



Build Change

Earthquakes Don't Kill People
Poorly Built Buildings Do

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About Build Change

- US 501(c)3 international non-profit social enterprise with programs in Indonesia, China and Haiti
- Founded in 2004 by Elizabeth Hausler, bricklayer and Ph.D. earthquake engineer from University of California, Berkeley
- Goals: Design earthquake resistant houses; train builders, homeowners, government officials and engineers to build them; change construction practice permanently
- Mission: Greatly reduce deaths, injuries, economic losses from housing collapses due to earthquakes in developing countries
- Impacts: 72,000 people living in houses improved by Build Change, over 12,000 people trained; no damage to minimum standard houses in 2009 earthquake; governments adopting Build Change model

***Stimulate Local Demand
(Homeowners)***



HAITI

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW IN HAITI on HOUSING

1. BUILDING ASSESSMENTS

- 394,803 buildings tagged



2. YELLOW HOUSE REPAIRS

- Several 1,000 buildings repaired



3. DEBRIS REMOVAL

- 2 million cu m cleared



4. TRANSITIONAL SHELTER

- 39,219 shelters built



WHAT BUILD CHANGE IS DOING IN HAITI on HOUSING

1. DESIGNING HOMES

- Confined Masonry
- Reinforced Masonry
- Timber Frame
- Concrete Moment Frame
- Retrofitting Options
- Inputs on Repair Guideline

3. INFLUENCING POLICY

- Ministries
- Donors
- Cluster Agencies
- BBBC Jury

2. TRAINING PEOPLE

- Builders > 1,000
- Homeowners > 2,400
- Engineers ~80
- *Relief Agency Staff*
- *Government Officials*
- *Building Materials Producers*

4. PROVIDING HANDS-ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE to HOMEOWNERS

- 76 homeowners
- Partnerships for Scale

Culturally Appropriate?

Dome house has poor air circulation, low natural light, and difficult to divide interior space. Homeowners extended using old methods; opportunity to train on better methods was missed.

1993 Killari, Maharashtra, India Earthquake, Donor-Driven



Secure?

Homeowners sleep outside house, 10 years after earthquake, because they were not involved in supervising construction, and don't trust structure is earthquake-resistant

1993 Killari, Maharashtra, India Earthquake, Donor-Driven

*Healthy &
Hygienic?*



*Homeowner prefers toilet outside, donor
put toilet inside*

*Safe?
Sustainable?
Satisfactory?*



2001 Bhuj, India Earthquake, Donor-Driven



2001 Bhuj, India Earthquake, Homeowner-Driven

Housing Reconstruction is Development

And like any development challenge, it comes down to money, technology and people

TECHNOLOGY

Earthquake-resistant construction will become common if the right technology is widely known, locally available, and culturally accepted.

MONEY

If the technology is too expensive, people will not use it.
Homeowners need sufficient funds to build a safe house.

PEOPLE

Someone has to want the house to be earthquake-resistant:
homeowner, government official, relief agency, or donor.


Build Change Six Step Model

1. Learn First → Technical and Market Research
2. Design Earthquake-Resistant Houses for Local Context
3. Build Local Capacity → Builders, Engineers, Construction Professionals
4. Stimulate Local Demand → Homeowners and Government Officials
5. Facilitate Access to Capital
6. Measure the Change

Step 1: Learn First



WHY DID BUILDINGS COLLAPSE? AND WHY DID THEY NOT?



*Why Did
Buildings
Survive?*

And Why Did They Collapse?

Build Change Three C's for Safe Construction

Configuration

- Simple, Square, Symmetric
- Light, flexible = good
- Heavy, brittle = bad



Connections

- Everything tied together: walls to foundation, walls to beams and columns, beams and columns to each other, roof to walls



Construction Quality

- Clean sand, angular gravel, fully fired bricks, well made blocks, new steel of sufficient diameter, timber protected from insects and water, good masonry workmanship



Barbending Training



Stimulate Local Demand (Homeowners)



Steel Reinforcement Detailing

Step 2: Design Disaster-Resistant Houses

**WHAT TYPES OF HOUSES DO PEOPLE
WANT TO BUILD HERE, NOW?**

Housing Subsector Study in Haiti

TECHNOLOGY – MONEY – PEOPLE

1. What type of house do people want to build here, now?
2. Materials? Architecture? Size, layout, lifestyle, climate? Hazards?
3. What codes apply?
4. Who builds? With what skills/tools?
5. Who buys materials? From where?
6. Who pays? How does money flow?



