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ANALYSIS

LOCATION



Space requirements and suitability:

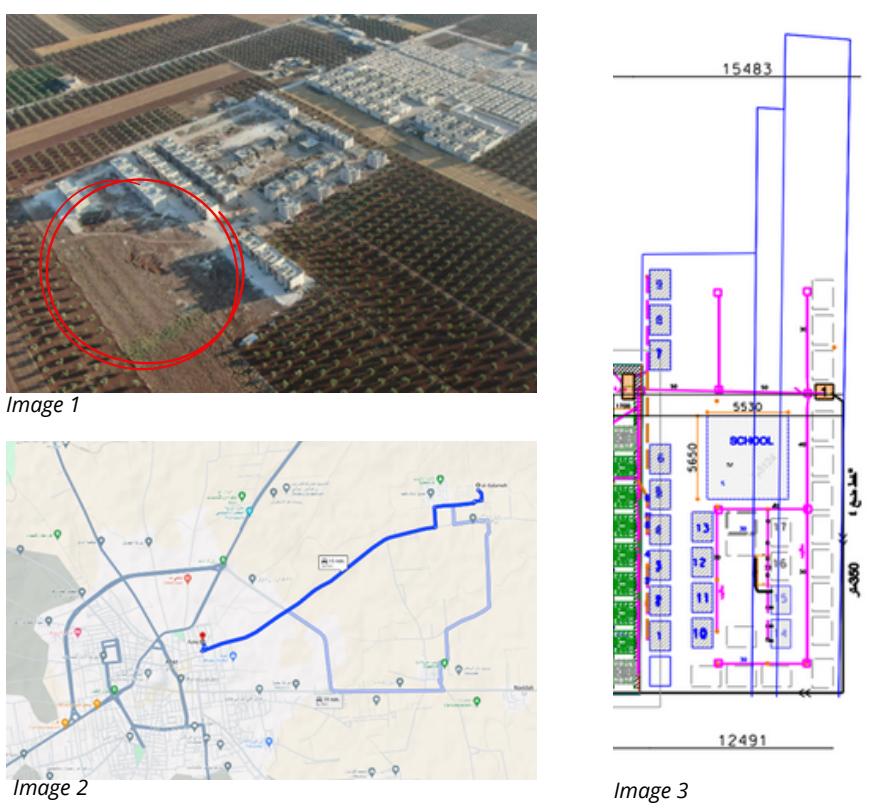
- Merging mosque and primary school.
- An area of (at least) 2000 m² (approximately)

Social safety and location:

- a supermarket within 15 minutes walking distance
- a restaurant
- There is a playground just behind the location that children can use.
- The entertainment venues are easily accessible by car. The location is about 20 minutes by car from the center of Azaz.

Nuisance:

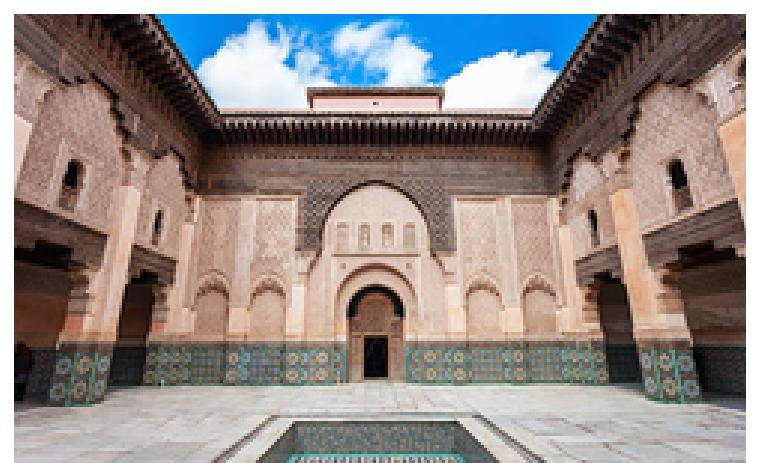
- A dry area with trees planted
- The soil consists of sand and clay
- The area is very remote, which makes it a quiet place for a religious meeting.



ARCHITECTURE

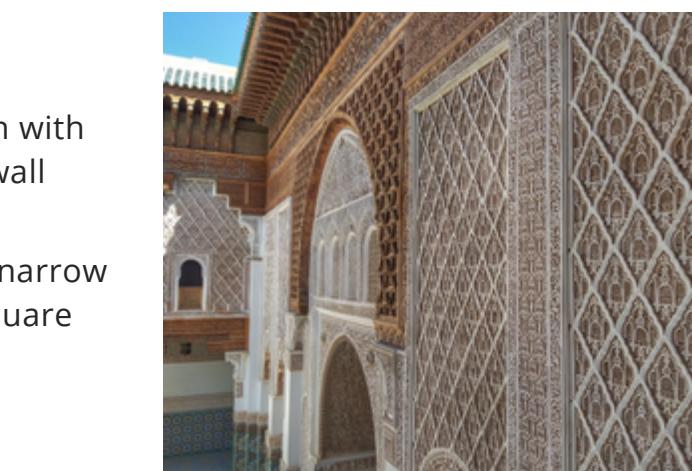


The Madrassa is a school for religion in Syria. In this style, many straight lines with pointed arches and narrow open windows can be seen. There is much decoration from tiles to sculptures. The buildings are in a square shape with a courtyard, because of the high walls, little daylight comes in, this creates a cold place. The buildings often have towers.



Features:

- Square
- Round arches
- Inner courtyard
- Convex roofs
- Decoration
- Column construction with load-bearing outer wall



CLIMATE



	maximum temperature	minimum temperature	hours sunshine per day	days precipitation per month	amount precipitation per month	
january	10°C	0°C	5	14	6	Image 9
february	11°C	1°C	6	12	6	
march	15°C	3°C	7	11	6	
april	20°C	6°C	8	8	6	
may	25°C	9°C	10	5	6	Image 10
june	29°C	12°C	12	2	6	
july	32°C	14°C	13	0	6	
august	32°C	14°C	12	0	6	
september	29°C	12°C	10	1	6	
october	24°C	9°C	8	6	6	
november	17°C	4°C	7	8	6	
december	11°C	1°C	5	12	6	Image 11

0-5 mm = NIL | 6-30 mm = 6 | 31-60 mm = 6 | 61-100 mm = 6 | 101-200 mm = 6 | more than 200 mm = 6

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Summers in Syria are very hot and dry, temperatures can reach 32 °C. In winters, 61 to 200 mm of rain falls per month. We want to collect this rain in the winters so that we can use it in the summer. We are going to use an underground water tank. The water we collect will not freeze because the temperature in Syria does not fall below zero. So we will use water sustainably.

