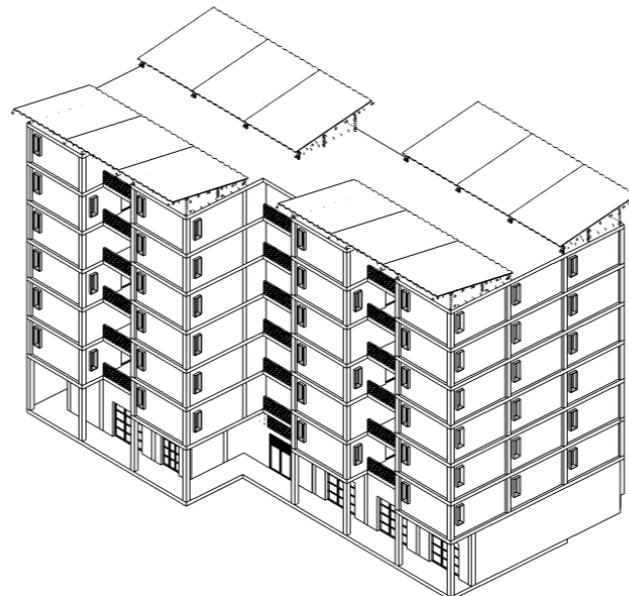
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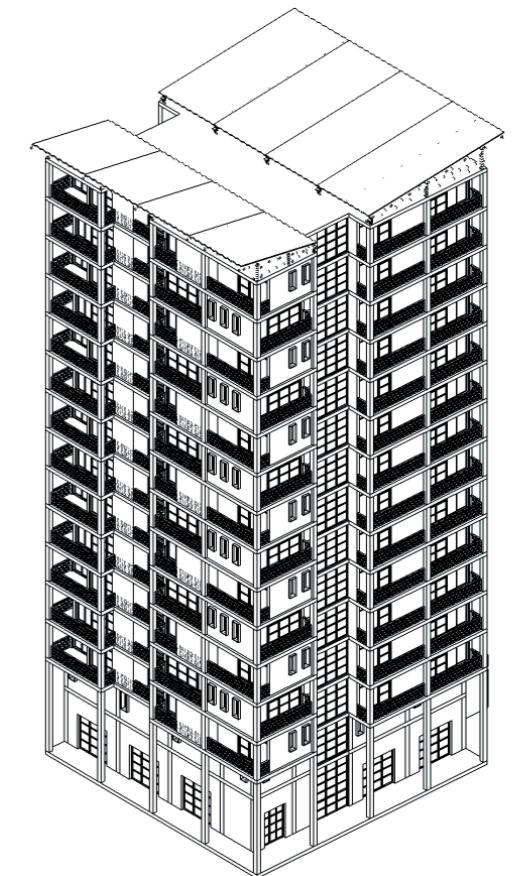
Sites & Services



Courtyard



Slab



Tower

Unit sizes: 20- 52m<sup>2</sup>  
FSI: 0.7 - 1.4  
Stories: 1-2  
Target Groups: EWS/LIG/Lower MIG

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FSI: 2.0 - 2.5  
Stories: 5  
Target Groups: EWS/LIG/Lower MIG

Unit sizes: 65 - 97m<sup>2</sup>  
FSI: 3.3  
Stories: 6-9  
Target Groups: Middle/Upper MIG

Unit sizes: 100 - 135m<sup>2</sup>  
FSI: 3.9  
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Target Groups: Upper MIG/HIG

## Construction & Materiality



Bamboo-reinforced concrete



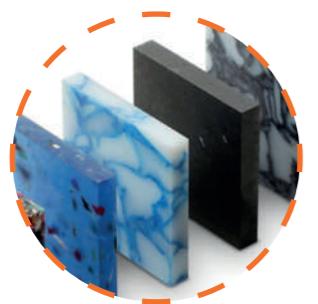
Bamboo roof



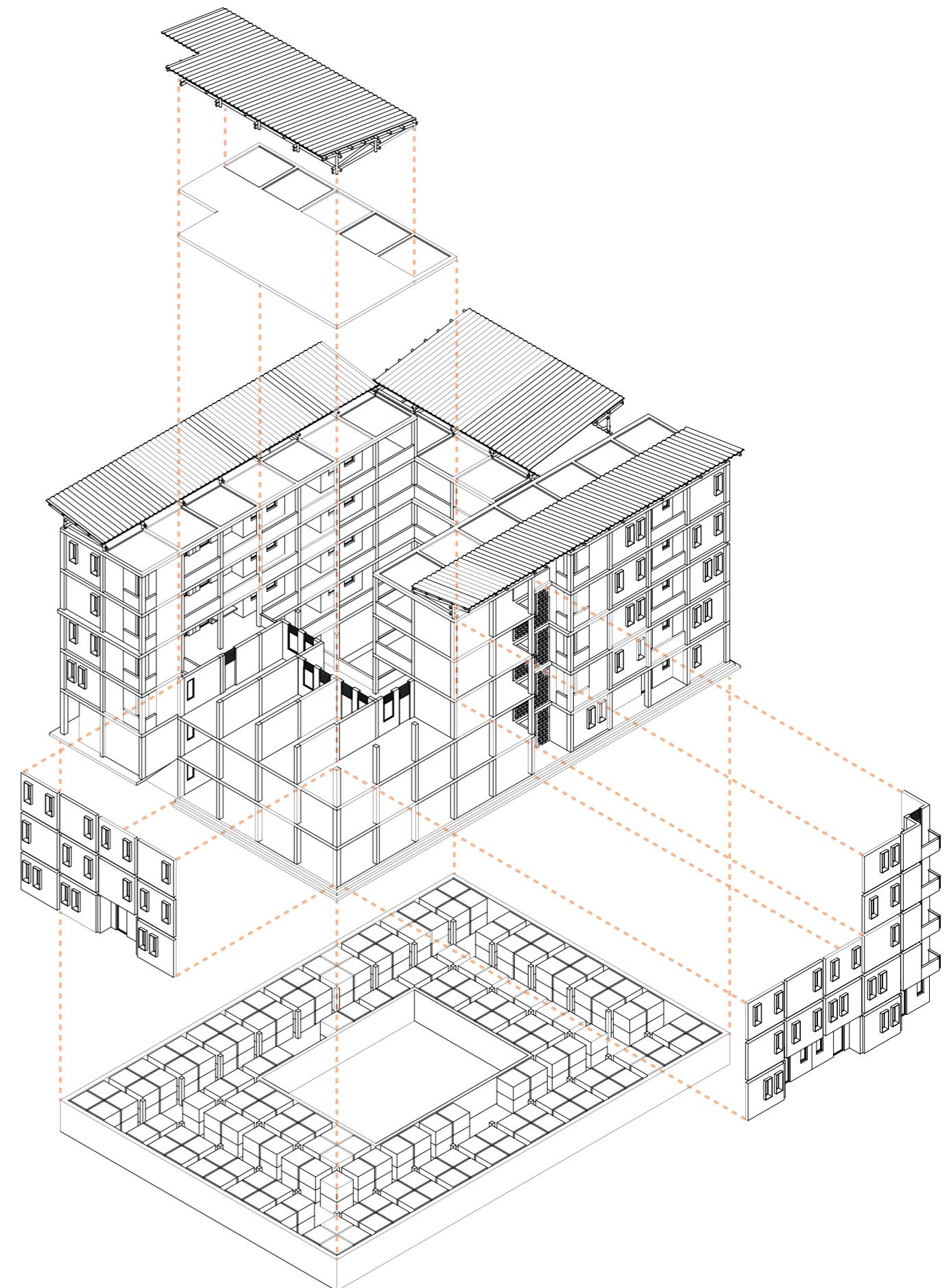
Fly ash bricks



AAC Blocks



Recycled Plastic sheets



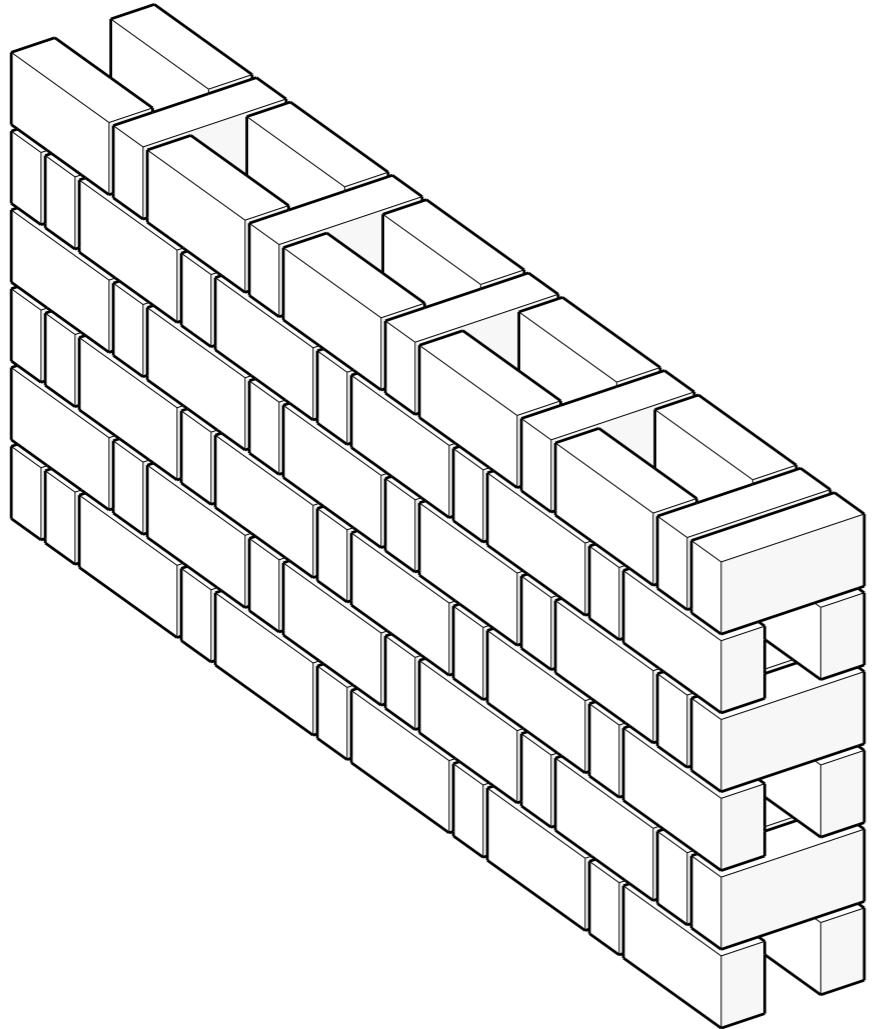
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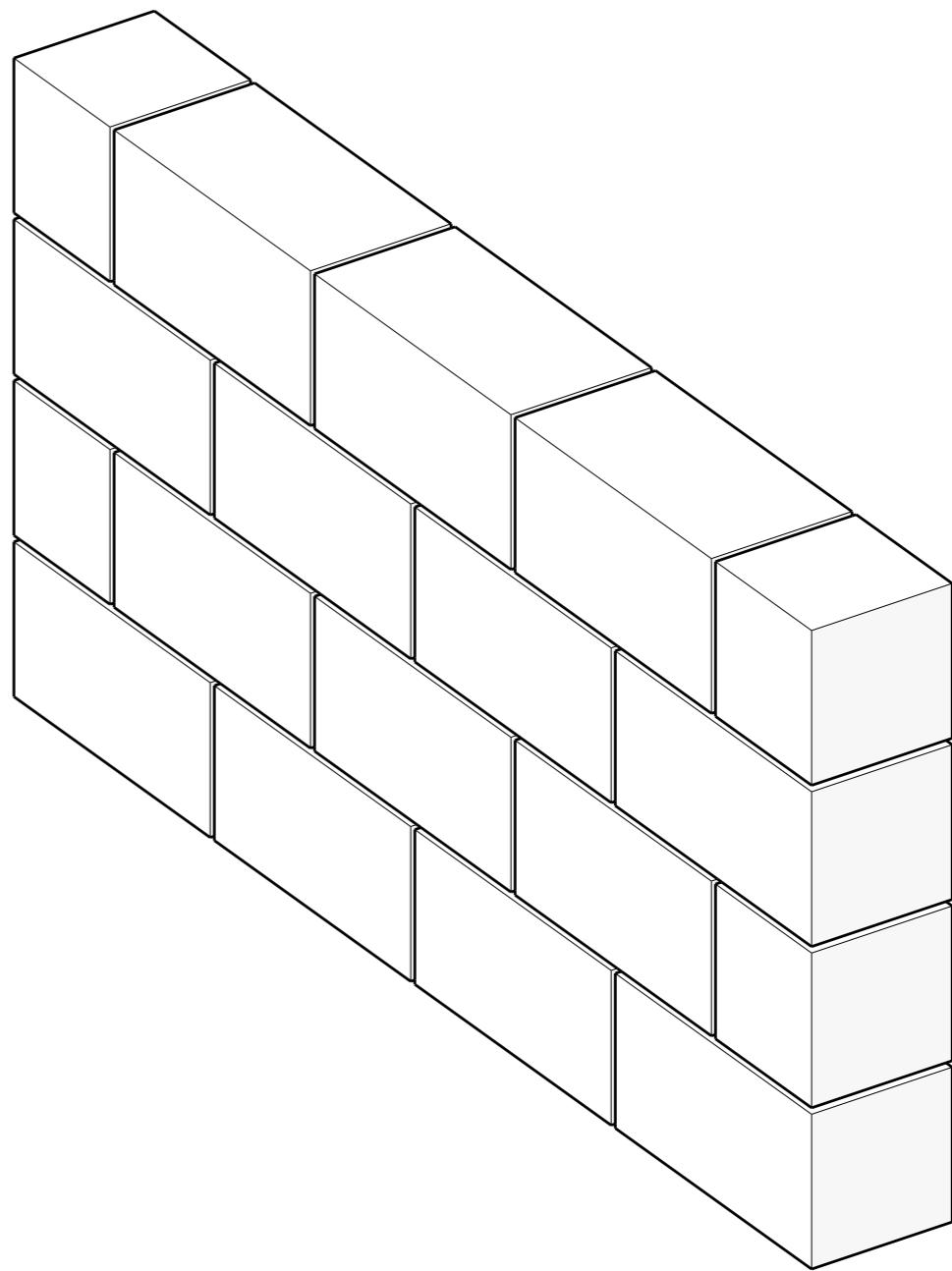
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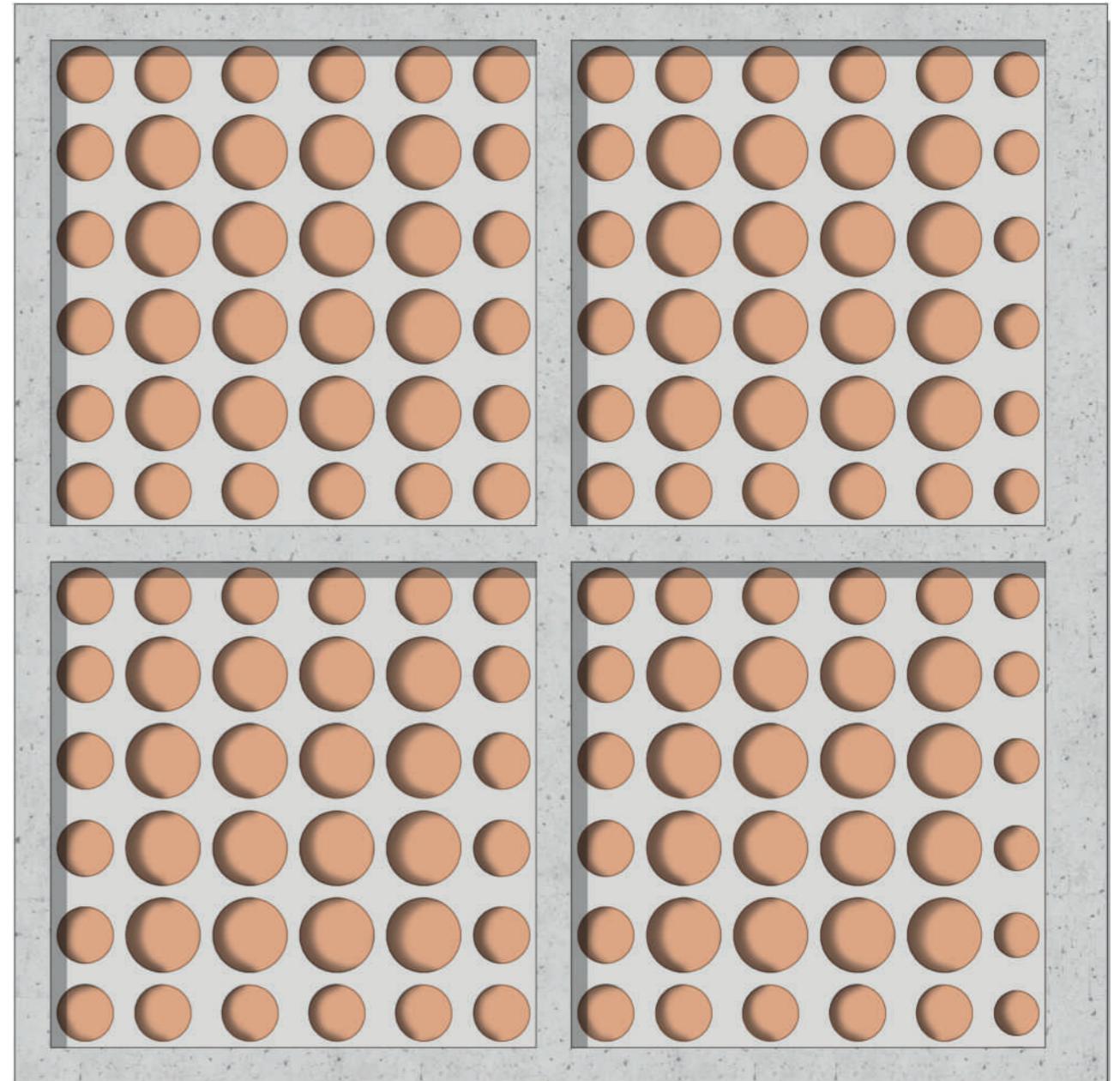
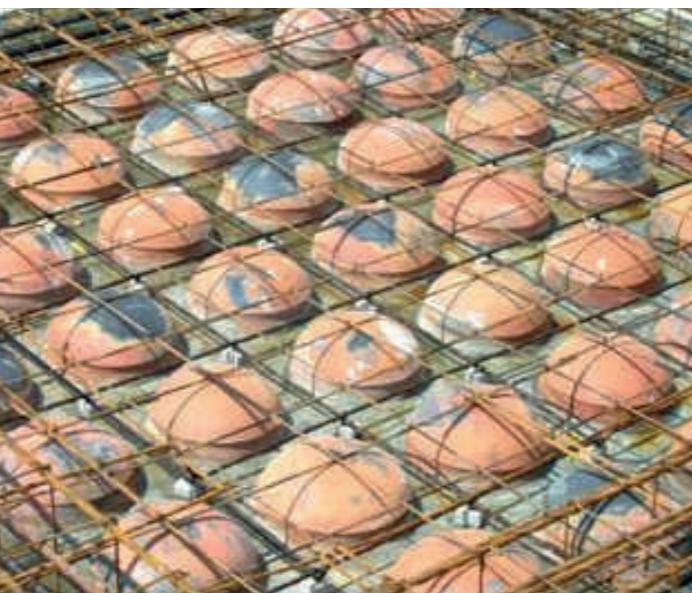
Brick infill  
Stabilizing element in the facade  
Rat trap bond  
Requires 25% less bricks and 40%  
less mortar than normal bond.