The Technology

**LOW OR NO-COST IMPROVEMENTS,
COMMON BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES**



Earthquake-Resistant Confined Masonry House for Aceh, Indonesia

WINNER
2006 Excellence in
Structural
Engineering Award
*Structural Engineers
Association of Northern
California*

Lightweight roof cover on timber truss connected to the walls



Traditional Acehnese timber in the gable

Reinforced concrete tie columns and bond beams "confine" the masonry wall together

Steel reinforcement in between the bricks, connects the walls to the columns



Simple, square, symmetric layout

Masonry wall built with locally available, good quality materials and workmanship

Good quality steel tied together



If Bricks Are Laid Dry...



Soaking Bricks in Clean Water Prior to Laying



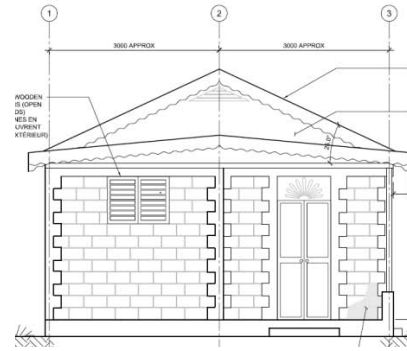
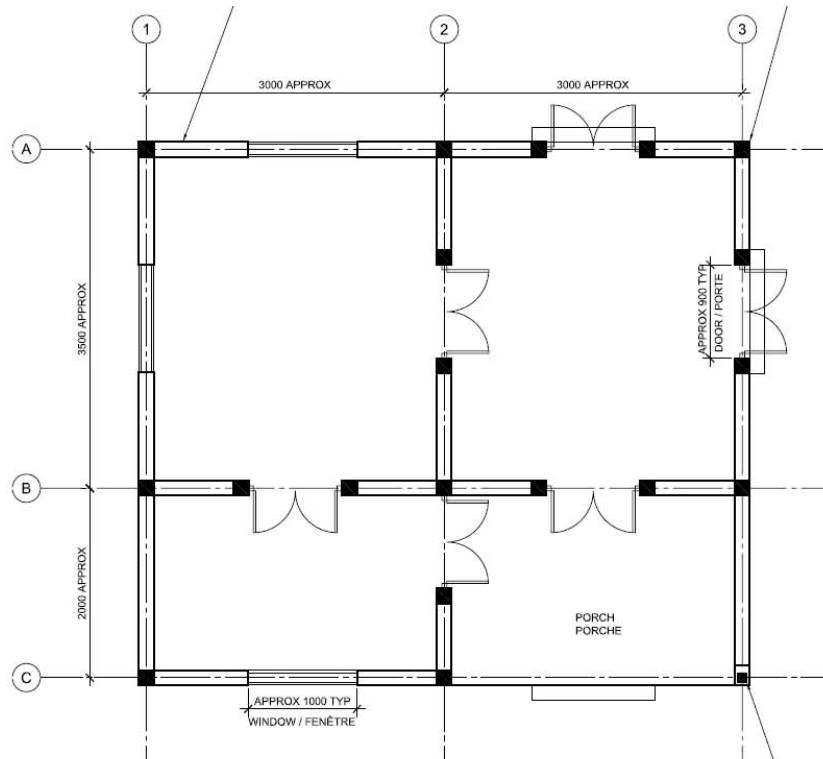
is one of the most important steps to improve the strength of masonry walls built in Indonesia, and their performance during earthquakes

Common Building Types - Haiti

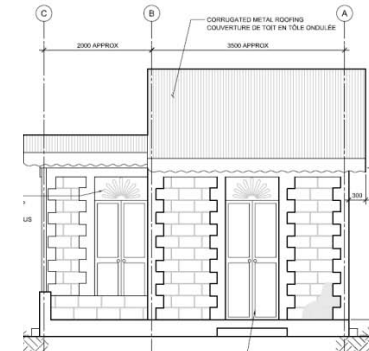
1. Concrete Moment Frame
2. Reinforced Masonry
3. Confined Masonry
4. Timber Frame
5. Retrofitting

Build Change designed systems (with Memorandum of Agreement with MTPTC)