We would like to place trees next to the building. We chose the pine tree because it grows well in a dry climate. The pine tree can grow 10 to 15 meters. Because this tree is so tall, the building gets more shade. This makes it a more pleasant temperature for students and teachers.

We offer quality education to the children in the neighborhood. The building in which they learn is of good quality. The indoor climate has been taken into account through ventilation. The teachers who will teach are educated.



Image 12

Project: BOINT01P
Teacher: Kees van W.
Date: 01-07-2024

SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS

TYPICAL MATERIAL

- Construction:** Concrete poured in situ
 - Strong
 - High production speed
 - Durable
- Walls and interior walls:** Concrete blocks
 - Affordable
 - Average Insulation
 - Easy to produce
- Wall finish:** Clay plaster
 - Good thermal insulation
 - Environmentally friendly
- Floor/Wall finish:** Mosaic tiles
 - Rich in design
 - Easy to maintain
 - Aesthetically pleasing
- Window frames:** Wood
 - Traditional
 - Long-lasting
 - Easy to work with

Quantitative

Primary school

Function	Amount	m ²	Total m ²
Classrooms	22	45	990
Teacher's rooms	2	35	70
Toilet teacher's	6	1.08	6.48
Toilet students	5	6	30
Canteen with kitchen	1	75	75
Computer room	1	60	60
Library	1	80	80
Laboratory	1	60	60
Director's office	1	10	10

Total 1.381,48 m²

Mosque

Function	Amount	m ²	Total m ²
Toilets women	3	1,08	3,24
Washing place women	1	30	30
Toilets men	4	1,08	4,32
Washing place men	1	30	30
Courtyard	1	200	200

Total 267,56 m²

Primary school + Mosque = 1.649,04 m² x 1,33% = 2.193,22 m² (excl. soccer/basketball field)

Qualitative

Future users:

- Primary and highschool students from 6 years till 15 years.
- Local residents.

Outdoor design principles

- No closed indoor area
- Mosque must be accessible from the school and outside
- No high towers due to earthquake
- 2 mosque entrances
- Recognizable entrance

Indoor design principles school

- 22 classrooms
- Computer room
- Library
- Laboratory
- Toilet (students)
- Children's playground
- Teachers' rooms
- Canteen and kitchen

- Space men
- Space women
- Men's washroom
- Women's washroom
- Toilet
- Auditorium
- Canteen and kitchen

- A building that is **easily accessible** for both students and local residents.
- The school must be easily accessible through a recognizable and unique entrance.
- The mosque invites you to use this often and to gather here.

Program

- The building's program should be aimed at a mix of use of an educational function and a meeting function. When using this building mix, it must be taken into account that it can be used for multiple purposes. The mosque should only be used for religious activities, because it must remain sacred.

REFERENCES

It is difficult to find floor plans in Syria. This is because of the war. The mosque in Damascus does have floor plans on the internet. This mosque is the largest mosque in Syria and is also called the Umayyad Mosque. This building is not only important because of its religious significance but also because of its architecture. We will use this mosque as a reference.



the Umayyad Mosque, Damascus

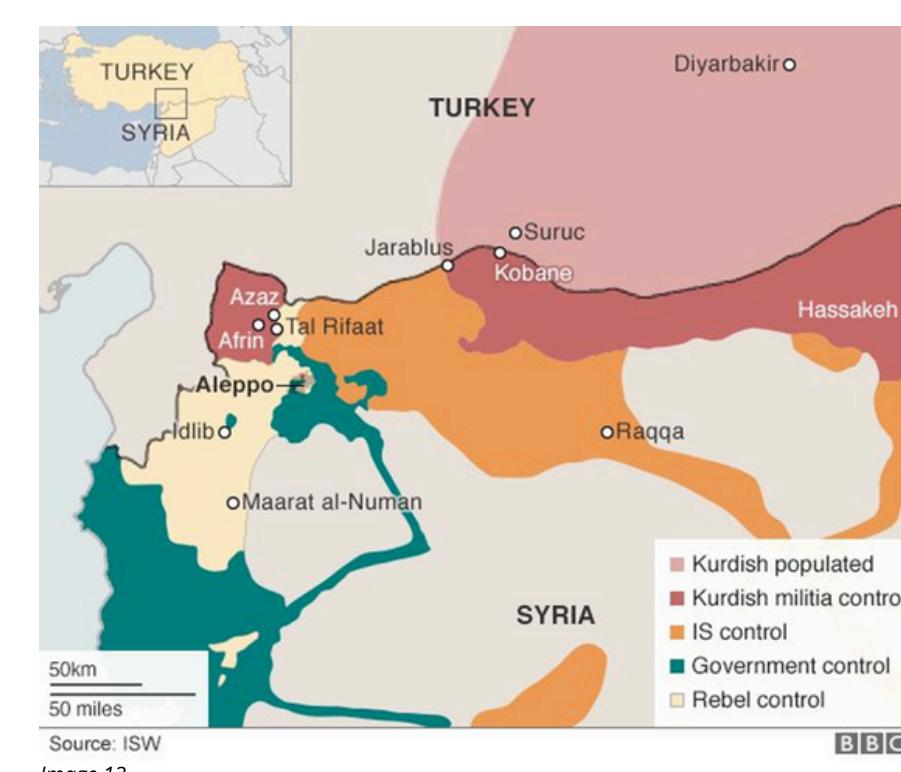
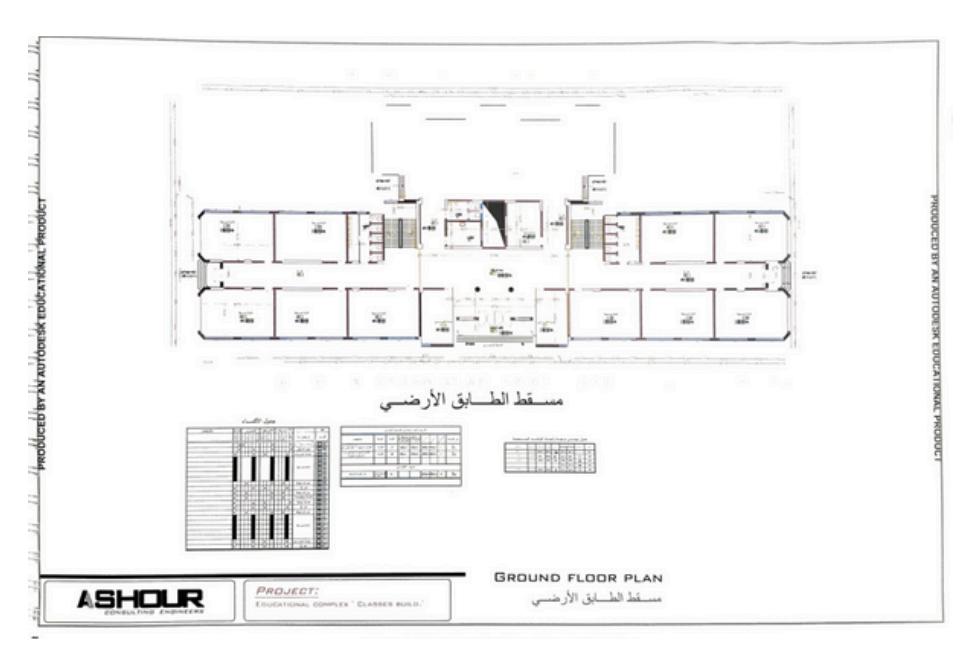