Internal stabilizing element  
between units

## Construction & Materiality

Clay pot filler slab  
With bamboo reinforcement  
Uses less concrete than  
normal slab



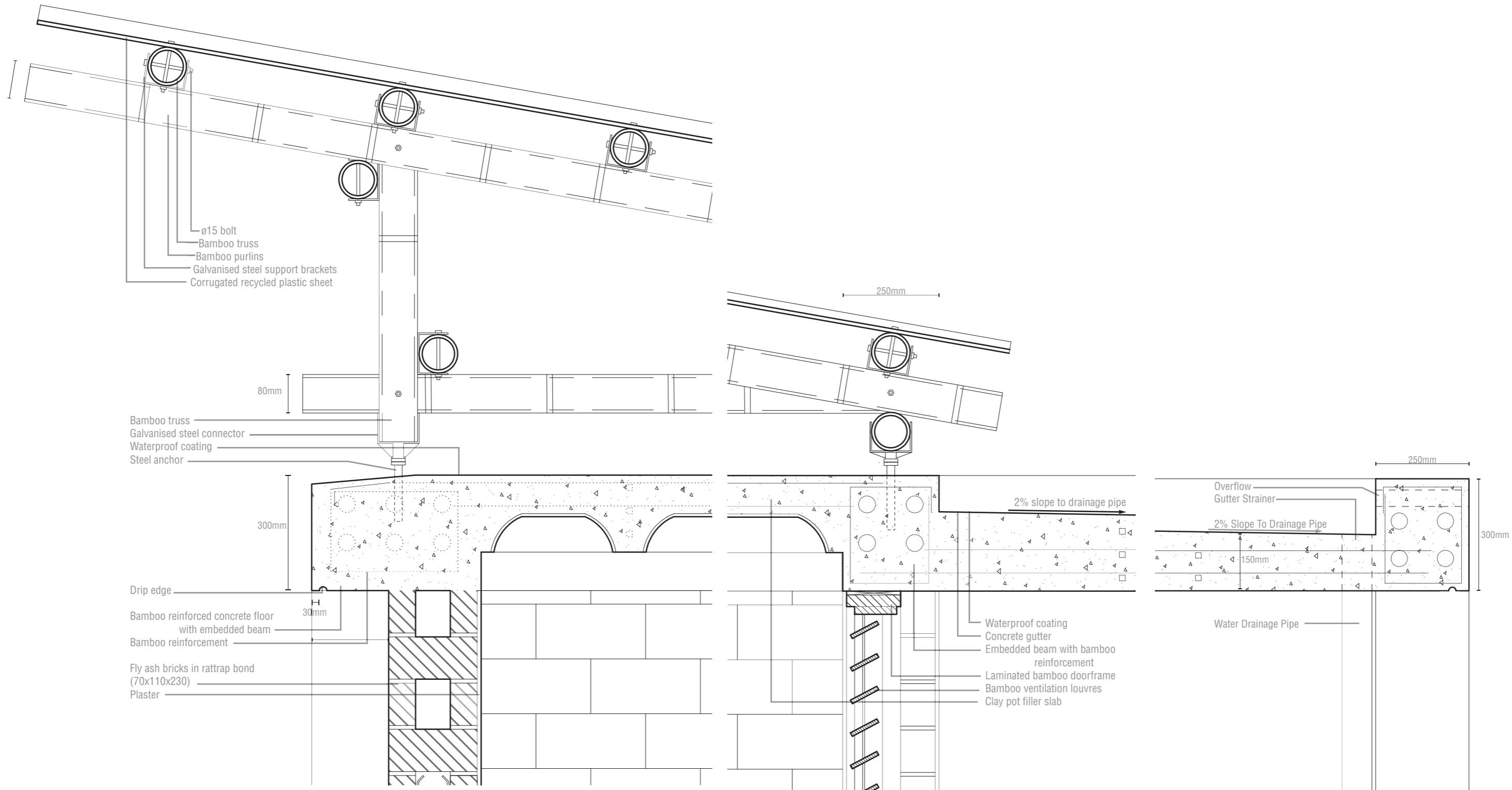
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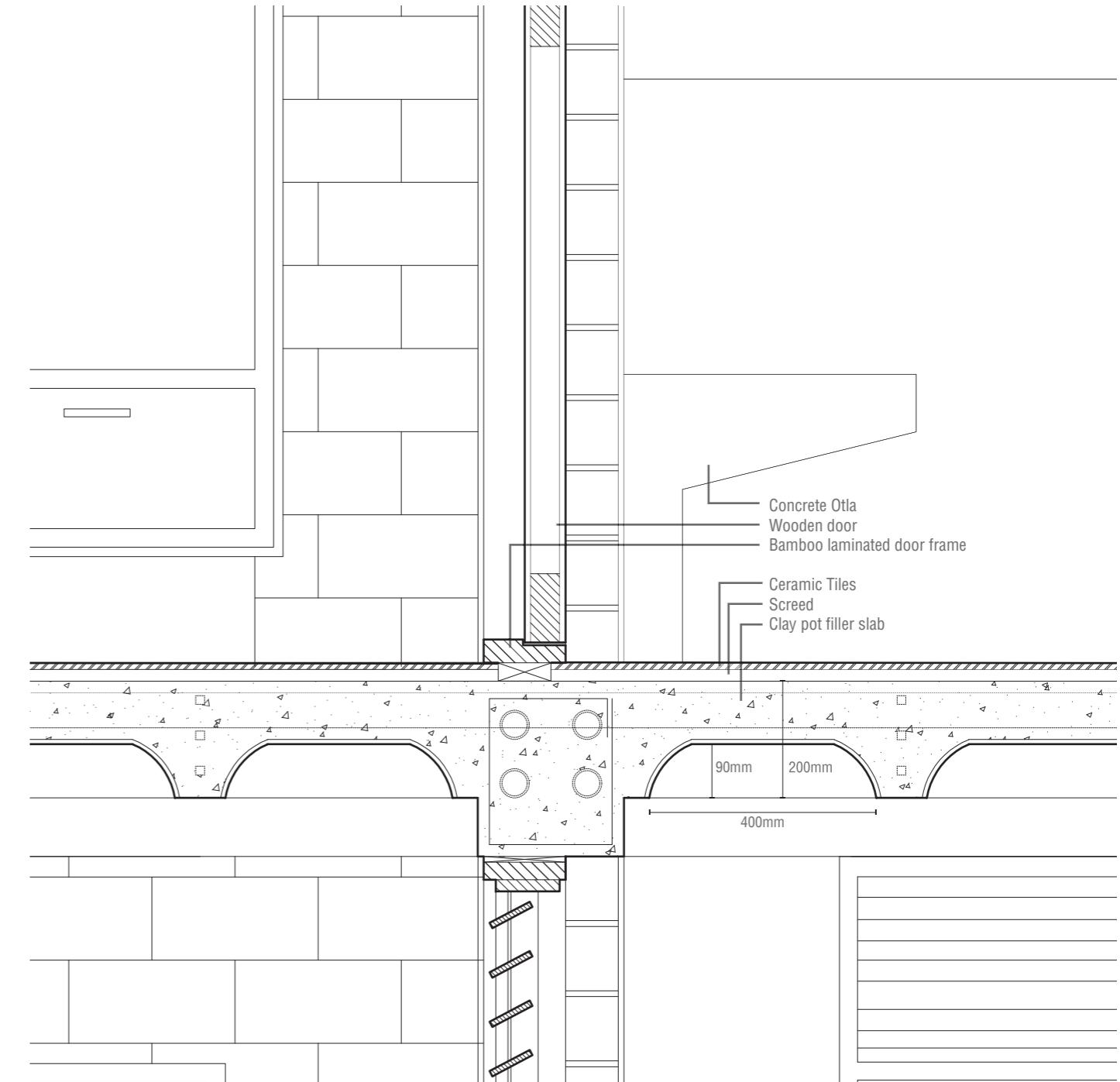
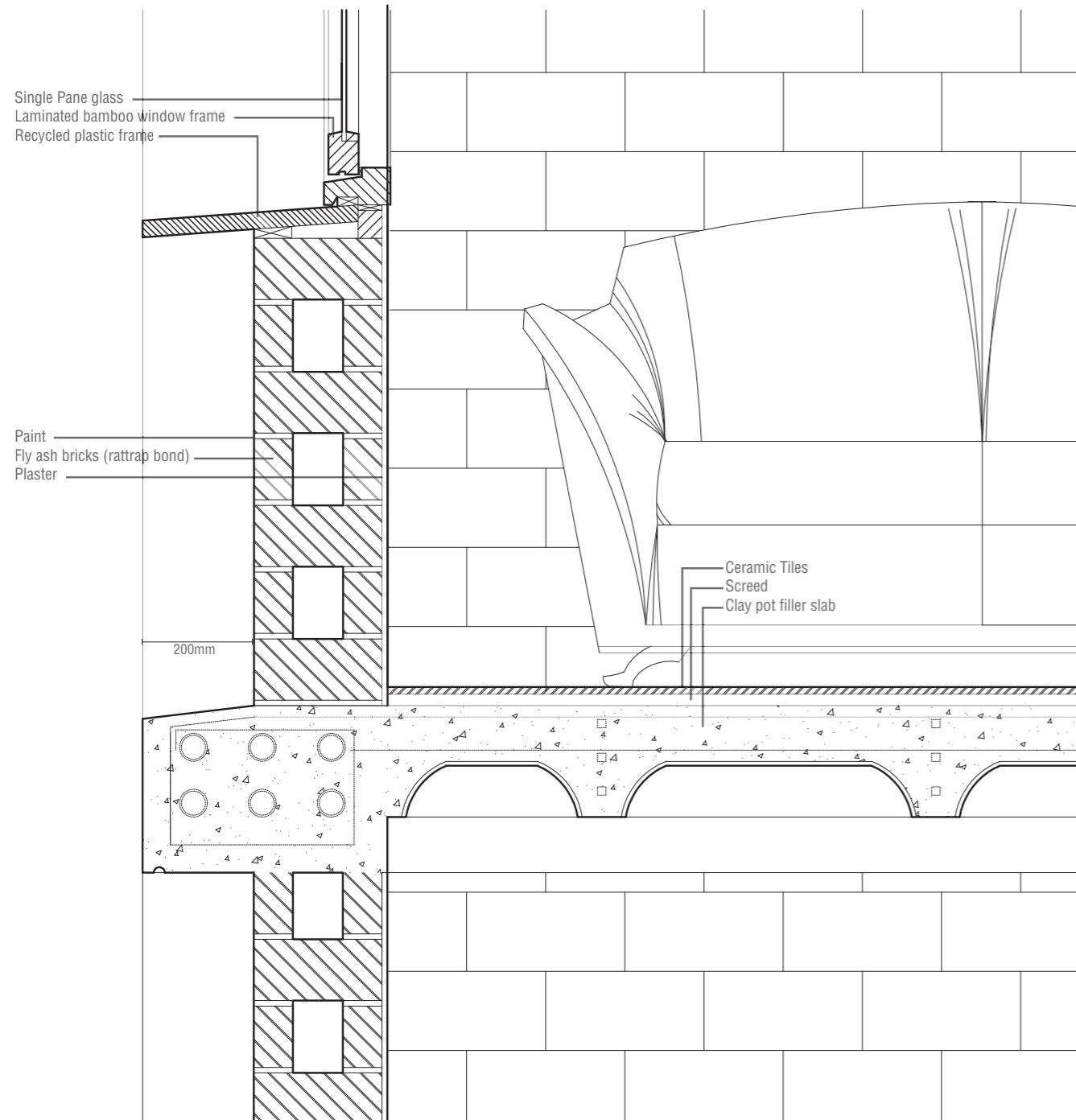