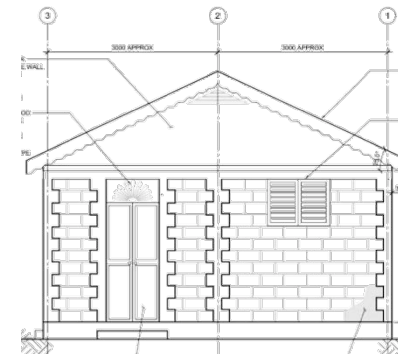
EXAMPLE PLAN FOR SINGLE STORY HOUSE



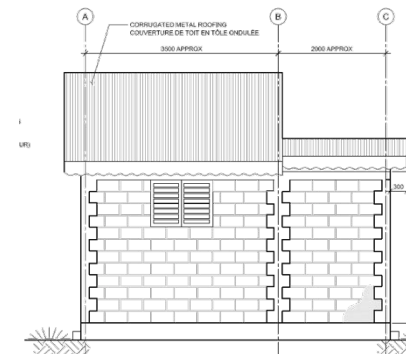
FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW



BACK VIEW



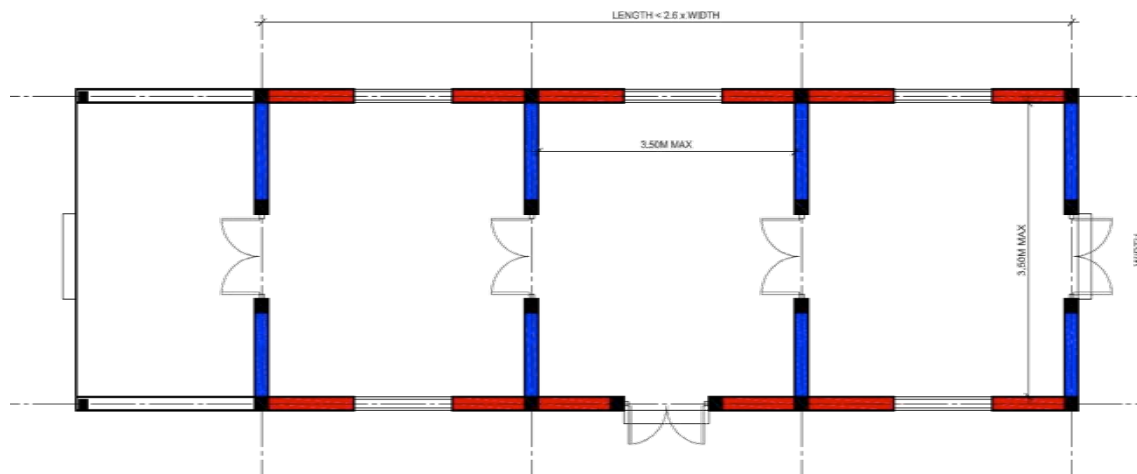
SIDE VIEW

TOTAL AREA: 33 m² (27 m² INDOORS)
 COST PER SQ M: US \$450-460 APPROX
 TOTAL COST: US \$15,000 APPROX (HTG 597,000)

CONFINED MASONRY – KEY DESIGN DETAILS AND GUIDELINES

CONFIGURATION

- LIMIT LENGTH OF LAYOUT TO 3 TIMES WIDTH (SINGLE STORY) OR 2.6 TIMES WIDTH (TWO STORY)
- PROVIDE 5% WALL AREA IN BOTH DIRECTIONS
- LAYOUTS SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO SEPARATE LINES OF WALLS IN EACH DIRECTION
- MAXIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN ORTHOGONAL WALLS IS 3.5M
- MAXIMUM FIRST STORY HEIGHT IS 2.75M / MAXIMUM SECOND STORY HEIGHT IS 2.55M
- PLACE RC TIE COLUMNS AT EACH CORNER AND WALL INTERSECTION AND AT BOTH SIDES OF DOORS AND CONTINUOUS RC BEAMS ABOVE AND BELOW ALL MASONRY WALLS



The Money

**ARE THESE CHANGES AFFORDABLE?
ARE THEY TOO CONSERVATIVE?**

MTPTC APPROVED DESIGN CRITERIA

- WIND LOAD BASED UPON PAHO WIND SPEED MAPS FOR CARIBBEAN FOR APPLICATION WITH WIND LOAD PROVISIONS OF ASCE 7 2008 (119 MPH, EXPOSURE CATEGORY C) (*DOES NOT GOVERN CONFINED MASONRY DESIGN, GOVERNS TIMBER FRAME ROOF*)
- SEISMIC LOAD DETERMINED FROM 2010 USGS SHORT PERIOD SPECTRAL ACCELERATION MAPS FOR 2% PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS (*SEVERAL CASES CONSIDERED*)
- MATERIALS AND MATERIAL PROPERTIES BASED UPON SURVEY OF LOCALLY AVAILABLE MATERIALS
- REINFORCING STEEL: GRADE 40, RIBBED
- CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE: 3000 PSI (2500 PSI USED IN DESIGN) FOR CONFINING ELEMENTS AND ROOF, 2200 PSI FOR FOUNDATION
- CONCRETE BLOCK: SEVERAL CASES CONSIDERED
- TIMBER: VISUALLY GRADED SOUTHERN PINE NO. 2