Image 13

This drawing shows a Syrian school, this is the only floor plan we could find. We got these drawings from a Syrian student whose father is an architect in Syria. There are no floor plans of Syrian schools on the internet. The school was built in 2016 in Jarmana, Damascus.



Educational complex "Classics Build", Damascus

SUN

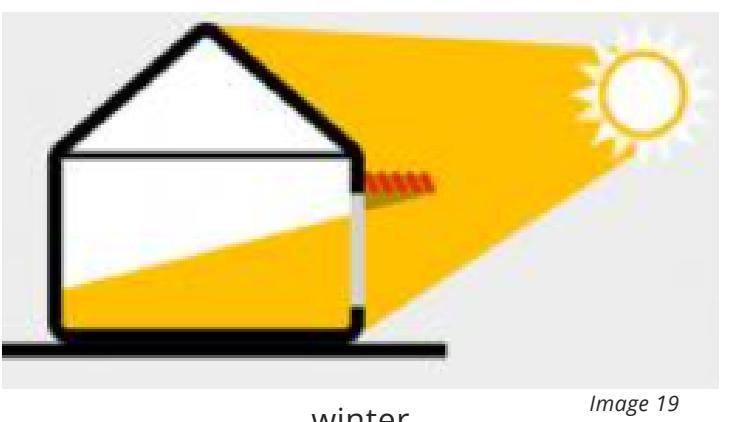
We want to use an overhang on the facade. This provides shade in the summer, so it is less hot. And in winter it ensures that the building retains more heat.



summer



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winter

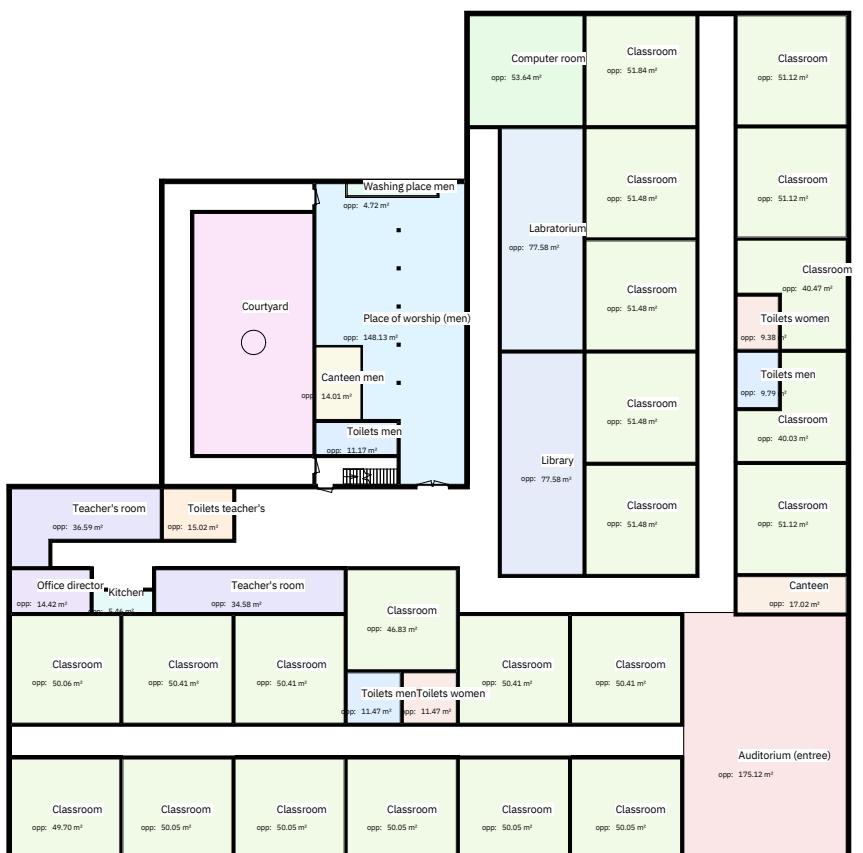


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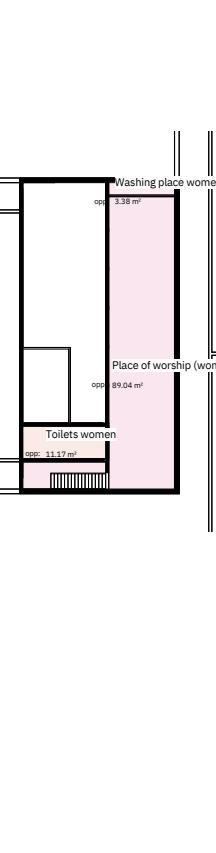
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We chose Storm's design. It came out as the best concept from the Harris Profile. We will ensure that the layout meets the schedule of requirements. We will also include the positive aspects from the other concepts in the final design.