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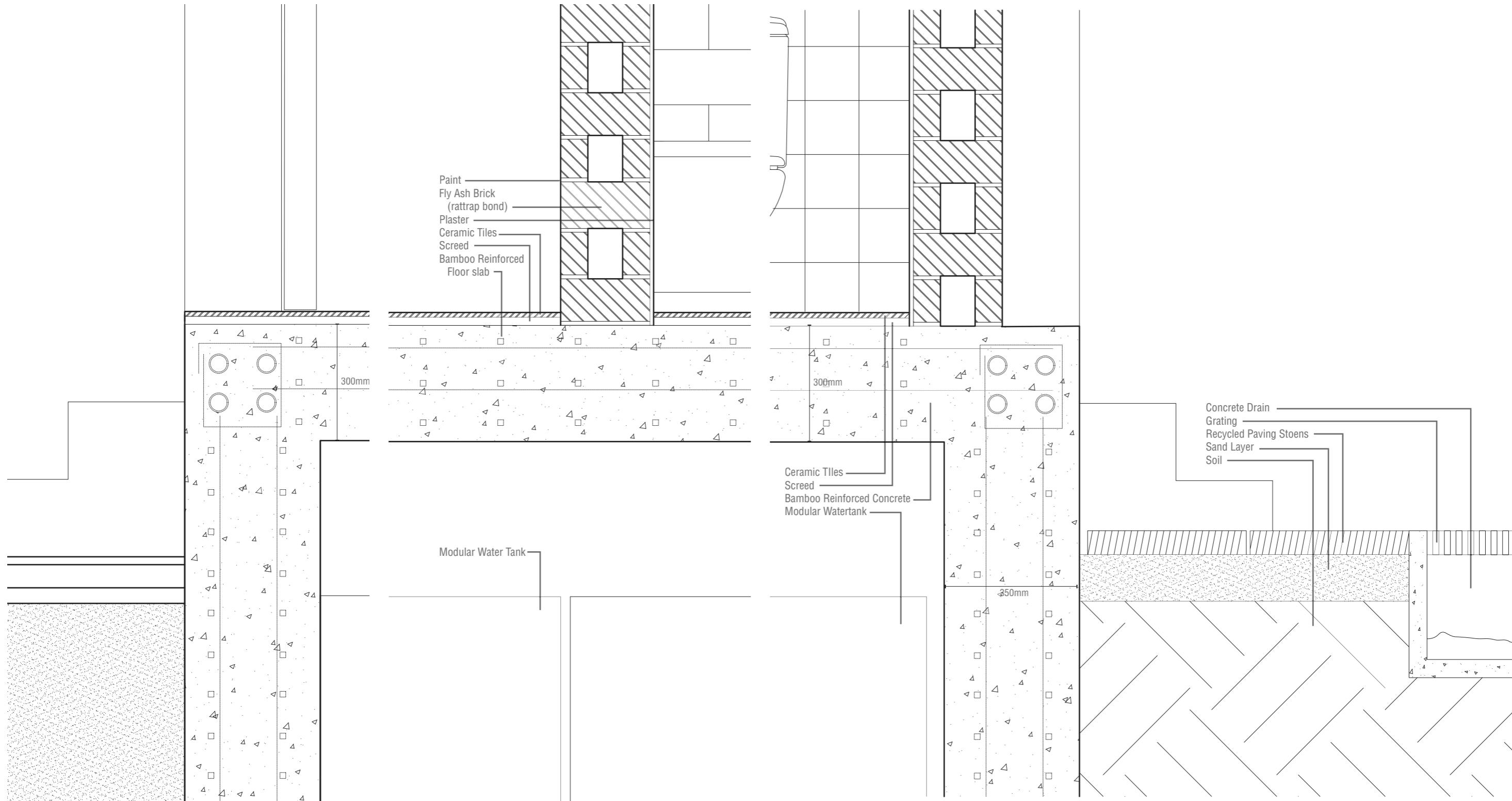
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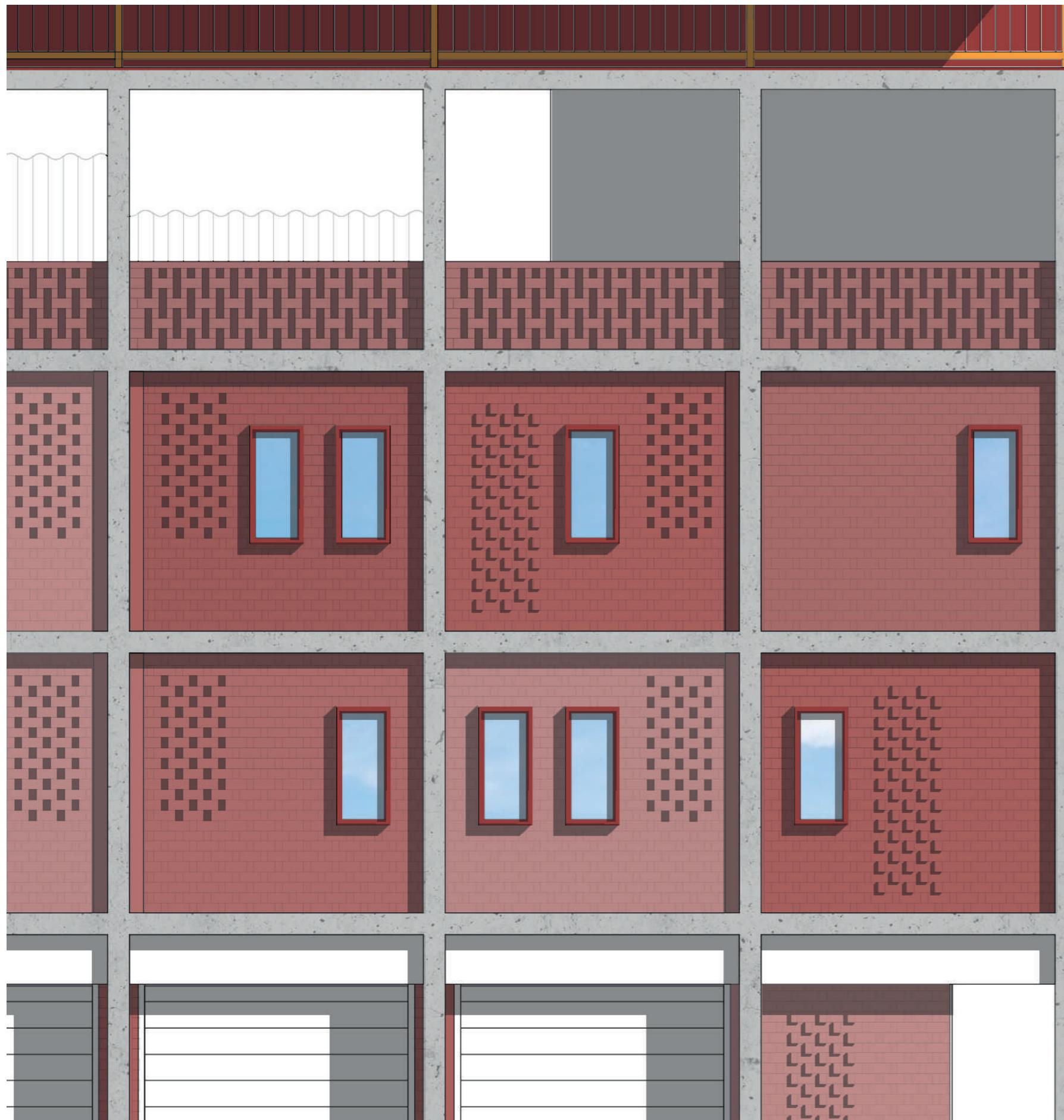
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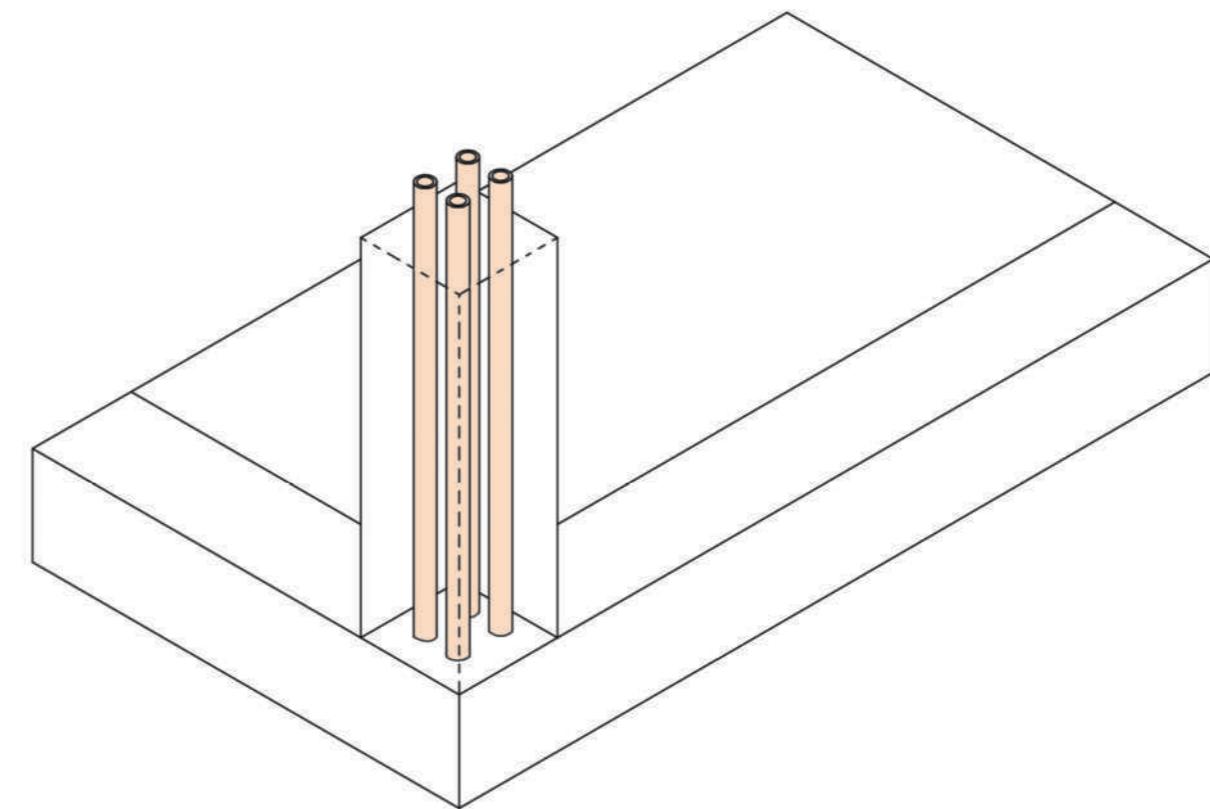
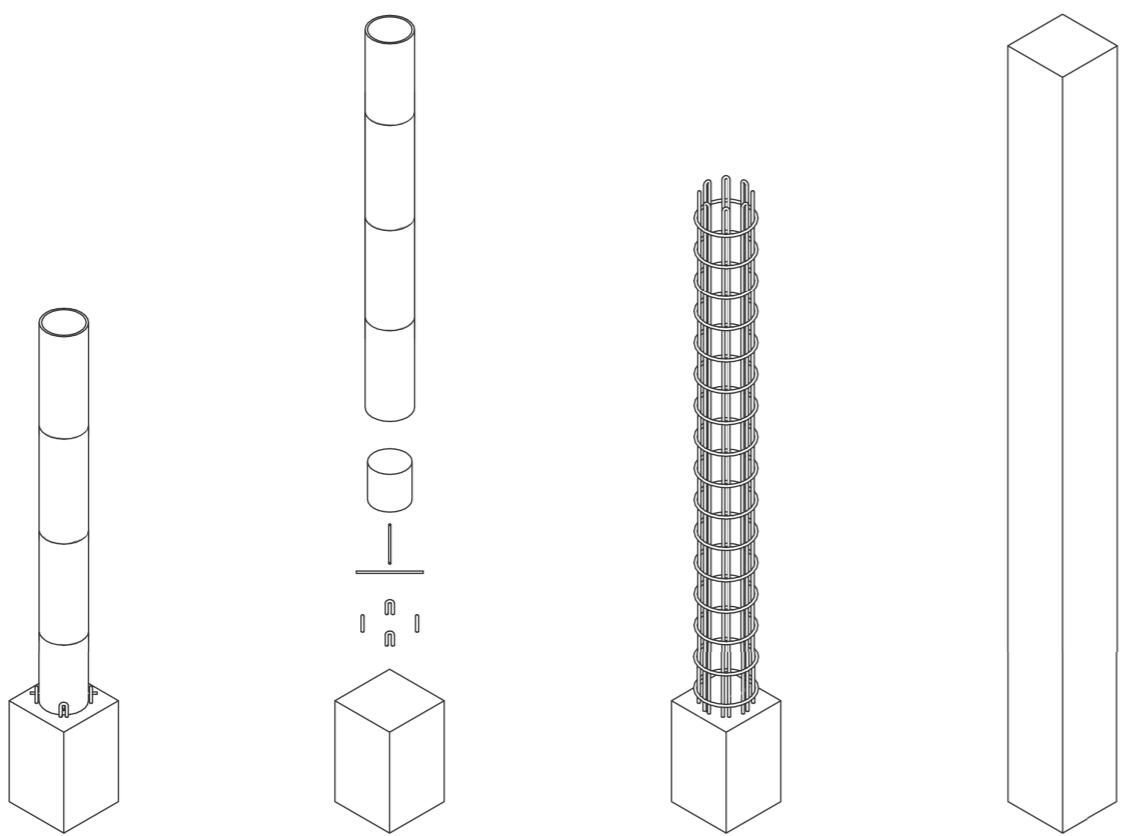
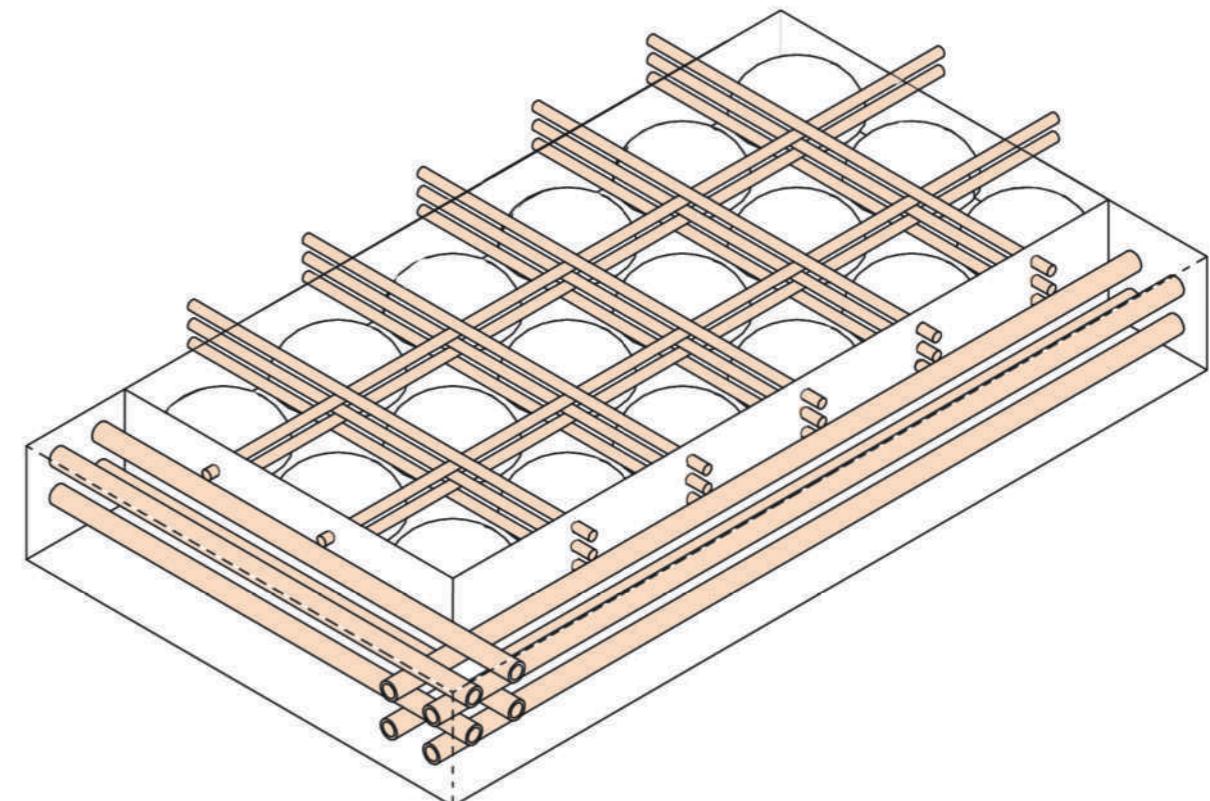
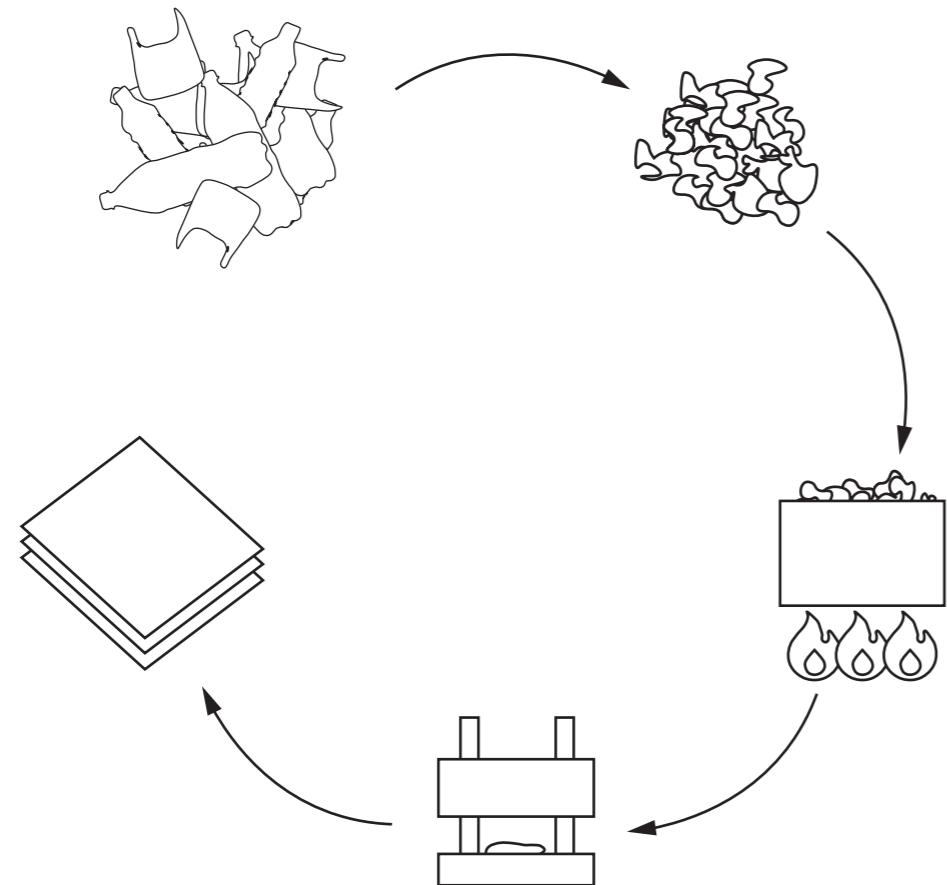
0 5m



