# Current situation



Civil war Refugees

Limited available amenities

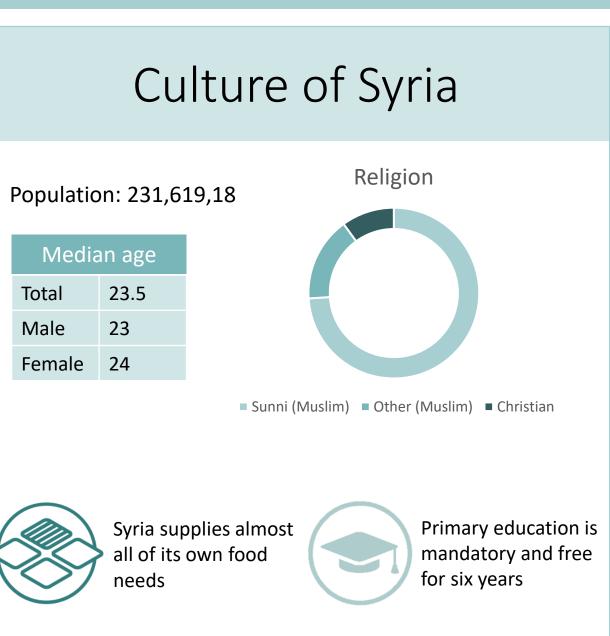
Population needs: Lack of housing, infrastructure and schools Electricity shortage Few workplaces and education Little medical care

# Our vision

To help the children; make children feel safe and supported while making learning more fun, by creating a great building!



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## Saidnaya – the city

The Convent of Our Lady of Saidnaya in Syria is famous for a miraculous picture of the Virgin Mary. The picture was found by a monk named Theodore, who experienced miraculous protection while holding it. Today, people of all religious backgrounds visit the picture seeking healing and fertility miracles.







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# Available raw materials:

- (natural) Stone
- Sand, gravel, and clay Steel frame and plastic •

### Importing materials:

<u>Turkey</u>:

- Has abundant building materials (steel construction)
- Construction site near the border

Available materials and

construction methods

- Importing is more expensive than local sourcing <u>Europe</u>:
- Importing from Europe is not feasible within the budget

### **Common construction methods:**

- Cast-in-place construction (concrete)
- Stack construction (bricks)
- Building with mud

### Earthquake-resistant construction:

- Strengthening
- Damping
- Base isolation

### Innovative construction:

Recycling concrete demolition waste



### The problems

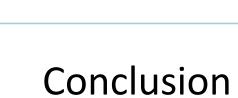
- Shortage of formal education
- Damaged schools
- Children dealing with traumas
- Not enough teachers
- Destoyed learning recources

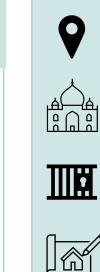


## The Solutions

- Creating a safe learning environment
- Take measures into PTSD care
- Build new schools
- Educate more children at once
- Involve the cummunity





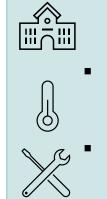


By including the environment during the design, this will become a landmark for the entire neighborhood. **Culture:** Faith plays an important role in culture. This must also be taken into account during the design. • **Prison:** A message can be passed through architecture. By incorporating flexible aspects of the prison into the design,

Location: The area is damaged, but offers a lot of potential.



a political message can be conveyed. Architecture: The history of architecture offers a lot of inspiration that can be used in this building. **Education:** There is a great shortage of educational opportunities. Education alone is very valuable for children. In the design we have to consider the past and the future of the children. Climate: Syria has dry warm summers and mild wet winters. In the design, passive installations and a pleasant



environment can be created. Building: It is important to take local products into account during the construction process and to involve the residents in the process.