DESIGN CRITERIA

SEISMIC PERFORMANCE AND BLOCK STRENGTH

Single-Story House with Lightweight Roof

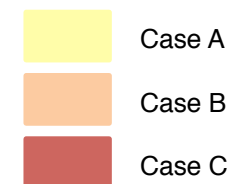
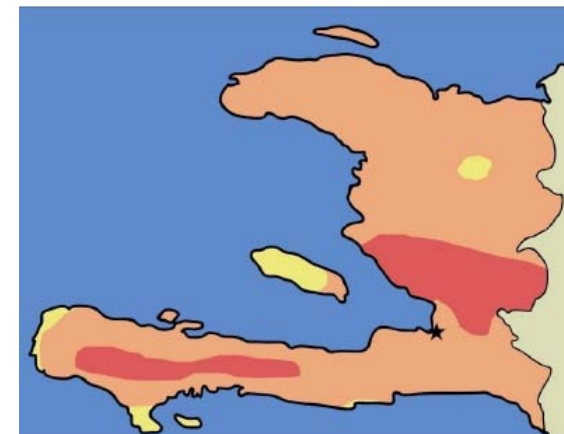
CONCRETE BLOCK STRENGTH	SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA
4.8 MPa (700 psi)	Minimum Standard Case A (Sds = 0.5g)
8.3 MPa (1200 psi)	Limited Zone Case B (Sds = 1.05g)
11.0 MPa (1600 psi)	All-inclusive Case C (Sds = 1.67g)

Single-Story House with Concrete Roof

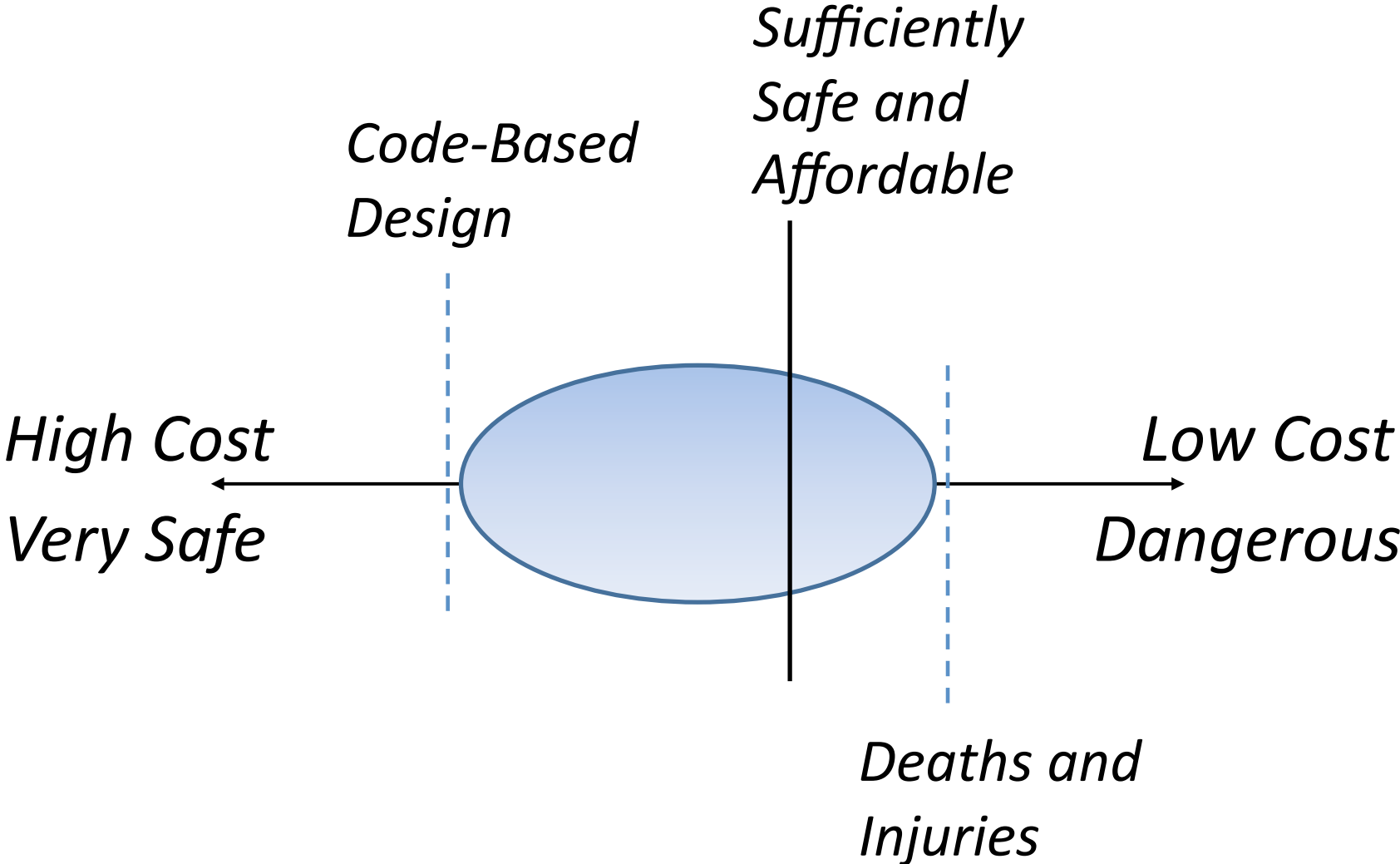
CONCRETE BLOCK STRENGTH	SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA
4.8 MPa (700 psi)	Not Permitted
8.3 MPa (1200 psi)	Minimum Standard Case A (Sds = 0.5g)
16.5 MPa (2400 psi)	Limited Zone Case B (Sds = 1.05g)