CONCEPT DESIGN



Ground floor



First floor

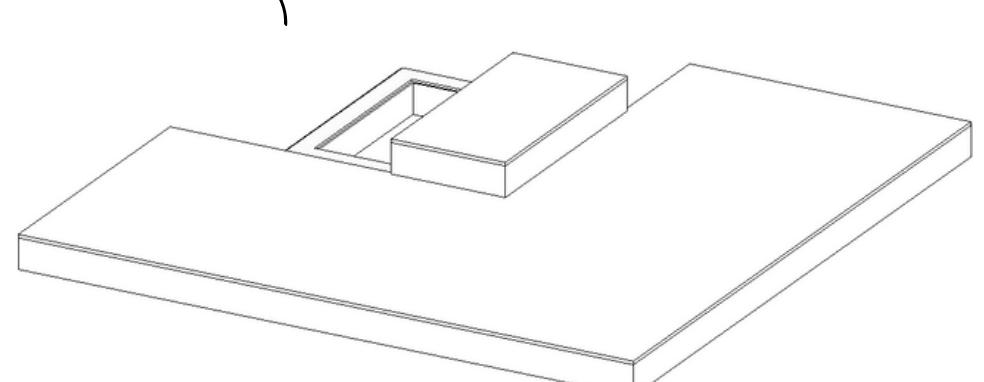
Concept Robin

- The primary school has 1 floor, group 1 to 5 are in the left part of the building. Group 6 to 9 are in the right part of the building.
- The mosque has 2 floors, the men pray downstairs and the women pray upstairs

HARRIS PROFILE

Concept Robin	--	-	+	++
Feasibility				
Layout				
Accessible				
Building in relation to the sun				
Building speed				

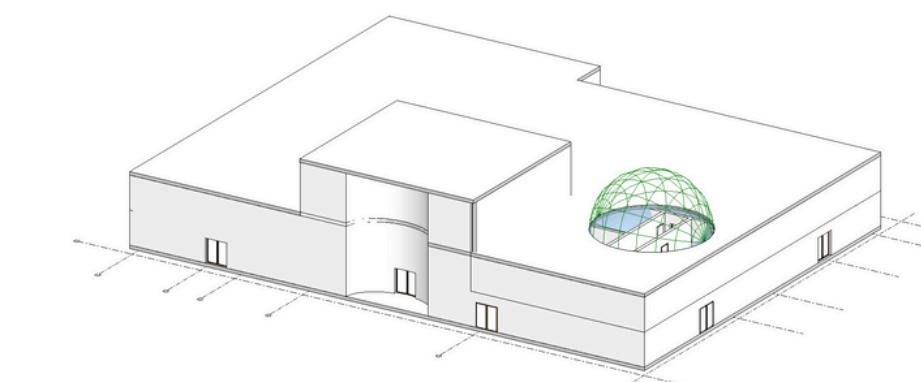
- Feasibility:** The building is feasible to build. It is not too complicated to build.
- Layout:** The layout of the building is well thought out. Group 1 till 5 are together and group 6 till 9 are together. The lab, the library and the computer room are rooms that group 6 till 9 would use more, therefore these are behind the classrooms of group 6 till 9. The teachers' rooms and the director's office are also separated from the classrooms.



- Accessible:** The building is easily accessible. It has been taken into account that women and men can enter the mosque separately. Students can also enter the mosque separately from the school. The school has a spacious entrance.
- Building in relation to the sun:** The classrooms will be in full sunlight for a long time. The spaces that will be used less, such as the library and the teachers' room, could have been placed where the classrooms are.
- Building speed:** The building can be built relatively quickly. The school has only one floor and the mosque has two. The classrooms are the same size so repetition is possible and makes the building process faster.

Concept Solange	--	-	+	++
Feasibility				
Layout				
Accessible				
Building in relation to the sun				
Building speed				

- Feasibility:** the building has an easy shape to build. Furthermore, the entrance has a difficult shape
- Layout:** the building has a logical layout. This is how I looked at the pipework of the toilet, and all rooms have enough space.
- Building speed:** the building has a simple shape, but despite that, it does have a longer build speed. This is because the building has a unique entrance and two floors, the mosque has a clear entrance for men and women.



Safety

We have heard from a reliable source (Ashour Architect) in Syria that northwest Syria, where the construction site is located, has few or no problems and is therefore a lot safer than a few years ago. In any case, it is important to clarify certain safety conditions for the construction project

Measures:

- Establishing an evacuation plan for emergency evacuation is an important preparation that must be made before the project starts.
- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as helmets, safety shoes and safety glasses.
- Regularly monitoring safety situations during the construction process to evaluate improvements.
- Ensuring continued open communication between suppliers, local authorities and employees.

North arrow

From the Coordinates 36°36'16.1"N 37°05'01.4"E of the construction site to the Ka'ba in Mecca it is approximately 170 degrees.

This means that you should pray from the location towards the southeast to face the Ka'bah



LOGISTICS

The school and mosque construction project is located next to the major city of Aleppo. In Azaz, the town where the construction site is located, the construction site is a 20-minute walk away, close to the village of Al-Saleh.

By taking factors such as sustainability, the Syrian economy and construction speed into account as much as possible, it is very important to ensure logistics transport from Syria.



Transport roads

Many of the highways in Syria leading to the future construction site are inoperative or destroyed. This is due to the 13 year war that is currently going on. The conflict has therefore caused a lot of damage to bridges, roads and buildings. This hinders the transport of materials and equipment to the construction site. Unfortunately, the railways in Syria are no longer accessible for transporting heavy elements. See figure 1 for a number of safe mapped out routes.

In addition, transport could in any case also take place from the second most modern port city in Syria, Tartous.