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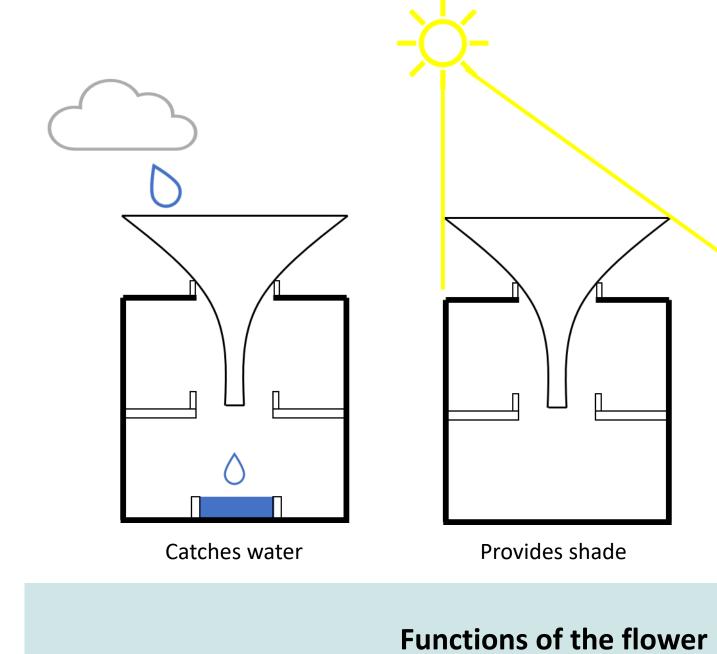
Statue garden

Court yard

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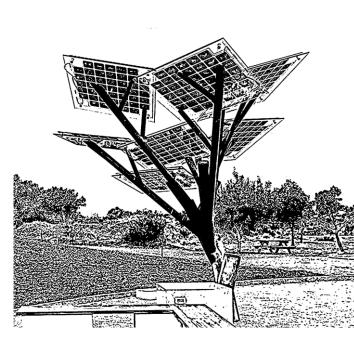


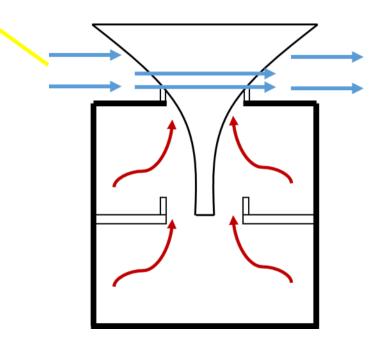




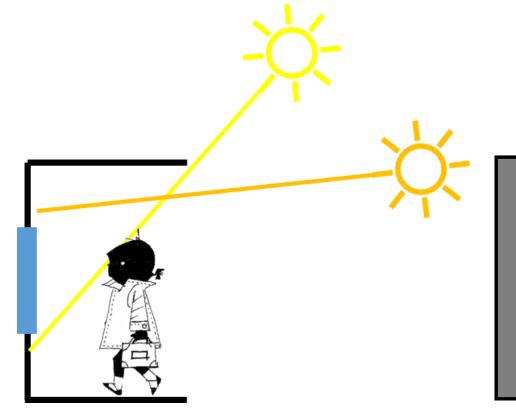
## Electricity

Solar panels are installed in the sculpture garden to supply the building with electricity. Because of the design, they disappear into the environment.





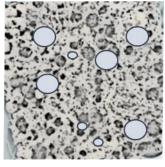
Provides passive ventilation



Overhang provides shade During summer, but the winter sun passes under for passive heating



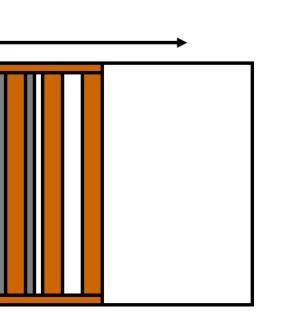
Super concrete contains recycled concrete and plastic granules.

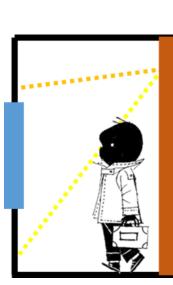


### Super concrete



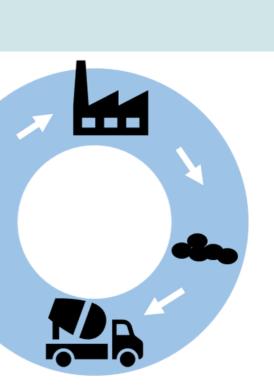
Reusing concrete from demolition waste.





Sliding wooden blinds provide extra shade when the summer sun is low

### Shadow



Reuse plastic waste.







Provides employment for local residents.

Special concrete with plastic fibers. This concrete is earthquake resistant.

Can also be used for future projects.