Two-Story House with Concrete or Lightweight Roof

CONCRETE BLOCK STRENGTH	SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA
4.8 MPa (700 psi)	Not Permitted
8.3 MPa (1200 psi)	Minimum Standard Case A (Sds = 0.5g)
16.5 MPa (2400 psi)	Limited Zone Case B (Sds = 1.05g)



Earthquake-Resistant Design Continuum for Housing



The Technology

R&D ON LOCALLY SUSTAINABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Simple Field Tests for Materials and Construction Quality

→ Simple Field Tests



Clean Sand



Sand with too much mud



Strong Brick

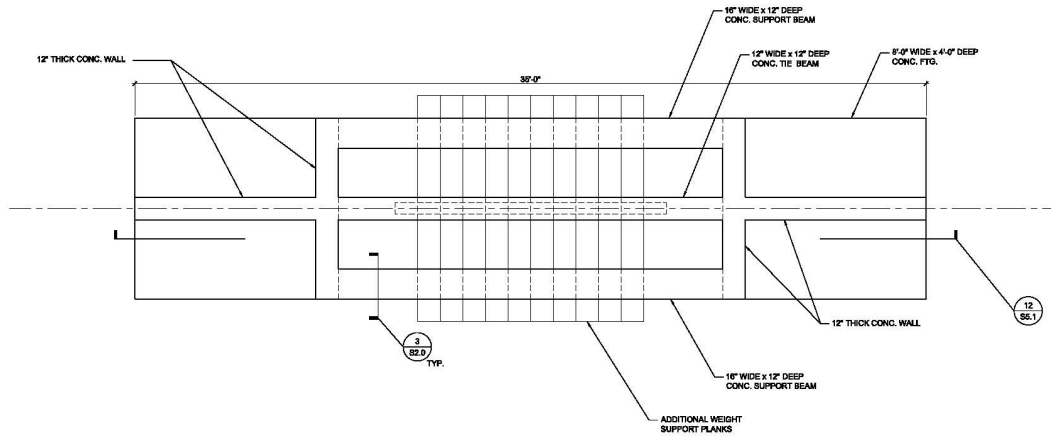
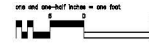
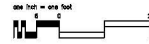
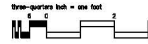
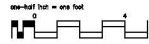
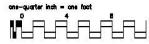
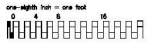