Blue Route: Latakia -> Jableh -> Baniyas -> Tartous -> Hama -> Aleppo (M1 & M4 & M5)

This route passes through areas controlled by the Syrian government

Pink Route: Tartous -> Hama -> Aleppo (M5)

This route is quite well secured and is therefore a safe route to transport elements.

Green Route: Damascus -> Homs -> Hama -> Aleppo (M5)

Relatively safe route for transportation.

Orange Route: Al Hasakah -> Ar-Raqqah -> Aleppo (M4)

Depending on government control, this is a well-secured route.

Red: The border

Construction site

- Accessibility and reachability
- Construction shed and billboard
- Storage of materials and large equipment
- Waste containers
- Scaffolding
- Connection points for electricity and water
- Safety/ site separation
- Parking lots



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VENTILATION

Earth air ventilation system

In this project, we are utilizing PVC pipes installed underground. This innovative system offers numerous benefits, from energy efficiency to improved air quality. The decision to use PVC pipes was made because mechanical ventilation is challenging to implement in Azaz due to war, earthquakes and money.

What is Ventilation with PVC Pipes in the Ground?

Ventilation with PVC pipes in the ground, also known as ground pipe systems or Earth-Air Heat Exchangers, uses underground PVC pipes to cool or heat air before it enters the building. These pipes are buried at a depth of several meters, where the temperature remains relatively constant throughout the year.

How Does the System Work?

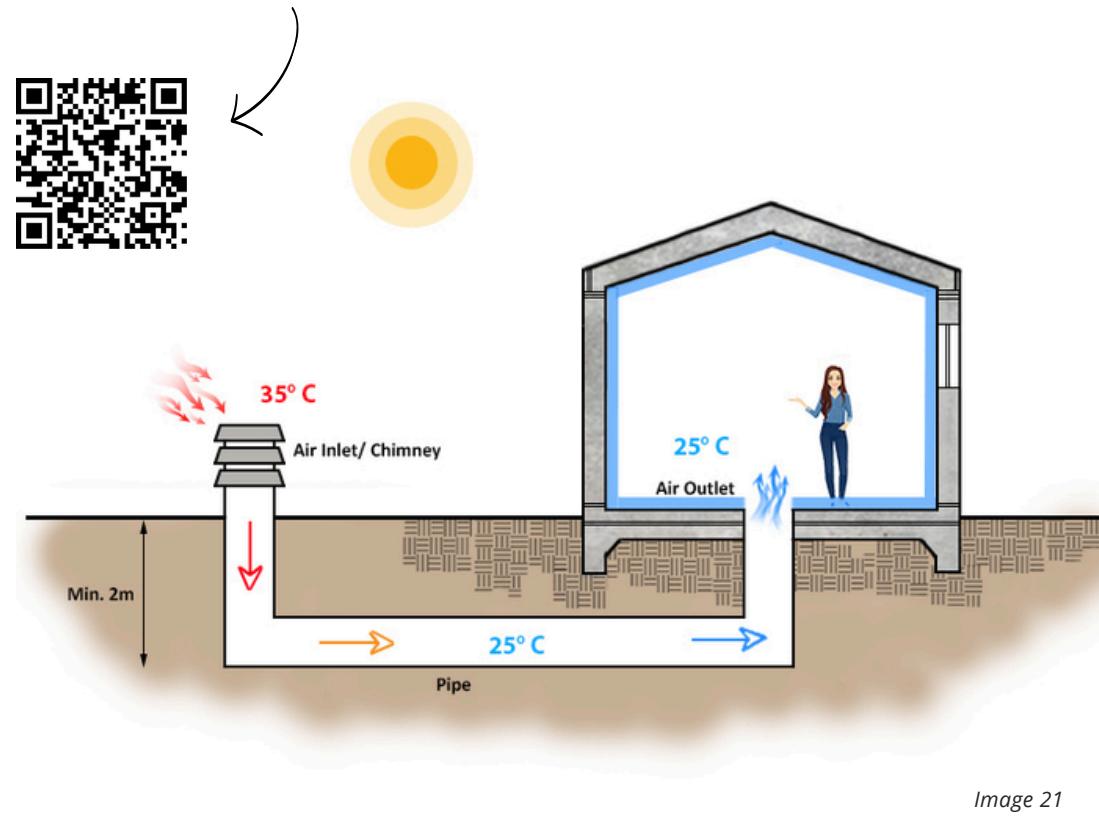
1. **Air Inlet:** Outside air is directed into the underground PVC pipes through an air inlet.

2. **Temperature Regulation:** As the air flows through the underground pipes, it takes on the temperature of the surrounding soil. In the summer, the air is cooled, while in the winter, the air is warmed.

3. **Air Supply:** The tempered air is then directed into the building, where it can be further distributed by the ventilation system.

Benefits of Ventilation with PVC Pipes in the Ground

- **Energy Efficiency:** Since the air is pre-cooled or pre-warmed before entering the building uses less energy.
- **Improved Air Quality:** The system can contribute to better indoor air quality by bringing in fresh outdoor air while reducing pollutants.
- **Comfort:** The system provides a constant supply of tempered air, contributing to a more stable and comfortable indoor climate.
- **Sustainability:** Using underground pipes reduces reliance on fossil fuels and contributes to a lower ecological footprint.

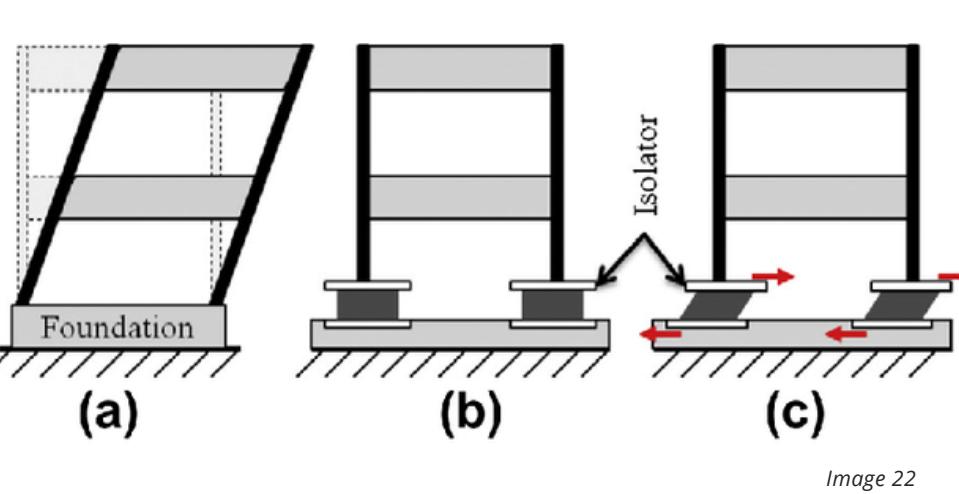


CONSTRUCTION METHOD

In our new construction project, we will be using an advanced Base Isolation System for the foundation. This innovative system will allow us to protect the structure optimally against the damaging effects of earthquakes.