Paint options  
Per building

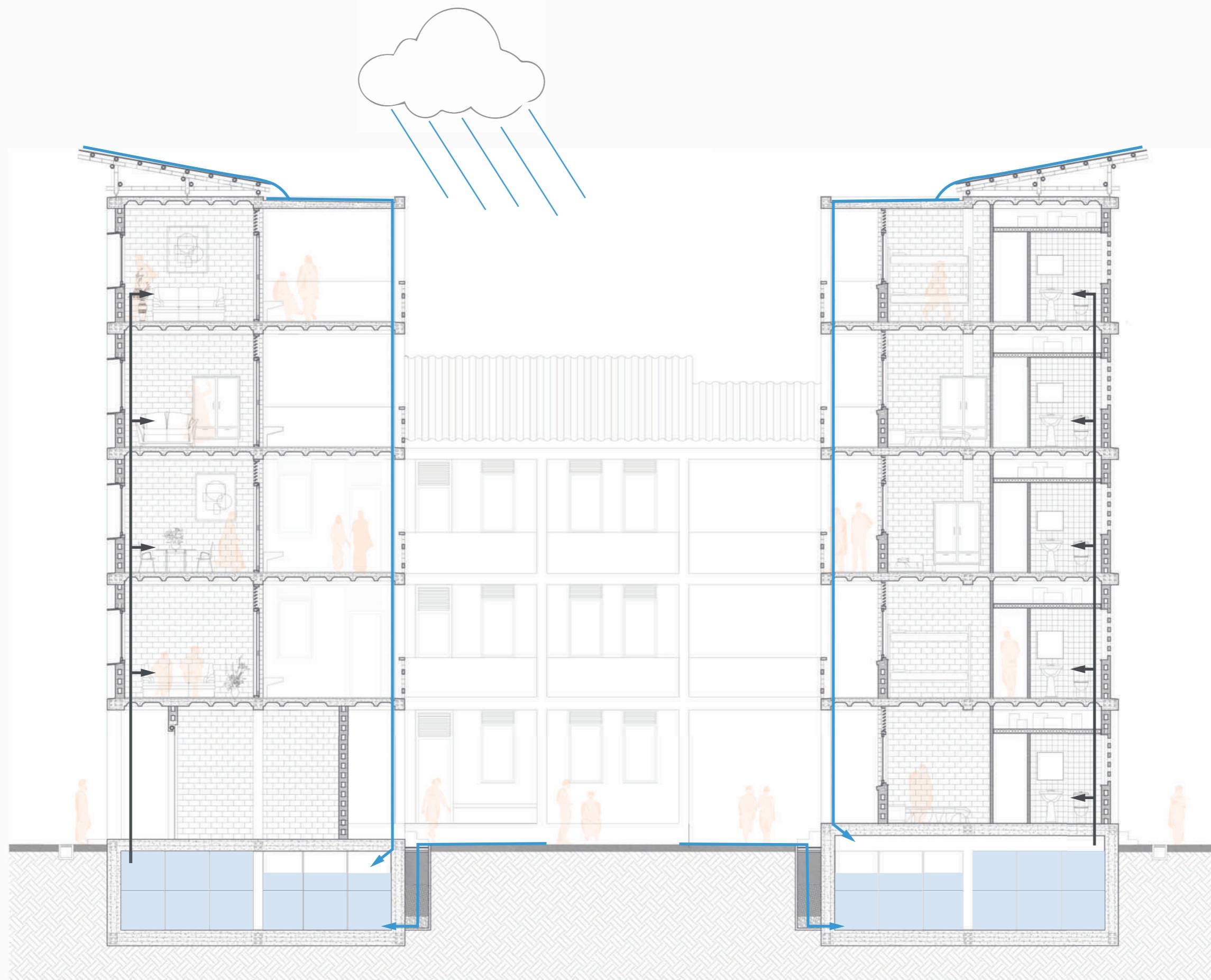


## Use of Plastic & Bamboo



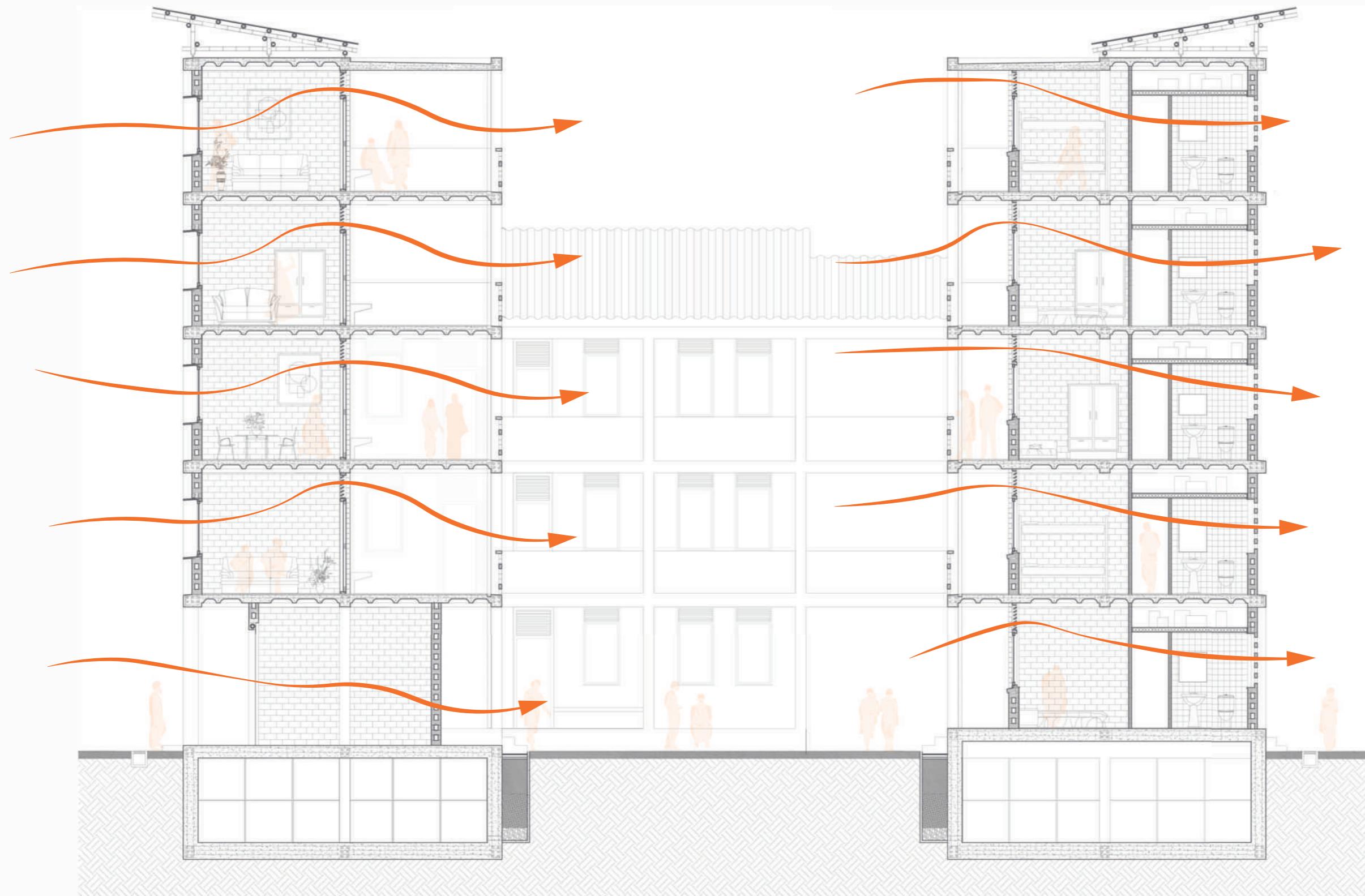
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0 2.5m