Weak Brick

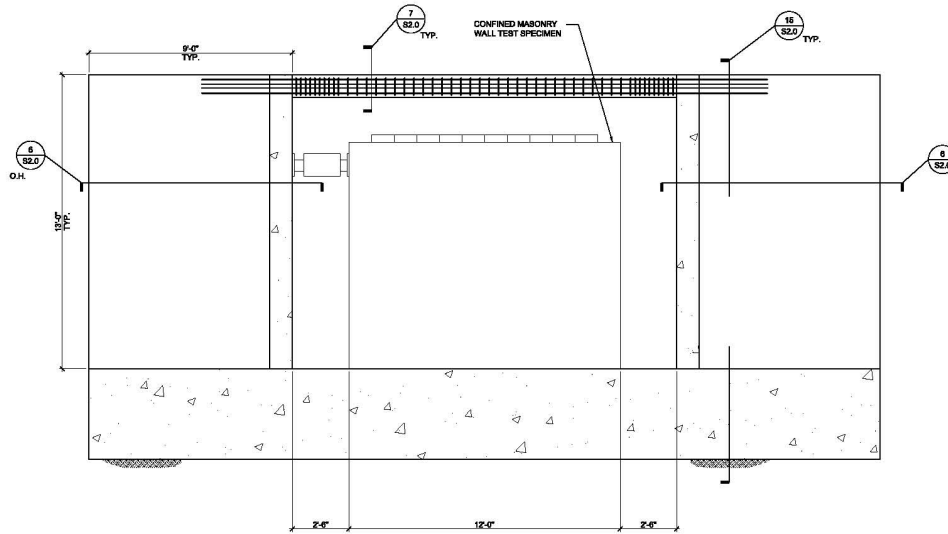
→ “Laboratory” Tests

→ Full-Scale Tests





18 PLAN
1/2" = 1'-0"



20 ELEVATION
1/2" = 1'-0"



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No.	Description	Date

REVISIONS

Work/Travel

WALL TESTING FACILITY

Structural Engineering/Structure



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Boulder, Colorado, USA 80501
415.502.2827 Phone
1.800.447.1174 Fax
www.degenkolb.com

Project/Phase
**POST-EARTHQUAKE
RECONSTRUCTION
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Location/Environment
**HAITI
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Sheet Title/Type Or Description
PLAN AND ELEVATION

Scale/Elevation: AS NOTED
Job Number:
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Construction Supervision Checklists

Homeowner: _____

ID No: _____

GPS: _____

BC Engineer: _____

Address: _____

BUILD A STRONG MASONRY WALL

1 MORTAR MIXING		Planned?	Date	Photo #	Recommendation Made
a	Use mortar 1:3 mix (add 0.5 parts lime if available)	Oui / No			
b	Use clean, fine river sand	Oui / No			
c	Use clean water (not salty or muddy)	Oui / No			
d	Use Type 1 Cement	Oui / No			
e	Mix a clean, concrete or asphalt surface, not on dirt	Oui / No			
f	Using a mechanical mixer is best	Oui / No			
g	Batch out gravel, then sand, then cement	Oui / No			
h	Turn over 3 times or until color is uniform	Oui / No			
i	Do not use too much water! Add water slowly	Oui / No			
2 WALL MASONRY		Planned?	Date	Photo #	Recommendation Made
a	Use 15 cm wide concrete block ("Bloc 15")	Oui / No			
b	Wet concrete blocks prior to use	Oui / No			
c	Use a line and deadman	Oui / No			
d	Prop up column steel so it remains plumb	Oui / No			

Step 3

**BUILD LOCAL CAPACITY
(TRAIN PEOPLE)**

Build Capacity: Mentor Local Professionals



Build Change Haiti Team

01. 01. 2001

Build Capacity: Mentor Local Professionals



Build Change China Team

Build Capacity: Mentor Local Professionals



Build Change Indonesia Team

Build Capacity: Train Local Builders



Short Courses – Haiti

Build Capacity: Train Local Builders



Apprenticeship Programs – Indonesia

Build Capacity: Train Local Builders



On-the-Job, As Needed Training – Indonesia



Build Capacity: Train Trade School Students



Construction Technical School Training – China CIVTC

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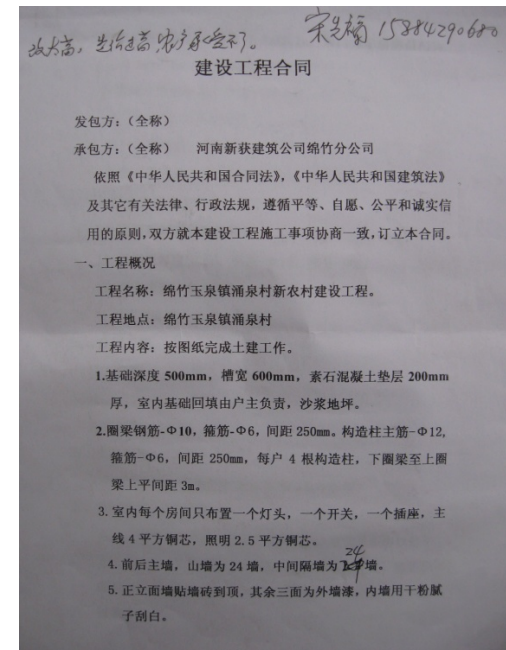
Build Capacity: Mentor Materials Producers