What is a Base Isolation System?

A Base Isolation System is an advanced seismic isolation technique used to protect buildings from earthquake shocks. The system works by separating the building's foundation from the above-ground structure, significantly reducing the impact of seismic waves. This is achieved by installing flexible isolators between the foundation and the structure, which absorb and dampen movements.

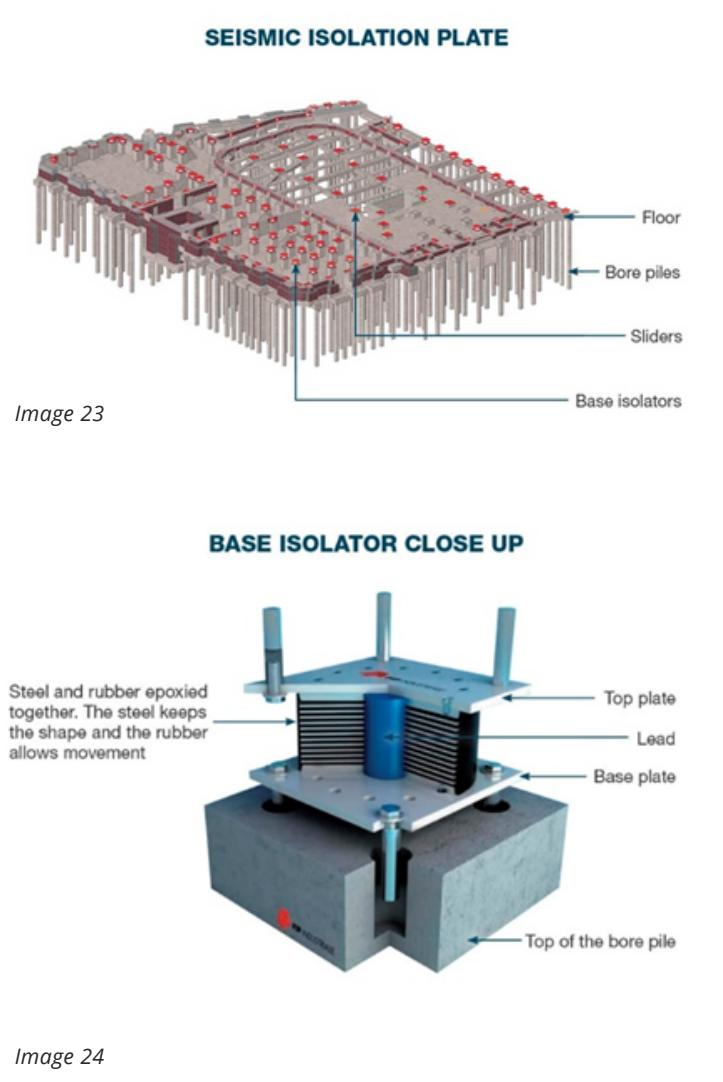


Benefits of a Base Isolation System

- **Earthquake Protection:** The primary benefit of a Base Isolation System is the significant reduction of structural damage during an earthquake. By absorbing shock waves, the building's construction remains intact.
- **Increased Safety:** By isolating the vibrations of an earthquake, the risk of collapse or severe structural damage is drastically reduced. This ensures a safer environment for the occupants and users of the building.
- **Reduced Maintenance Costs:** Earthquakes can cause significant damage that requires expensive repairs. A Base Isolation System minimizes this damage, resulting in substantial long-term cost savings.

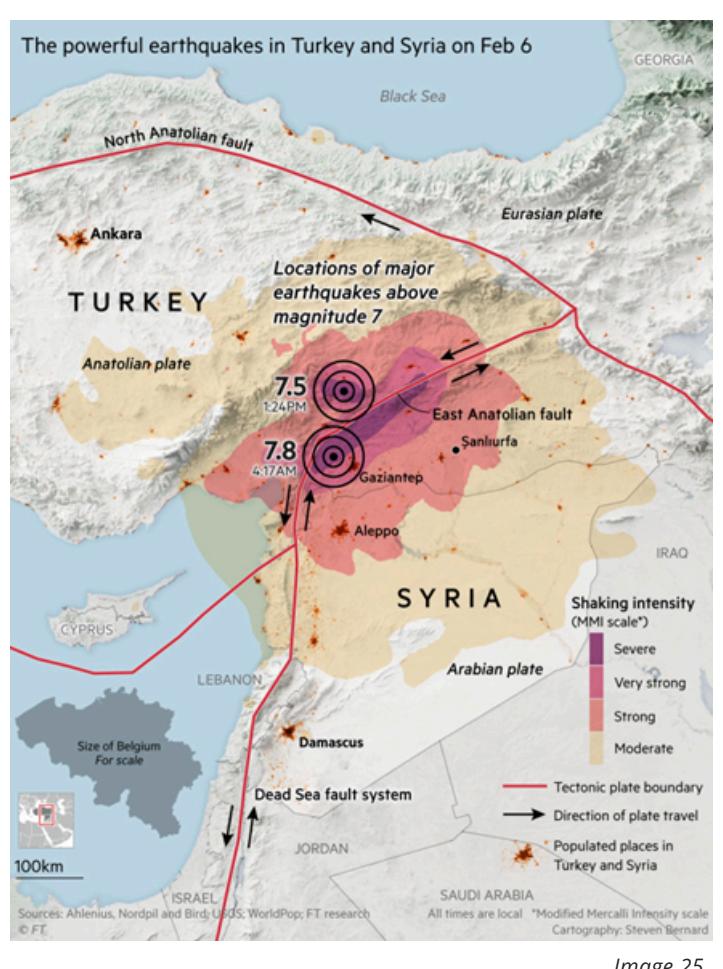
Potential Drawbacks of a Base Isolation System

- **Higher Costs:** The installation of a Base Isolation System involves significant upfront costs, including the price of the isolators and the specialized construction techniques required. This can make the costs higher compared to traditional foundation methods.
- **Maintenance Requirements:** Although the system reduces overall damage, the isolators themselves require inspection and maintenance to ensure they function correctly over the long term. This ongoing maintenance can increase the lifecycle costs of the building.
- **Design and Engineering Complexity:** Implementing a Base Isolation System requires advanced design and engineering expertise. This complexity can extend the planning phase and may require the involvement of specialized professionals, potentially increasing the project's timeline and costs.