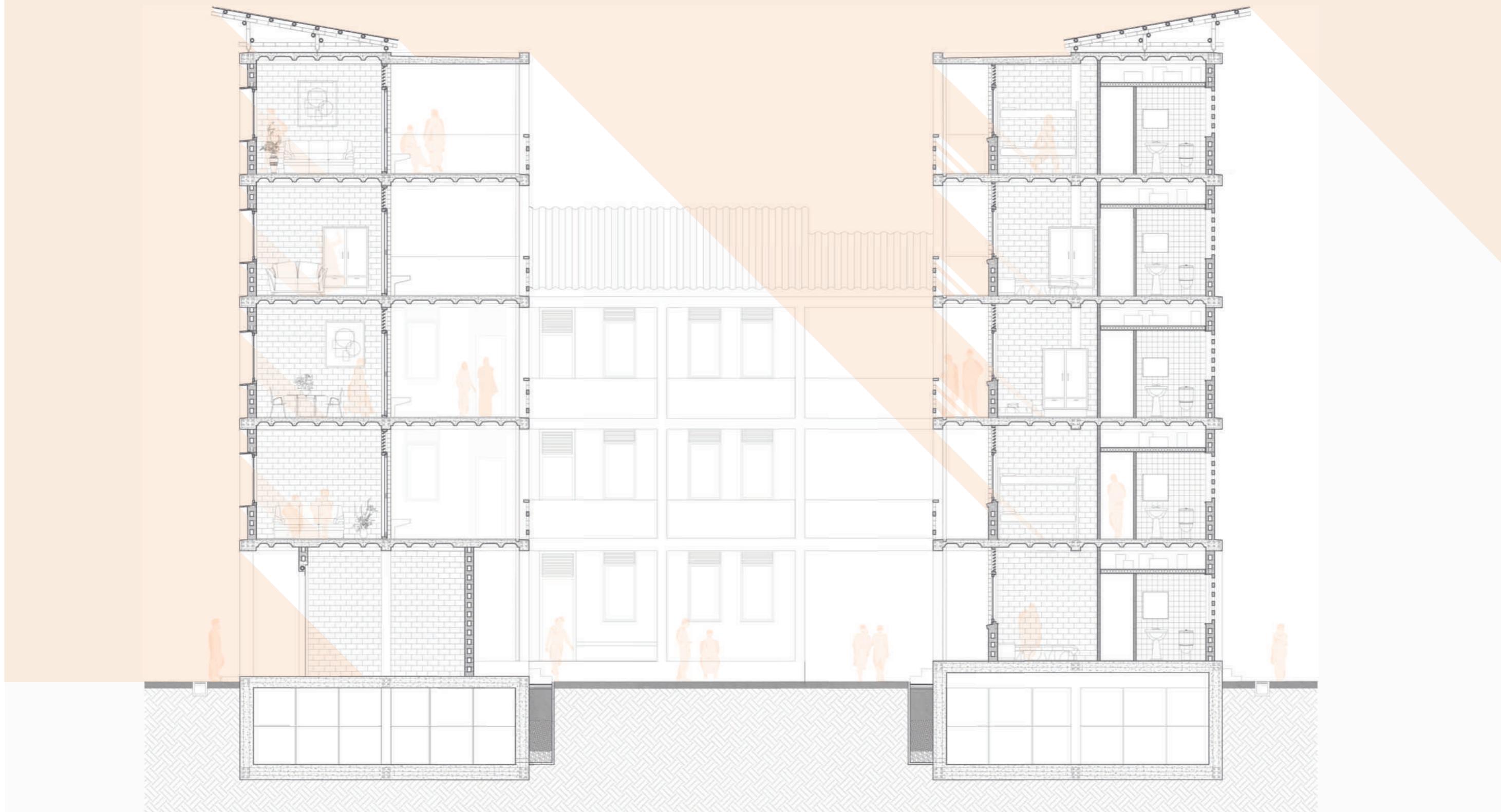
## Ventilation

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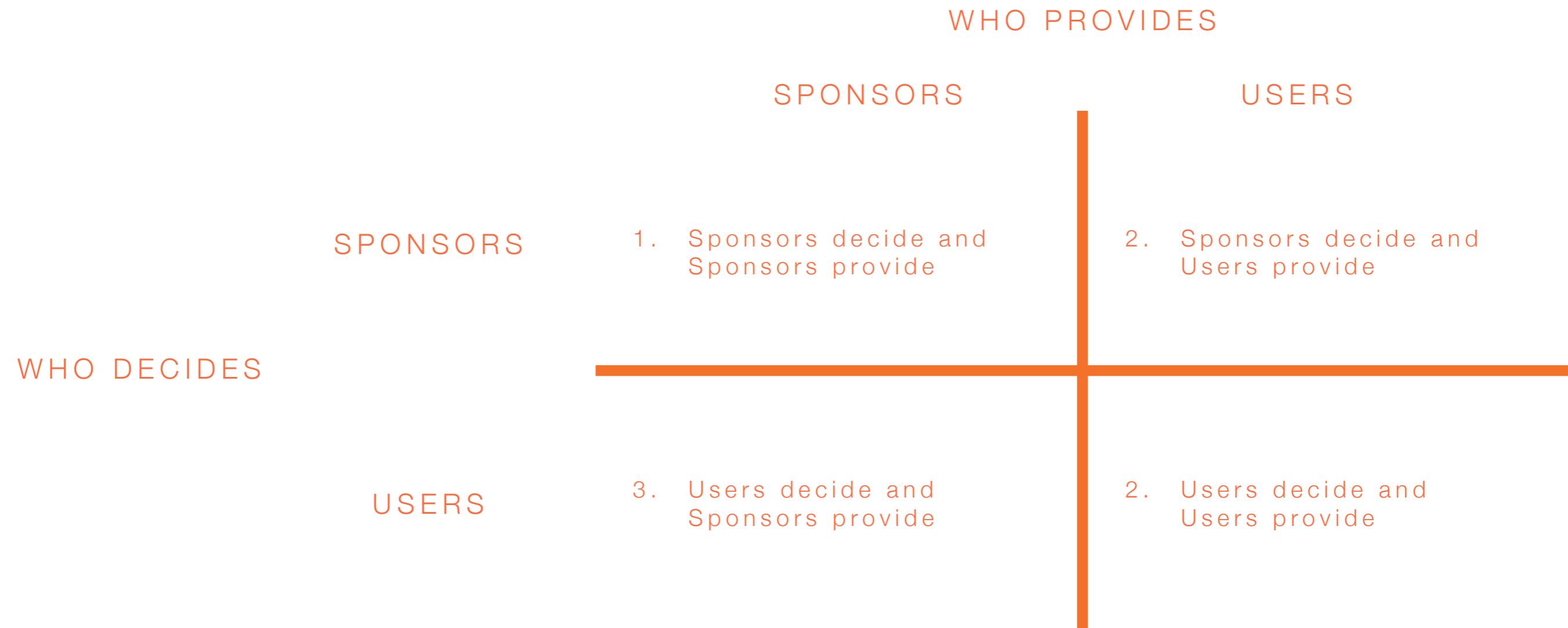
# Shading

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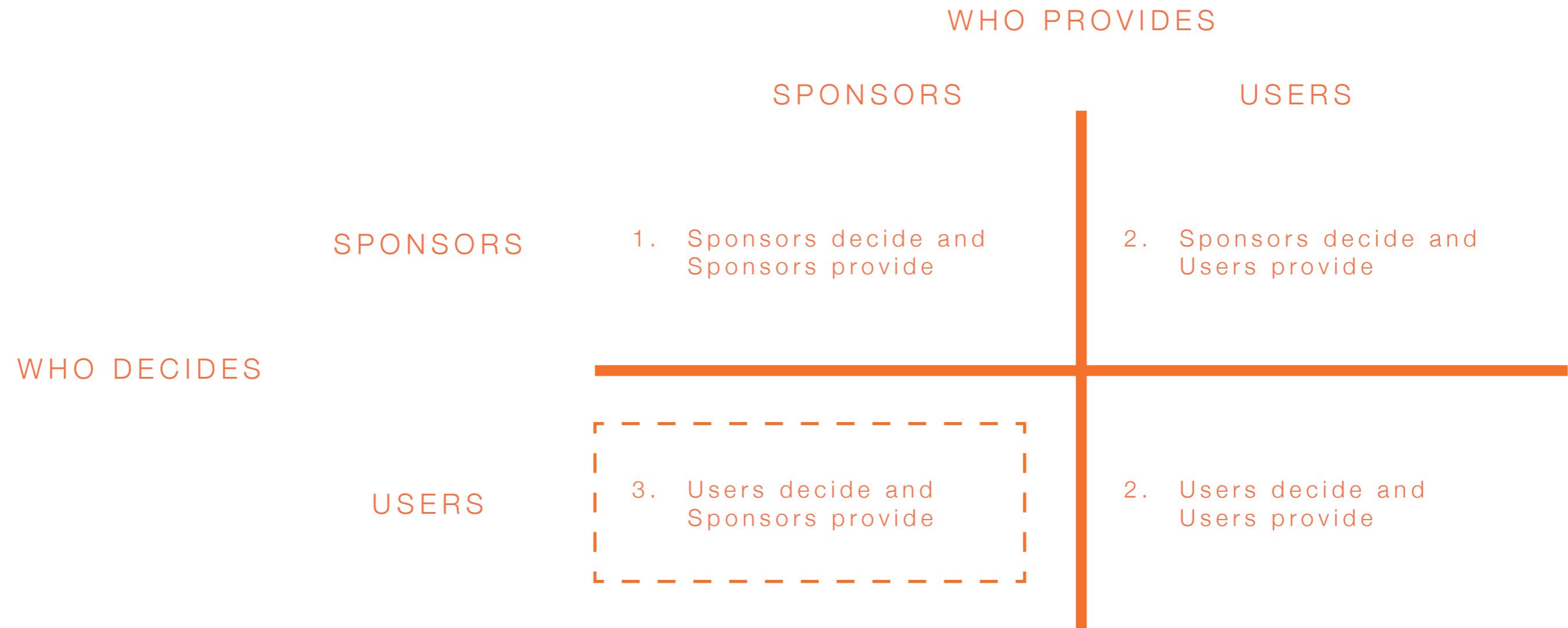


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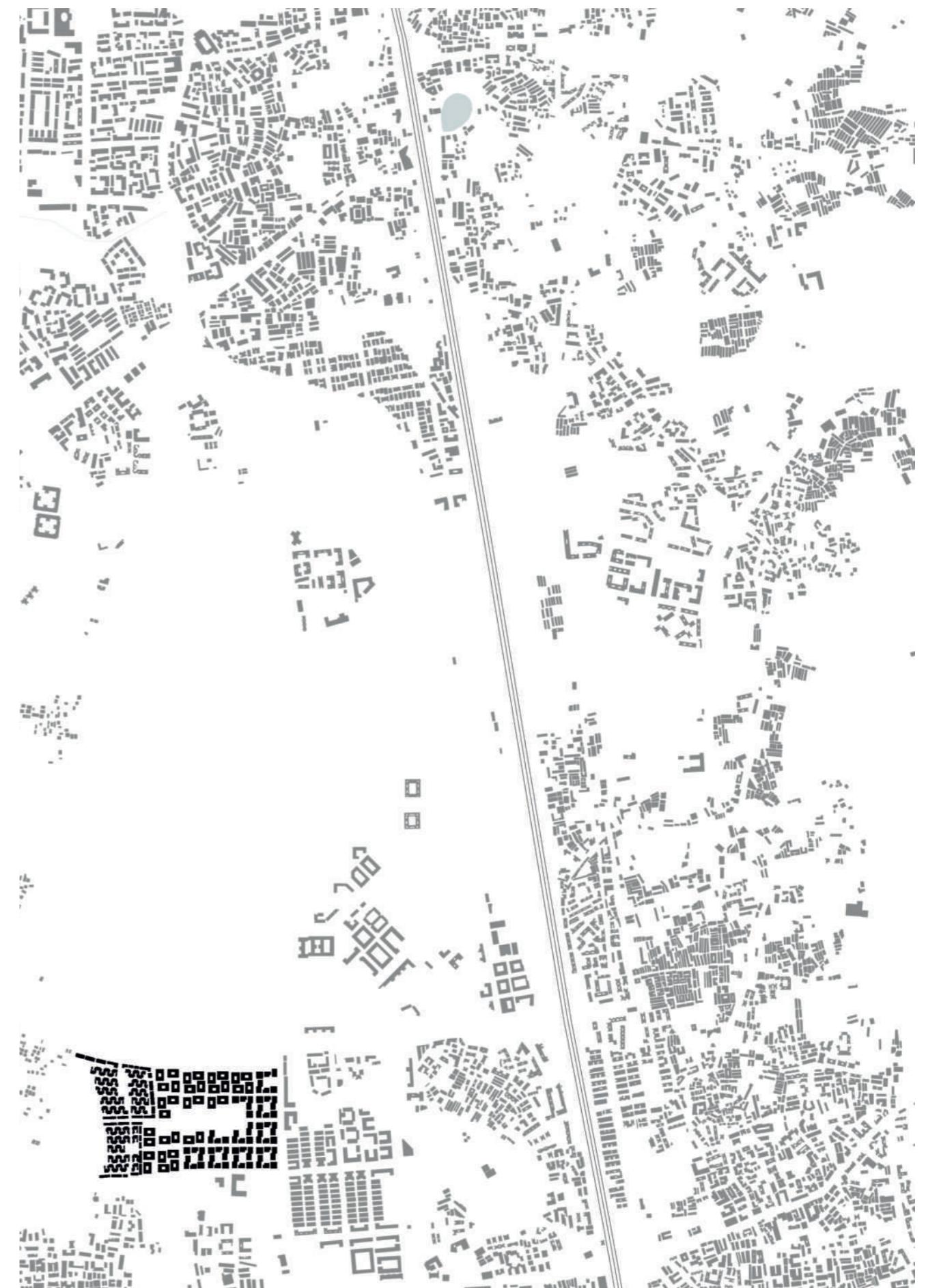


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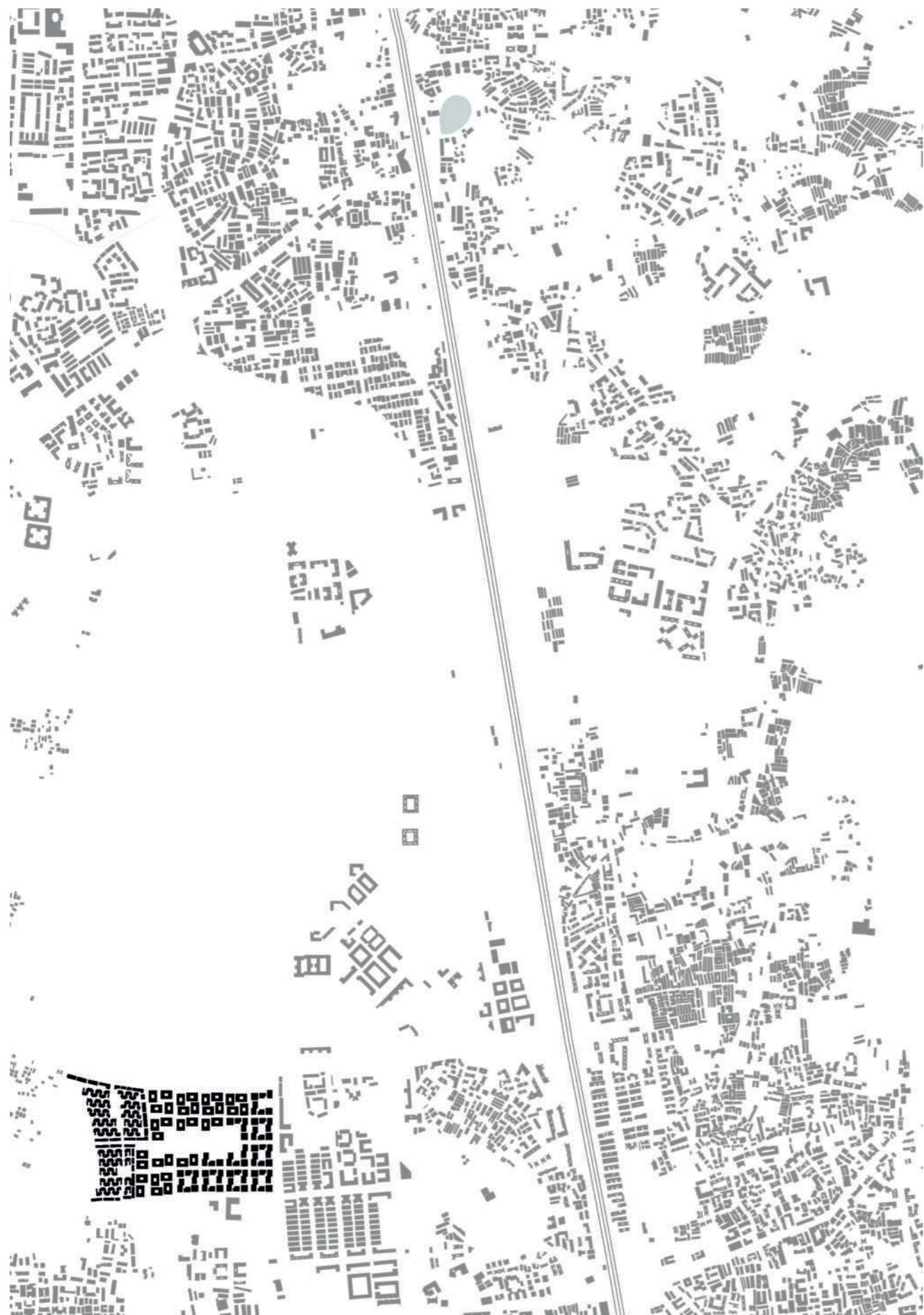
# Phase 1