Step 4

**STIMULATE LOCAL DEMAND
(EMPOWER PEOPLE)**

Stimulate Local Demand (Homeowners)

1. Why Houses Collapse, and Simple Ways to Prevent
2. How To Sign a Good Contract and Read a Drawing
3. How to Check Materials and Construction Quality



Homeowner-Driven Reconstruction

1. Decide Structure Type (Timber? Confined Masonry?)
2. Draw Layouts
3. Estimate Costs
4. Select a Good Builder and Sign a Fair Contract
5. Check Materials Quality and Supervise Construction



Xing Dayan



Stimulate Local Demand (Homeowners)





Homeowner and Builder Technical Assistance

Multi-Laterals and Humanitarian Agency Partners

- Australian Red Cross
- CARE International Indonesia
- Catholic Relief Services
- CHF International
- Cordaid
- International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- International Organization for Migration
- Mercy Corps
- Oxfam International GB
- Save the Children
- USAID OFDA (through Mercy Corps, Asia Foundation, Habitat for Humanity)



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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Stimulate Local Demand (Government Officials)



- Build Change invited by Tumen Party Secretary to oversee/inspect houses
- Developed easy-to-implement minimum standard checklist
- Now expanding government training programs

First Ever Training on Retrofitting for Gov't Engineers in Haiti



First Ever Training on Retrofitting for Gov't Engineers in Haiti



Step 4: Stimulate Local Demand

GETTING THE WORD OUT THROUGH SOCIAL MARKETING

Social Marketing Campaigns

Target: Homeowners

Message: Don't use broken or poor quality blocks; don't use recycled or rusty steel

Dissemination: Training programs, one-on-one technical assistance, community buildings, billboards

Country: Haiti



Ann Rebati Byen Epi San Danje



**“Zanmi m yo!
Lè nou gen bon materyo,
lè nou itilize bon pratik konstriksyon yo epi bès ki kalifye sa ap pèmèt nou gen yon kay moun ka fè konfyans”**



Wi! Blòk solid = Mi ki solid



Non! Machwè blòk= Mi ki pa solid



Wi! Gravye konkase



Non! Gravye won



Wi! Sab rivyè lave



Non! Sab jòn



Wi! Fè zo reken ki pwòp



Non! Fè wouye osinon ki sèvi deja

Social Marketing Campaigns

Target: Homeowners

Message: If you can just do these six things, your masonry home will be much safer

Dissemination: Training programs, one-on-one technical assistance, community buildings

Country: Indonesia

ANDA BISA!!! MENJAGA KELUARGA ANDA AMAN DARI GEMPA

Ikuti petunjuk penting berikut untuk membangun rumah permanen yang aman gempa!

MASALAH (Buruk) vs **SOLUSI** (Bagus)

Masalah: Tidak pakai kolom dan balok	Gunakan kolom dan balok atas untuk mengikat dinding secara bersamaan. Cor kolom dan ring balok setelah anda selesai membangun dinding
Masalah: Tidak ada sambungan	Buat koneksi yang kuat antara elemen yang terikat dengan besi yang dilebihkan 40cm
Masalah: Tombak layar atau dinding ari dari bata, rubuh	Jangan menggunakan tombak layar atau dinding ari dari bata, karena berat, mudah bergeser dan rubuh. pakai kayu atau buat model atap bungkus nasi
Masalah: Dinding dengan jendela yang besar dan pintu akan mudah rubuh	Untuk semua dinding dengan jendela dan pintu, gunakan balok pinggang atau penguatan dengan besi melintang, diikatkan ke kolom
Masalah: Batu bata yang dipasang kering, spesi tidak diisi penuh dengan mortar	Bangun dinding yang kuat dengan merendam bata dalam air sebelum dipasang dan diisi spesi secara penuh dan padat dengan mortar
Masalah: Tidak ada sambungan antara dinding dengan kolom	Untuk semua dinding tanpa bukaan gunakan besi stik atau potongan besi untuk mengikat dinding dengan kolom

USAID **DFID** **build change** **IASC** (Indonesia Shelter Cluster)

Social Marketing Campaigns

Target: Homeowners and builders

Message: Translating complicated technical details (concrete strength) into understandable terms

Dissemination: Training programs, one-on-one technical assistance, community buildings

Country: China

地震中保护你家园的安全! You can help keep your families safe from earthquakes!