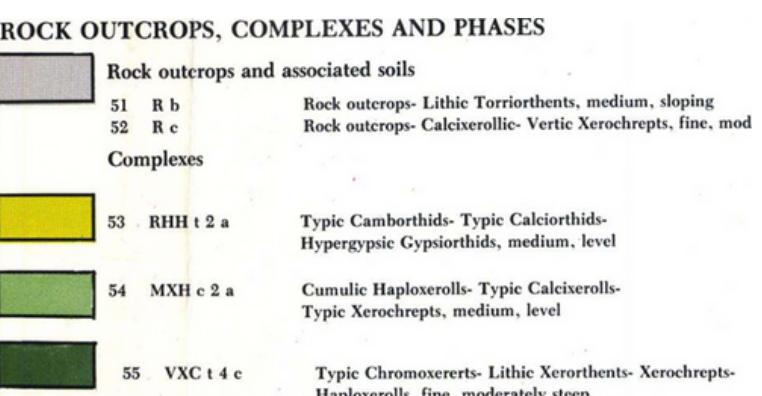
EARTHQUAKE

Our building site is located in Azaz in northwestern Syria, which is situated in a seismically active region. The proximity to major fault lines, such as the North Anatolian Fault and the Dead Sea Fault, as shown in the adjacent image, indicates a significant earthquake risk for our construction project. Therefore, it is crucial to employ earthquake-resistant building techniques and to be prepared for seismic activity to ensure the safety of the population.



SOIL

The ground on which we are going to build is a mix of clay, sand, and silt. This means that it is very well possible that we need to place the building on piles. We have chosen to build on piles anyway because building on piles has advantages when it comes to earthquake resistance.



LOGISTICS

Supplier

- The largest timber suppliers in Syria are barely recognizable due to the consequences of the war. That is why choosing a Turkish wood supplier is a sensible option for now.

- Albir AS is located in Kayseri, Turkey. This supplier is active in the import-export of wood sector

Machines



Concrete mixer

Can be used to create concrete for construction projects.



Truck

It can be used to transport large quantities of goods and materials over long distances efficiently.



Digger

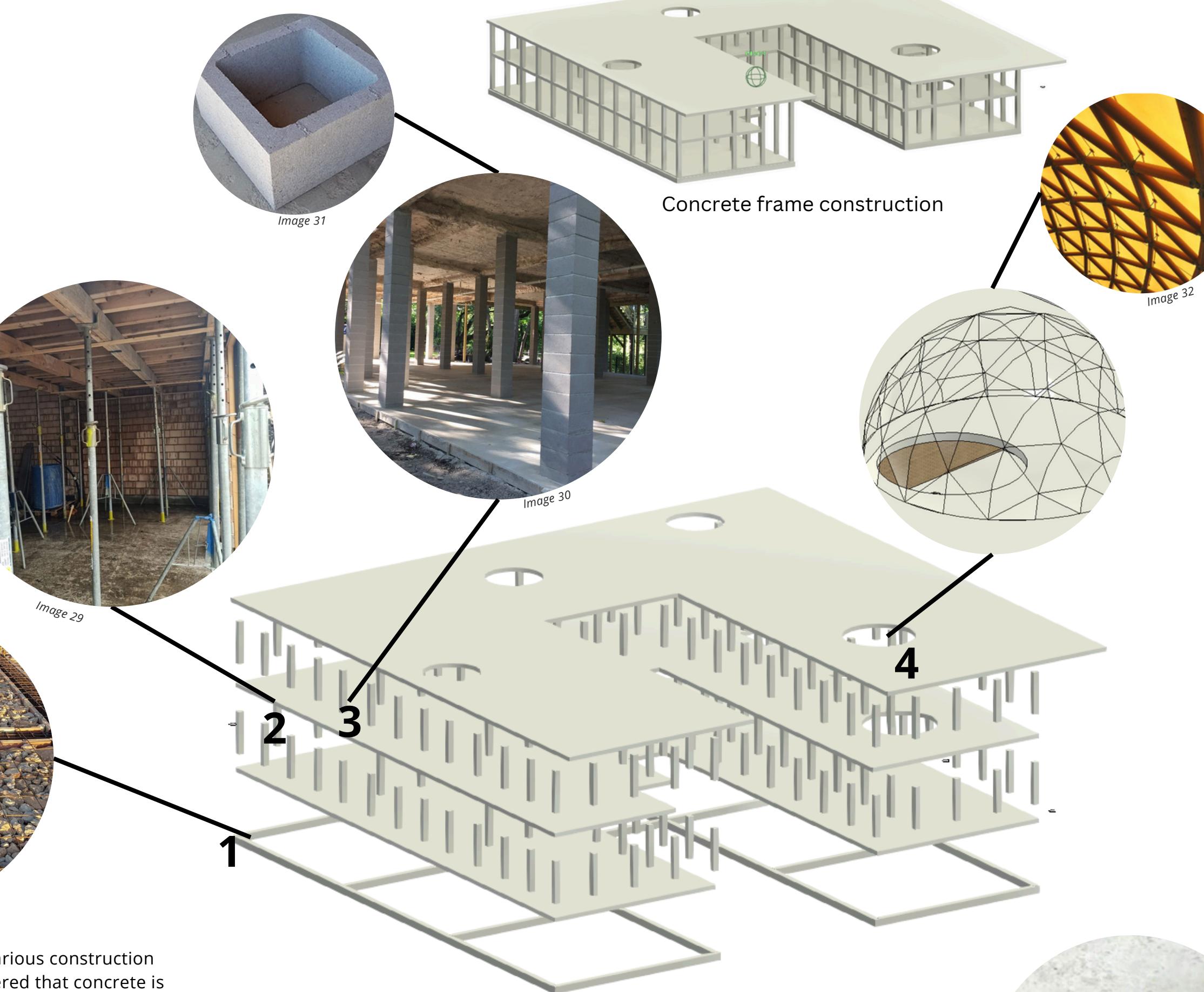
A digger can be used to dig holes, and foundations, lift and move heavy materials, and perform demolition and grading tasks on construction sites.