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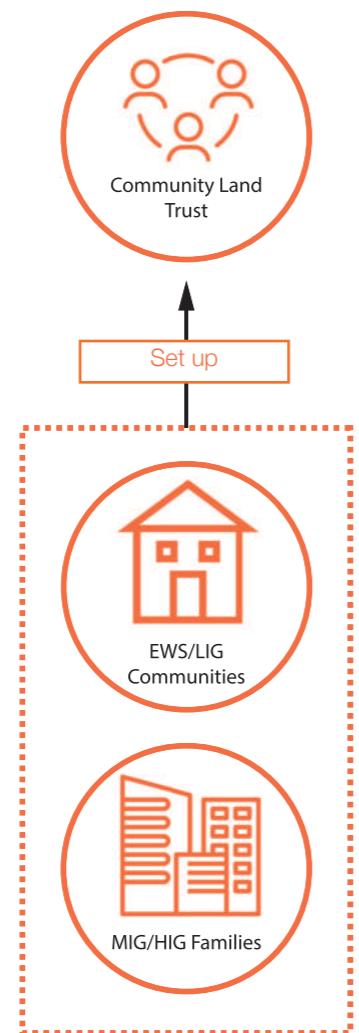
[RE]CONNECTING MUMBAI



OPERATIONAL MODEL

## Phase 1

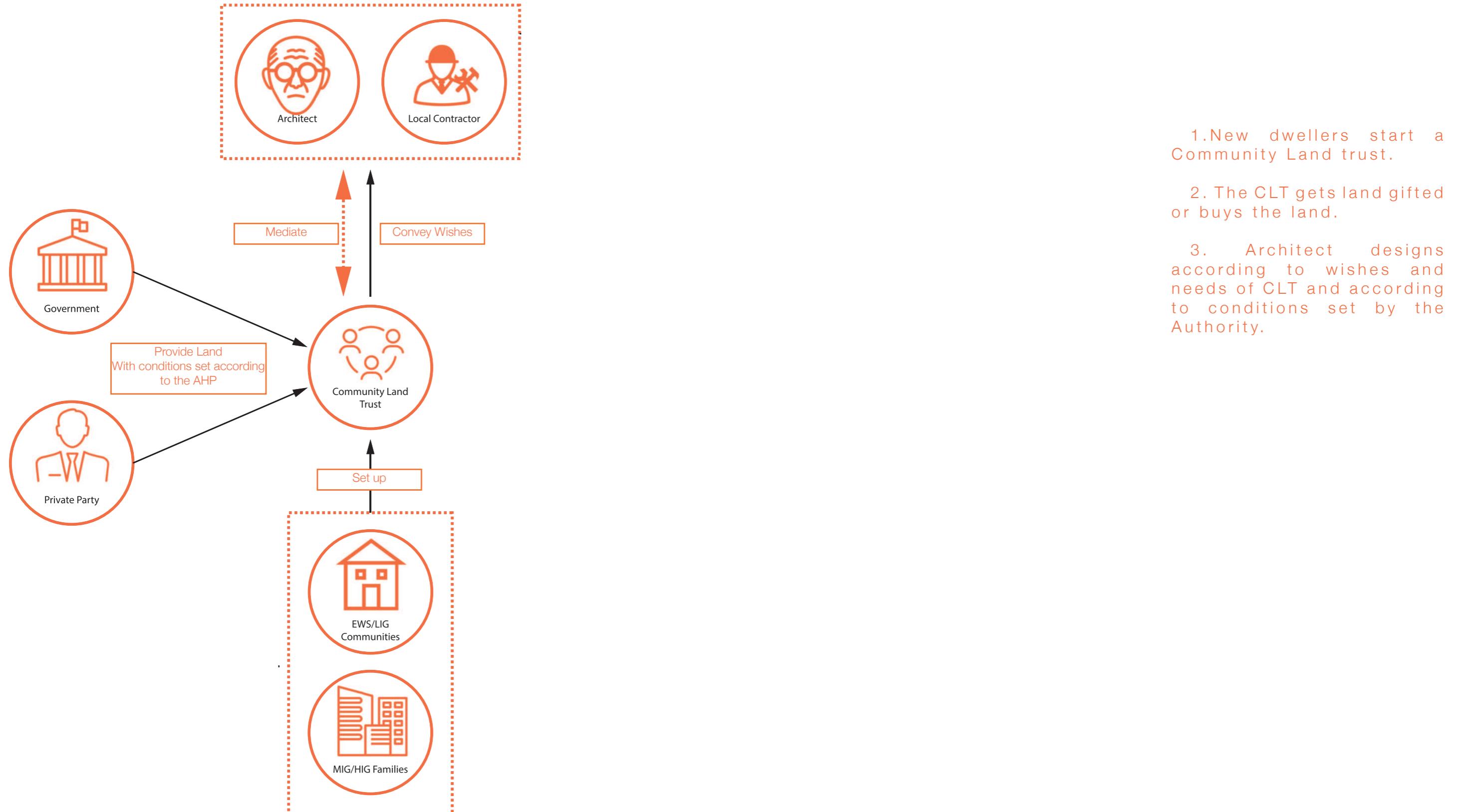
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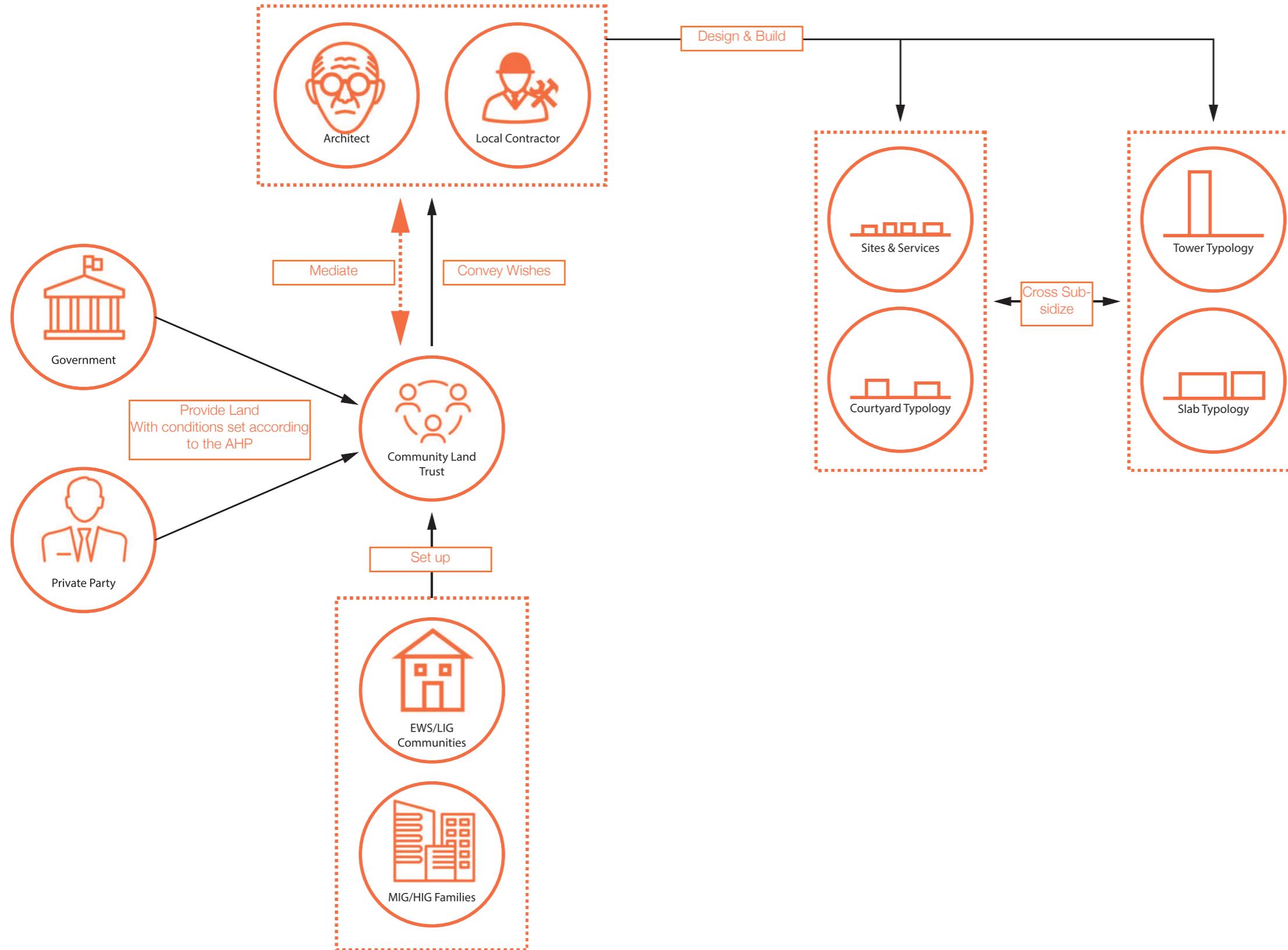
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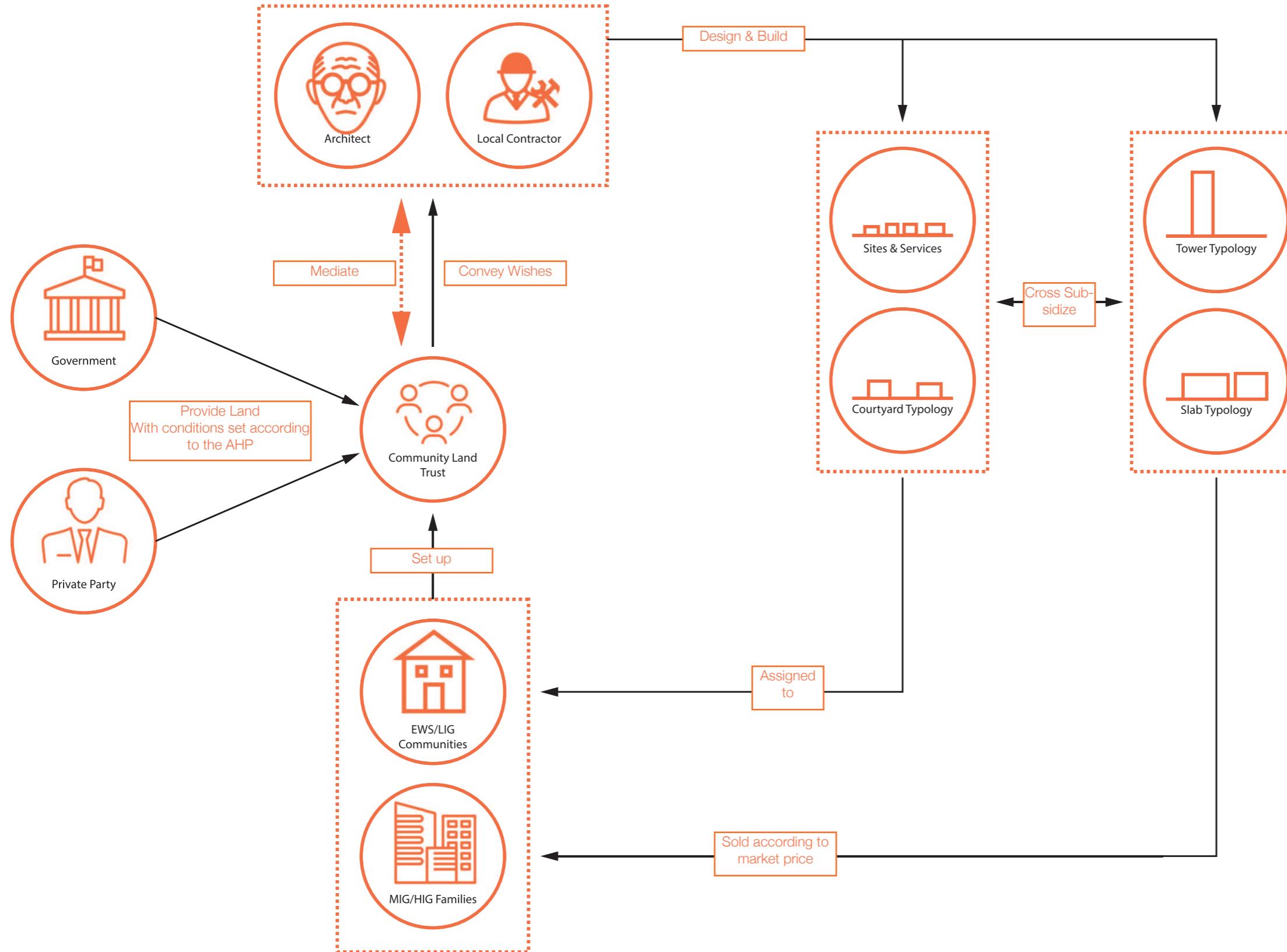
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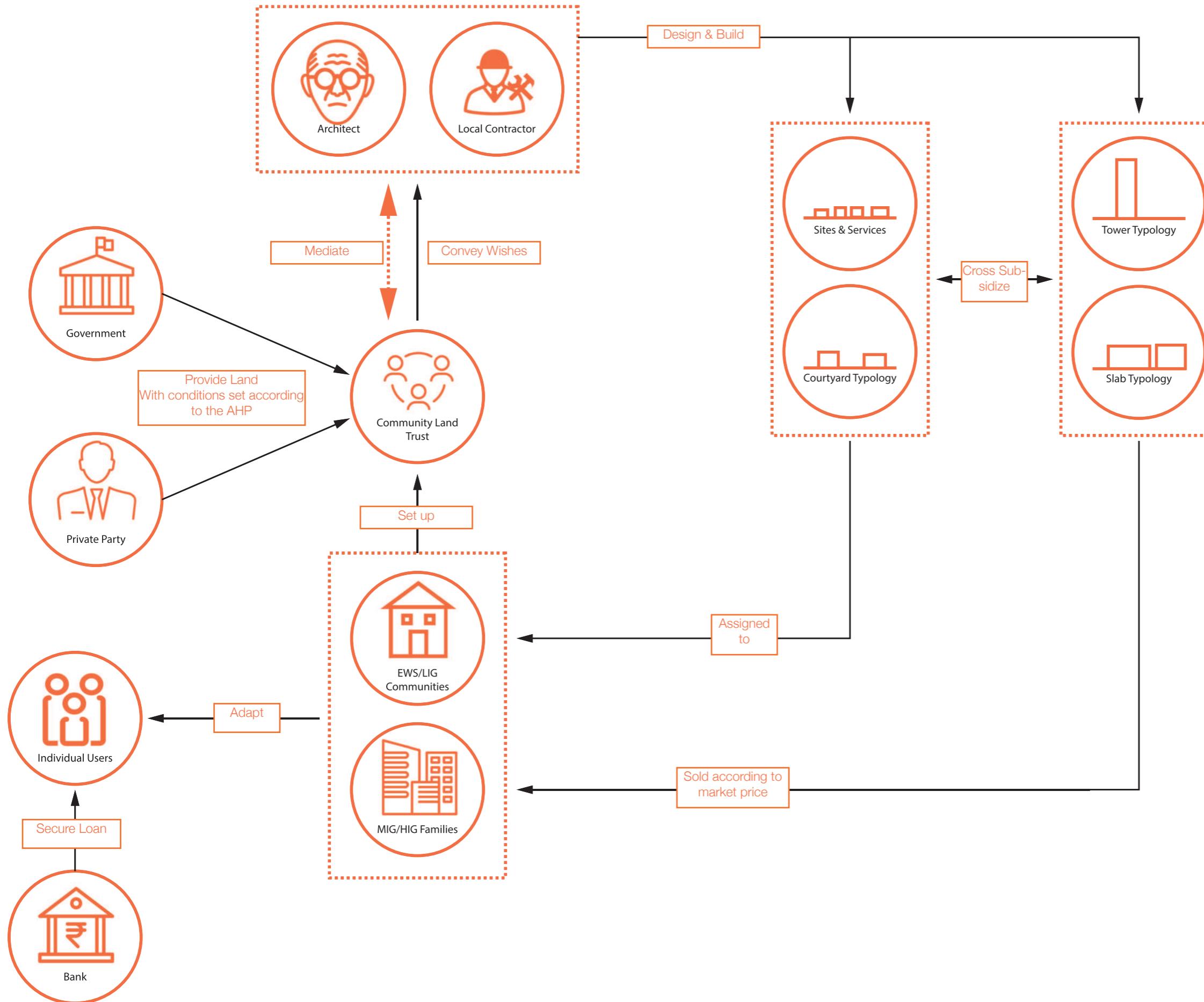
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1. New dwellers start a Community Land trust.