混凝土 Concrete

C15 混凝土, 用于毛石混凝土层 C15 Concrete for foundation concrete and stone layer

毛石层
Foundation concrete and stone layer

50公斤 (kg) 1 推50公斤的水泥 bag of 50kg cement + 1 小推车砂 wheelbarrow sand + 2 小推车石子 wheelbarrow gravel

C20 混凝土, 用于地梁和构造柱 C20 Concrete for plinth beam and tie columns

构造柱
Tie column
地梁
Plinth beam

50公斤 (kg) 50公斤 (kg) 2 推50公斤的水泥 bags of 50kg cement + 1.5 小推车砂 wheelbarrow sand + 3.5 小推车石子 wheelbarrow gravel

C25 混凝土, 用于上圈梁和屋面板 C25 Concrete for ring beam and roof

上圈梁和屋面板
Ring beam and roof

50公斤 (kg) 1 推50公斤的水泥 bag of 50kg cement + 0.5 小推车砂 wheelbarrow sand + 1.5 小推车石子 wheelbarrow gravel

注: 小推车斗大小为0.75m长, 0.5m宽, 高0.3m深, 容积为0.07m³。
NOTE: Wheelbarrow's bucket size is 0.75m long, 0.5m wide, and 0.3m deep. Volume: 0.07m³.

小心, 别加太多的水! Caution! Do not use too much water!

混凝土拿在手上时, 水不应流出手来。
Water should not be running down your hand, with concrete mixture in hand.

拌和的混凝土, 石子的表面不应外露。
Gravel surface should not be showing through the concrete mixture.

混凝土浇筑 Concrete Pouring

逐段浇筑并且用杆捣捣混凝土使其压实。
Compact concrete by ramming with rod or tapping formwork with barrow.

推棒在地面上做拉毛, 使其与墙粘合的更好。
Roughen the surface: Slightly the top of the foundation beam for good contact with masonry.

混凝土养护7天左右, 拆模后检查有无裂缝暴露, 混凝土开裂。
Cure the concrete for about 7 days and check for exposed steel and cracks after removing formwork.

在浇筑前要把模板与钢筋。
Pour water on formwork and steel before pouring concrete.



中国红十字会
Red Cross Society of China



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Billboard on Rue Delmas, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Lè a rive pou nou chanje jan n'ap konstwi



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Itilize bon materyo epi bòs ki kalifye

It's time to change the way we build

Use good quality material and a qualified builder

Step 5

FACILITATE ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Overall Cost Per House is Less When Homeowners Lead



Effective Grant

West Sumatra: US\$3,000 - \$8,000

Includes government grant, homeowners own funds, Build Change technical assistance. Homeowners

- Use more recycled materials*
- Build only what they need, no waste and theft*
- Support local economy by buying local materials and hiring local builders*



Less Effective Grant

Aceh: US\$12,000 - >\$20,000

Includes donor-funded materials and labor, overheads, warehousing, construction management, quality control, retrofitting and rebuilding.

Homeowner-driven model stretches donor dollars further.

How to Learn More About Homeowner-Driven Reconstruction

“Earthquake-Resistant Houses” in Build Back Better Issue of Innovations Journal, Prepared for Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting



Step 6

MEASURE THE CHANGE

The Impact – INDONESIA, CHINA, and HAITI

- > **72,000 PEOPLE IN SAFER HOUSES**
- > **12,000 PEOPLE WITH BETTER SKILL**
- > **LONG-TERM CHANGE**

BUILD CHANGE EXPANSION PLANS

Indonesia

1. Hands-on Technical Assistance
2. Trade School Student Training
3. Better Brick Manufacturing

China

1. Government Officials Training
2. Technical College Training

Haiti

1. Hands-on Technical Assistance
2. Vocational Training with Job Placement
3. Better Block Manufacturing and Marketing
4. Materials Testing and Research
5. Social Marketing thru Radio, Posters, Billboard

BUILD CHANGE NEEDS and OPPORTUNITIES

Haiti – Train the Trainers

1. Structural Engineering – Retrofits and New Construction
2. Construction Supervision and Training – Retrofits and New Construction
3. Geotechnical Engineering, Slope Assessment and Stability
4. Materials Testing and Research Assistance
5. Better Block Manufacturing and Marketing Promotion

Research Opportunities

Homeowner Satisfaction, Cost Per Impact, Contrasting T-Shelter, Core House, Permanent House

Thank You - Contact Us

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