Mobile crane

A mobile crane can be used to lift and move heavy materials or equipment at construction sites and other locations.

CONSTRUCTION METHOD



After conducting some research on the various construction methods used in Syria, we quickly discovered that concrete is predominantly used. Concrete can be processed in various ways. After analyzing this, we realized that efficiency could be improved in certain areas. Therefore, we have introduced several optimizations to the construction methods in sections 3, 4, and 5.

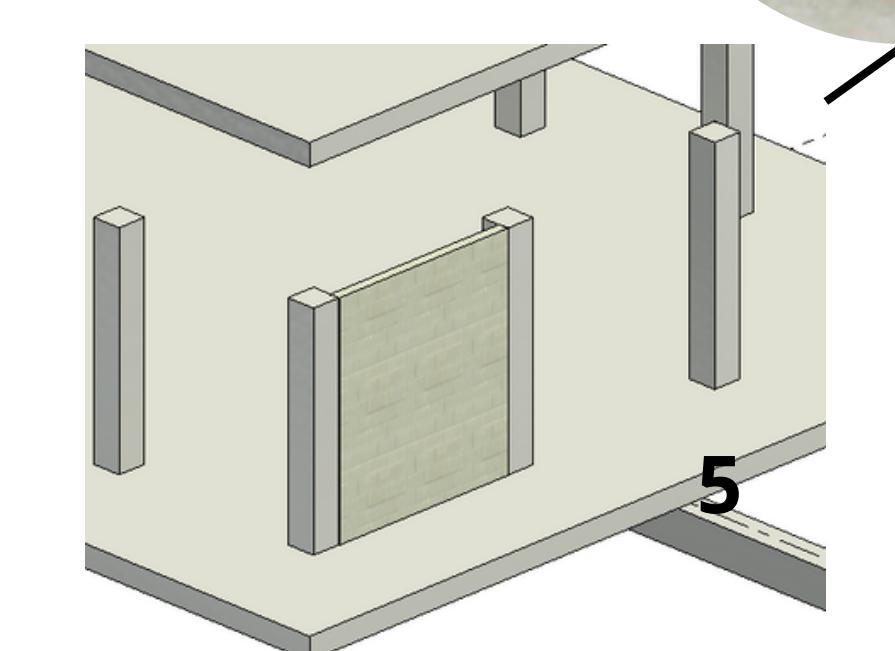
1 & 2. Foundations and Floor

The foundation beams and floors are constructed using traditional building methods. The formwork for the foundation beams is made of wood and the open spaces of the foundation will be filled with local stones. The floors are supported by props as a temporary load-bearing structure; the edge formwork and edge protection are made of wood. The advantage of traditional methods is that contractors in Syria all have the knowledge and skills required, and wood is a readily available building material in the area.

4. Domes

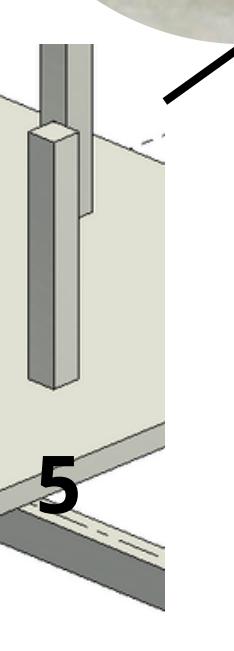
For the mosque dome, we propose using a reusable dome. This dome is made of cardboard filled with sand and connected with steel fasteners. This idea, developed by Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, was realized in 2004 in collaboration with our supervisor Kees van Wuychuse in Utrecht. The advantage of this method is that the dome is reusable and does not require large equipment. Additionally, its construction and weight make it more earthquake resistant.

Concrete frame construction (exploded view)



3. Columns

In Syria, almost all columns are traditionally poured using wooden formwork. The drawback of this method is that the wood usually has no function after formwork removal, and there is a chance that the columns may not be perfectly straight. An alternative is to use stacked concrete blocks filled with concrete and reinforcement. The blocks act as formwork, requiring less labor and ensuring straight columns. Additionally, VAD-VAD blocks can be reused for other projects in the future, contributing to sustainability.



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In the design, several principles have been incorporated. The principles are as follows:

- The functions within the building: the mosque and the school.
- The climate and temperature.
- Earthquakes.

In the design, we have taken the two functions into account to ensure they work well together. The mosque is accessible from both within the school and from outside. Men enter from the front, and women enter from the back to keep them separated.

Furthermore, the building has two distinct faces. When viewed from the top left, it looks different than when viewed towards the mosque. The school side features a blue pattern, while the mosque side has a traditional mosque appearance with arches and decorations. There is also a dome on the roof of the mosque section.

To address the climate, a double facade has been installed on the sides of the building that receive the most sun exposure. This was not done on one side, where the children play, as the sun only reaches there after 4 PM, making it safer for the children. For temperature control, clay has been incorporated into the walls to provide cooling through the wind. Additionally, there are openings on the roof that can be adjusted, covered with a shade structure to prevent direct sunlight from entering.

Regarding earthquakes, we opted for a building no taller than two stories and avoided tall towers commonly seen in mosques for safety reasons.

The interior is designed so that the two functions do not interfere with each other but can still coexist. The mosque is accessible from both inside and outside, with women having their own entrance. The men's section of the mosque can be expanded by opening side doors. When the mosque is not in use, the children can use the space for lunch as the kitchen next to it will be open.