2. The CLT gets land gifted or buys the land.

3. Architect designs according to wishes and needs of CLT and according to conditions set by the Authority.

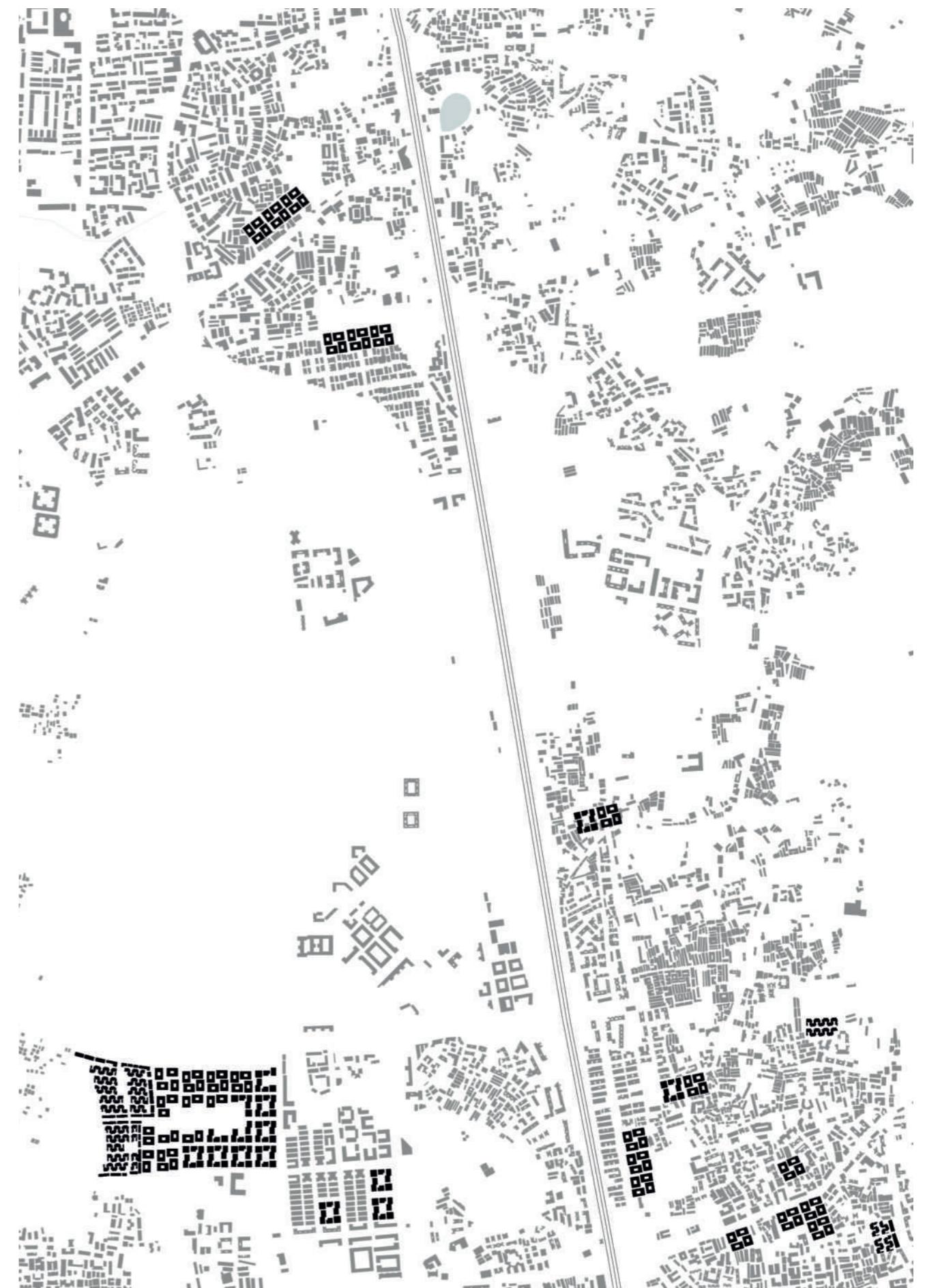
4. Local contractor builds the different typologies which are cross subsidized.

5. Dwellings are given and sold to the chawl communities and MIG/HIG families.

6. Individual owners can adapt their dwelling (if necessary a loan can be provided by a bank.)

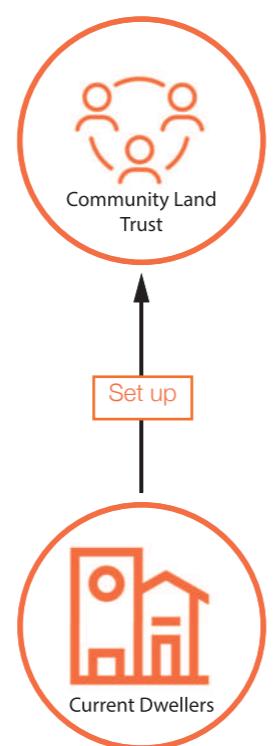
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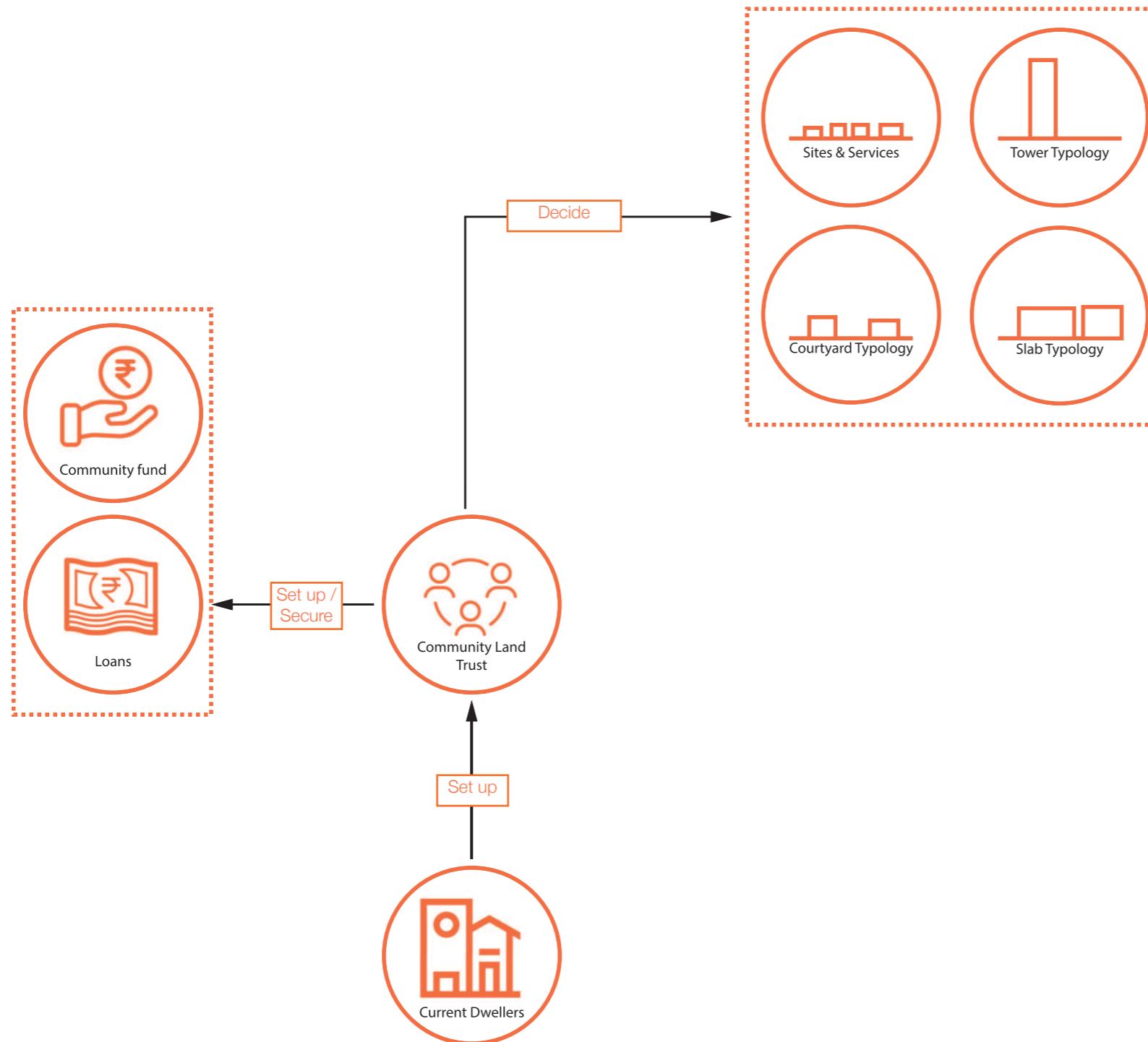
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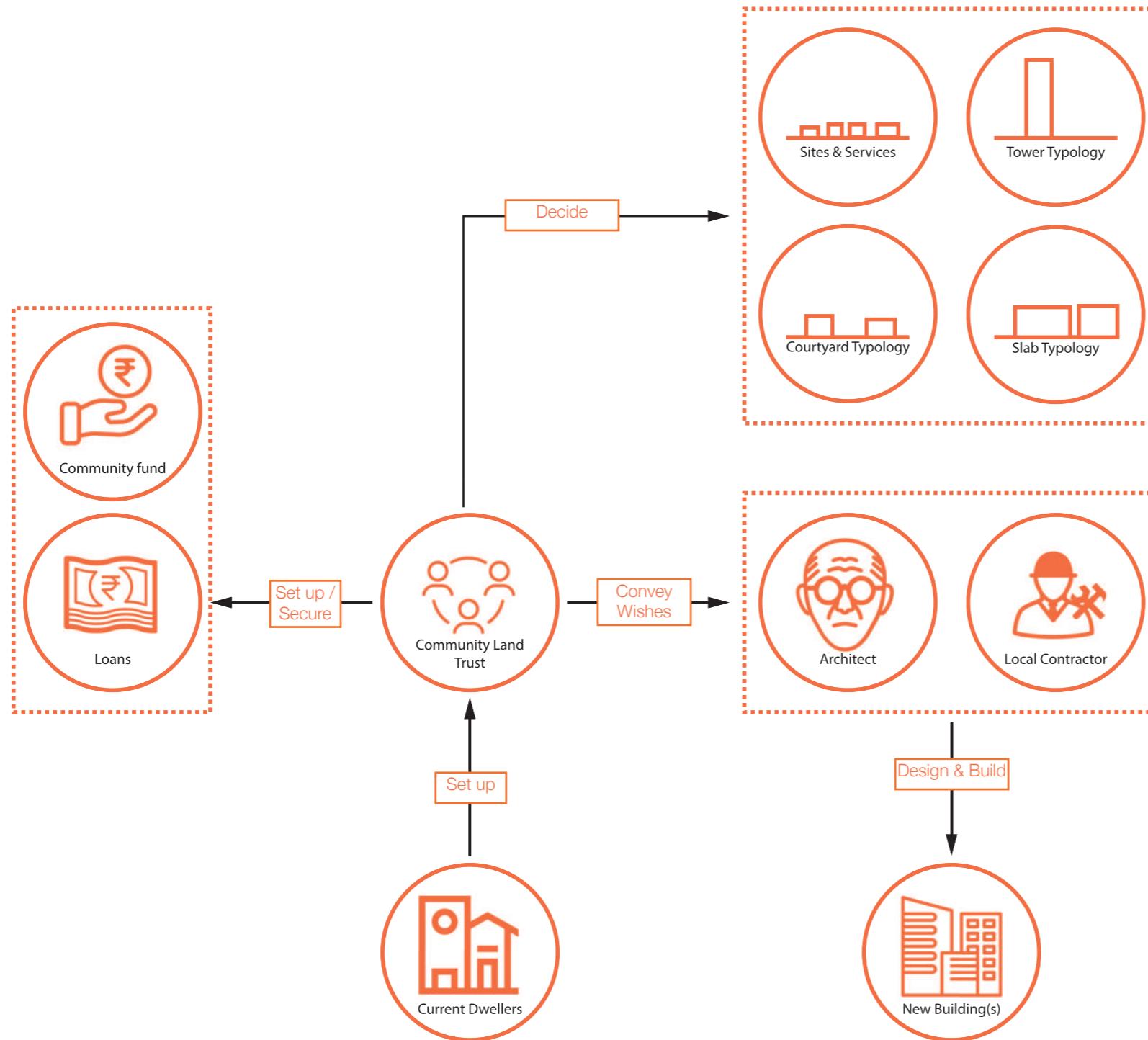


