



THE PURPOSE

To redefine rural landscapes through culture sensitive, site driven, cost effective design and construction

THE NEED

- * India needs 250-300 lakh units of rural housing
- * The rural area is home to 71% of the population (700 lakhs in about 7 lakh villages)
- * Poverty is concentrated in rural areas
- * The houses are very often of mud, with thatched roofs, without openings for light or ventilation, with no toilets or sewage facilities
- * 1 in 5 rural dwellers live in these kuccha houses



THE METHOD

Interact > With the local community for an understanding of cultural usage of space, cultural beliefs and sensitivities.

Collaborate > With the Government, NGOs, Self Help Groups, International Agencies, Banks, Institutions, Corporates, Individuals for financial and non-financial help.

Engage > The Architectural community for Research and Development of alternative materials and construction methodologies and volunteerism.

Derive > Specific, local, eco-friendly, long lasting and cost effective design solutions.

Construct > Housing and rural infrastructure in a holistic manner.



THE ORGANIZATION

- * NIVASA's vision is for every villager in India to own his own permanent home.
- * Nivasa is a Not for Profit Organization based in Bangalore that seeks to provide professional design and construction support for rural housing and infrastructure as a Design & Build Venture.
- * NIVASA's founder Director is an Architect with a Masters in Project Management & Urban Design.
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