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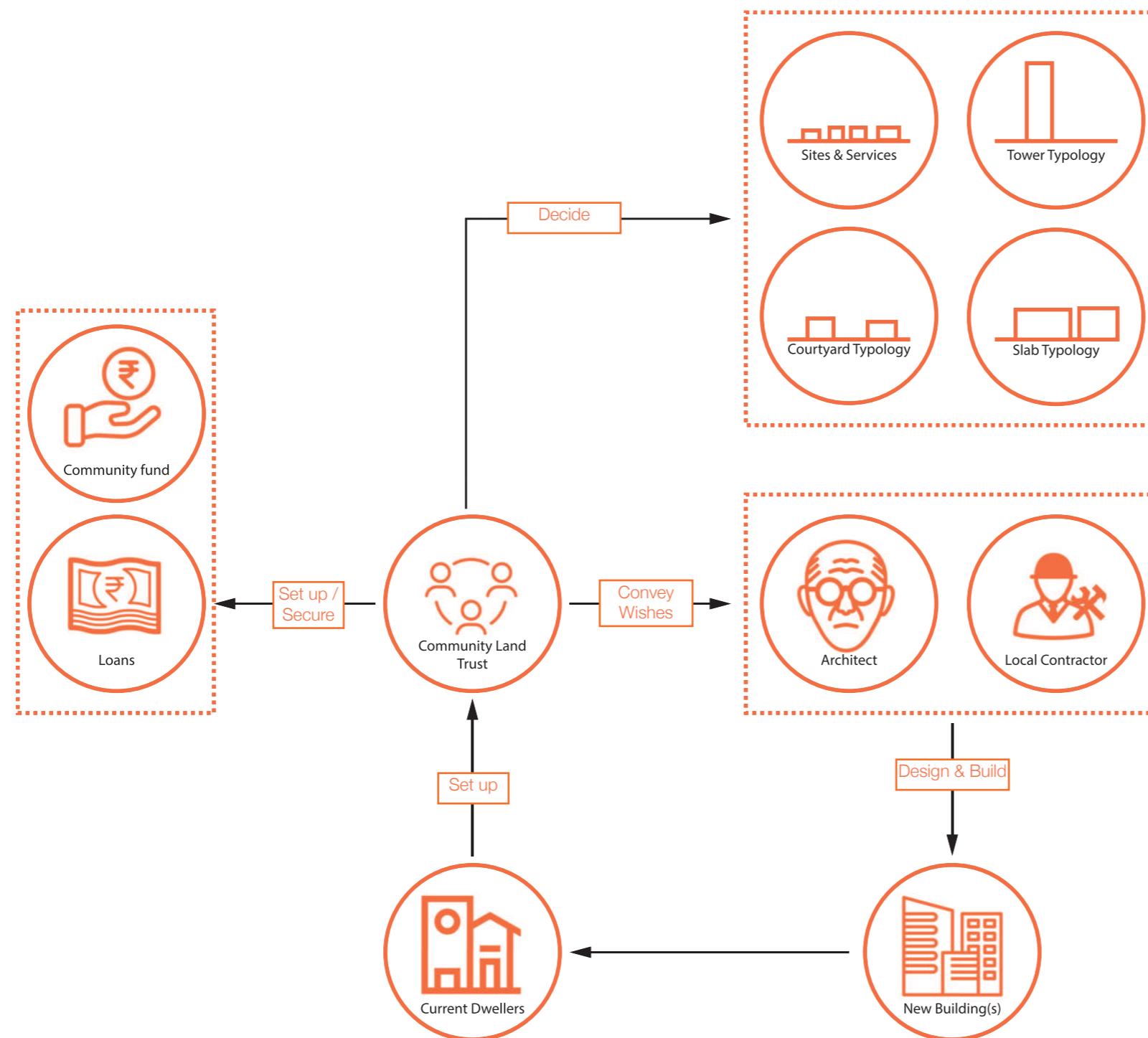
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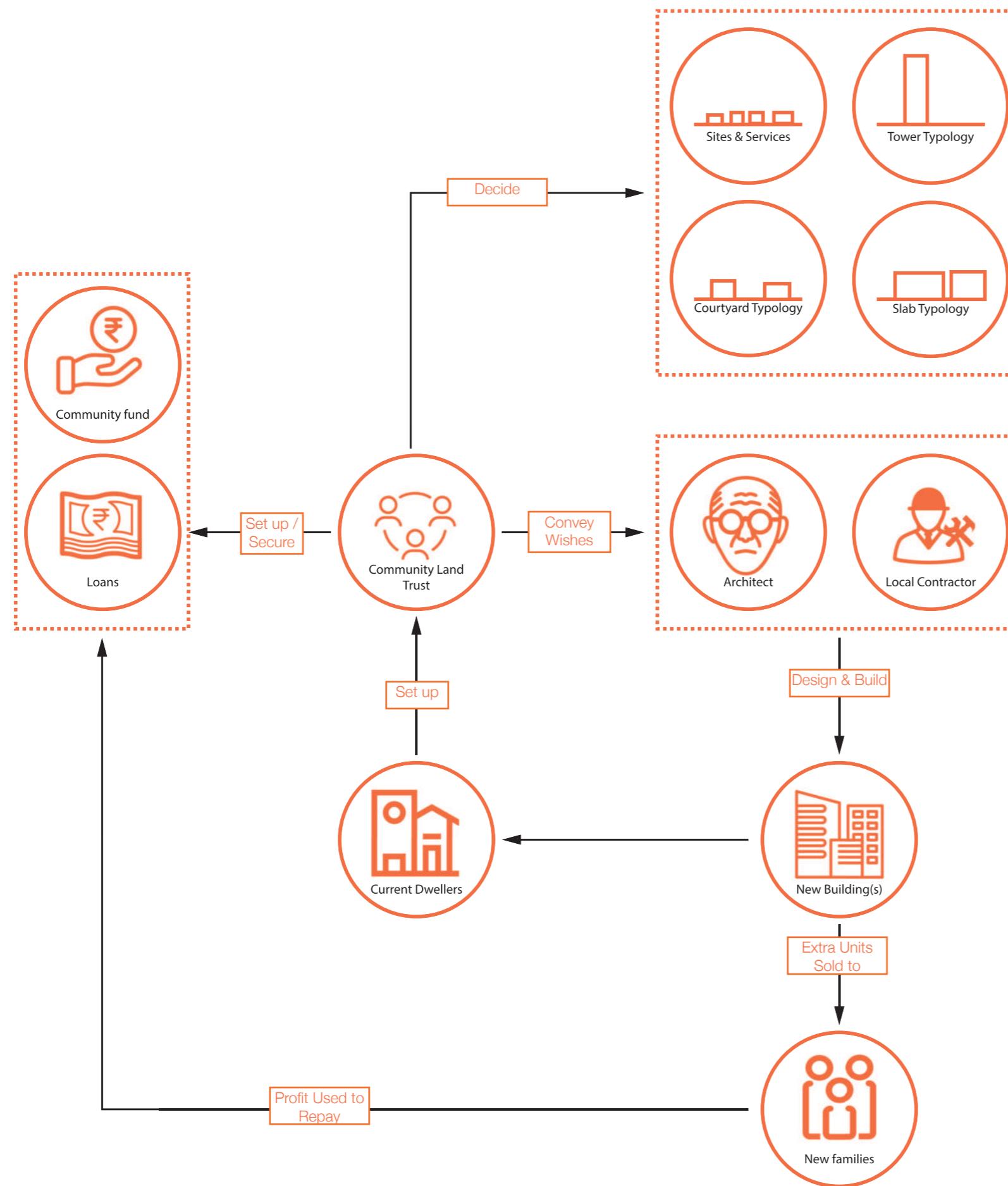
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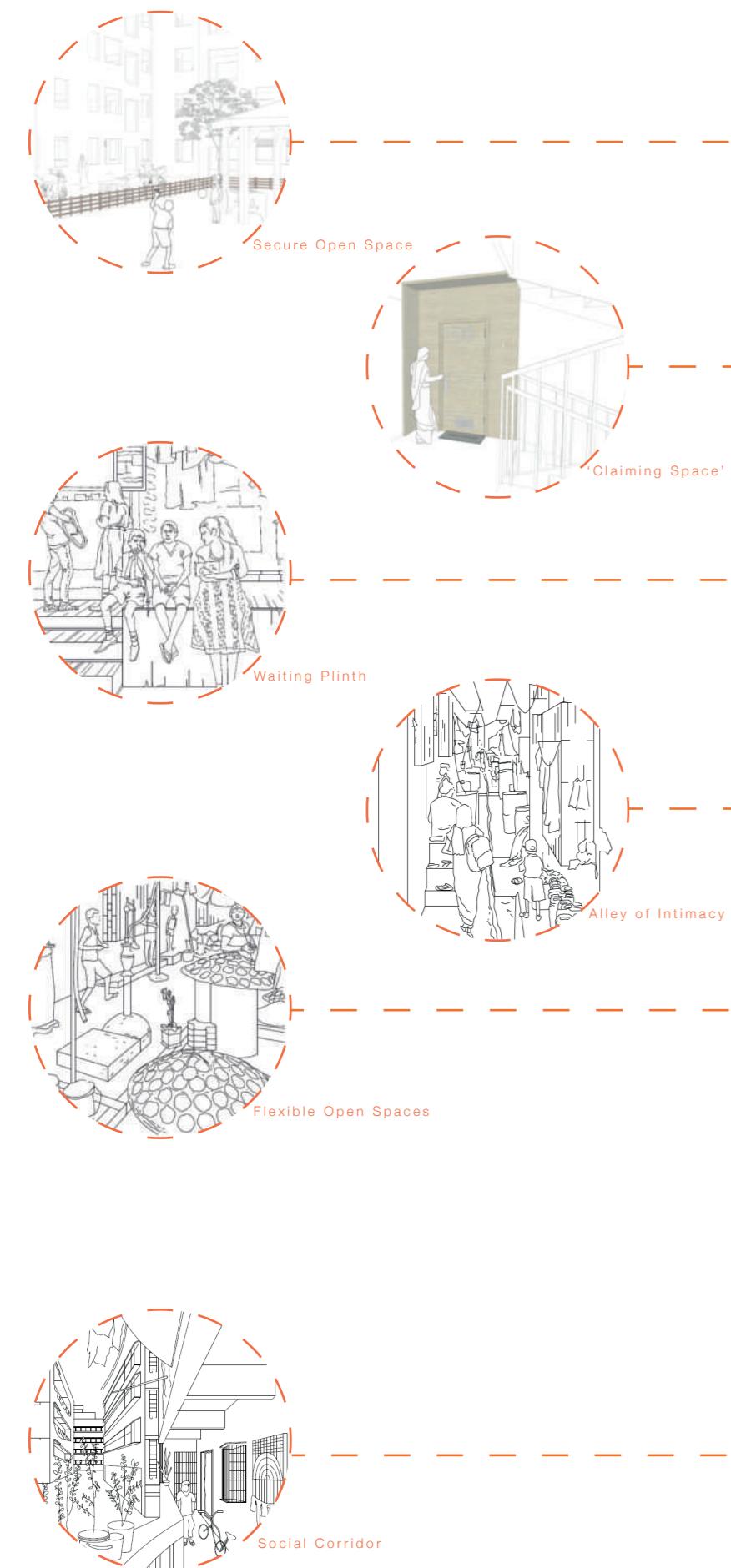
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# ATMOSPHERIC IMPRESSIONS





Panoramic View



APARTMENT  
FOR RENT

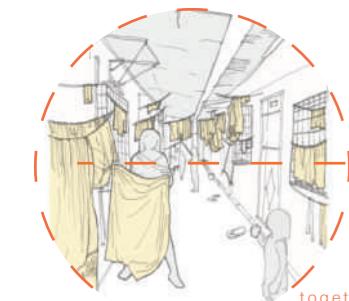
Extra Space to Rent



Large Balconies



Curtains Separate  
Private/Public



Washing/Drying  
together in social hub



## Communal square



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## Entrance communal square



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## Entrance to courtyard



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## Courtyard



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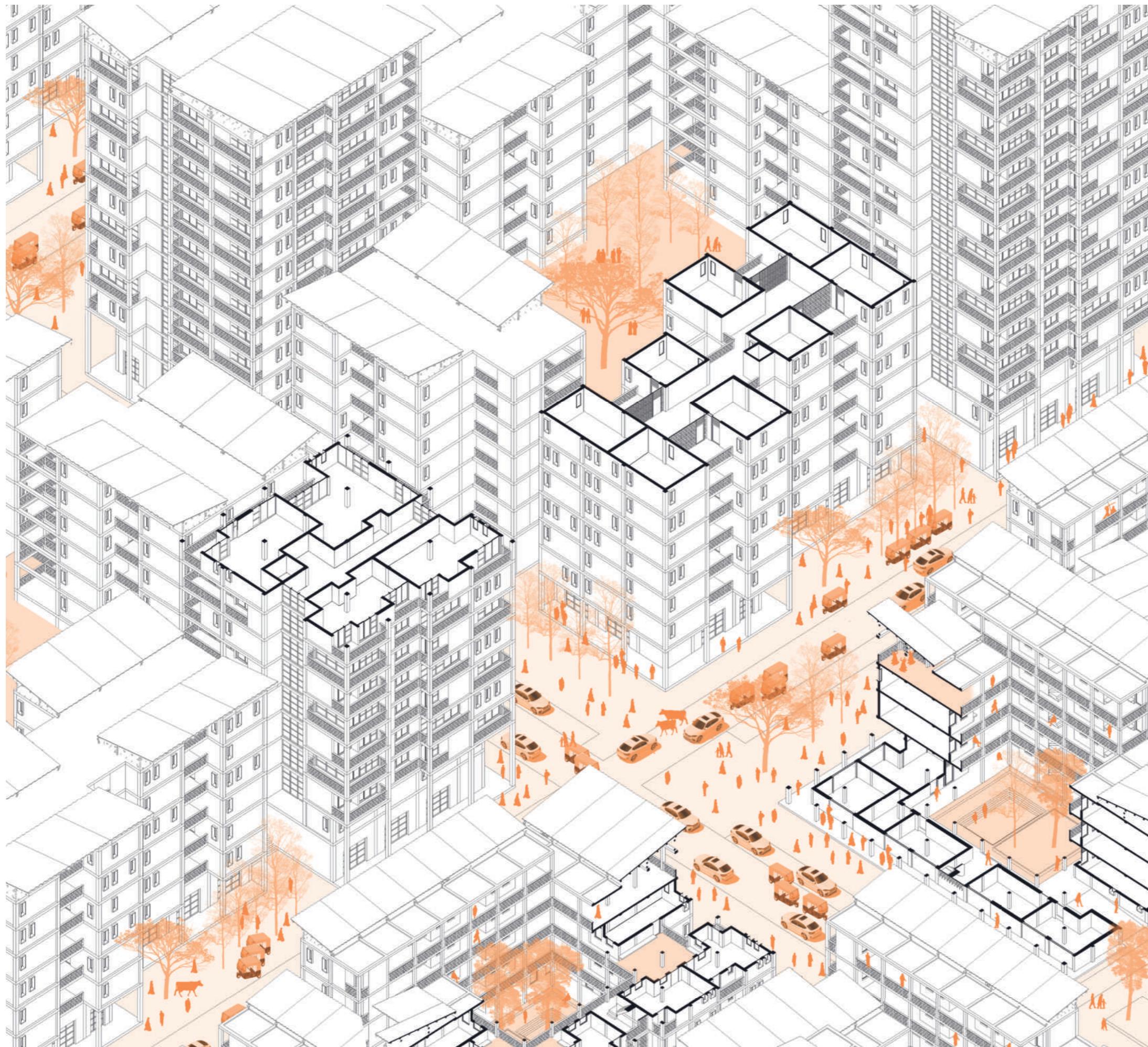


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- Social polarization happening in Mumbai
- Not beneficent for the city
- Patterns of inhabitation
- Needs and aspirations
- Implemented into Urban and Building strategy
- Coherent building design/technology
- Which in turn decreases the social and spatial polarization



Thank You

*“Were people to mingle only with those of like mind, every man would be an insulate being.”*

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