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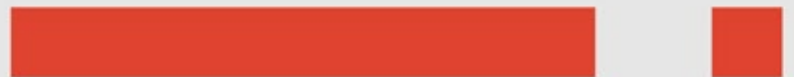


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Anidan Children's Atelier

Lamu, Kenya

Architects → Urko Sánchez Architects

Location → Lamu, Kenya

GFA → 108 sqm

Completion → 2013

Client → Anidan

Kind of creativity → art

Main materials → coral stone, mangroove poles, makuti

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ANIDAN is an NGDO founded by Rafael Selas Colorado to care for the needs of young children in Kenya. He houses over 140 children and feeds, dresses, cares for and educates around 250 in a shelter on the island of Lamu. Since 2008, there is also a pediatric hospital. The children taken in by ANIDAN are the most vulnerable; they may be abandoned or orphaned, exposed to mistreatment or suffering from illnesses that cannot be cured in their current environment. The architect's work with ANIDAN began in 2007 when the assignment was to construct a shelter on Lamu Island housing around 200 children. The initial layout was for three buildings – separate dormitories for girls and boys, and an office, which also housed a kitchen and dining area. Local materials and natural ventilation were used, including huge makuti roofs to cool down the buildings and to generate open spaces via rooftop terraces for classes. The structures require low maintenance and are environmentally sound. The surrounding trees played a key role in determining the positioning of the structures. As the needs of the organization have increased, the architects were commissioned to design a hospital and an art workshop on the same plot. The new children's "Arts Atelier" required a multipurpose and ventilated space to house classes for drawing as well as sculpture, embroidery and other crafts. The result was a double space with storage and a cleaning area covered with a single makuti and surrounded with walls that are hung with pieces of art and installed at varying levels to shield the space from the wind.

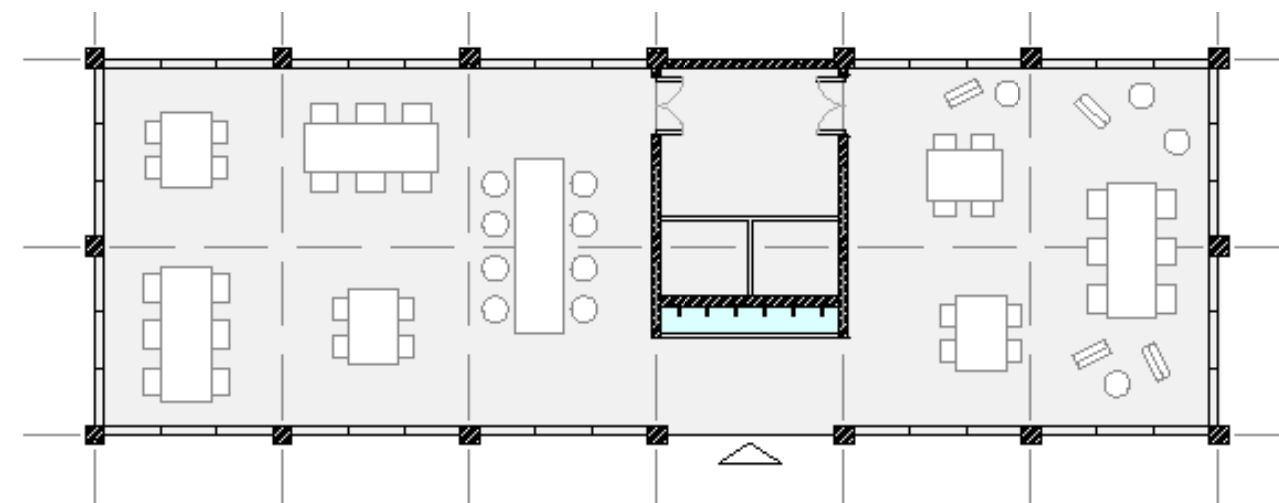
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↑ Ground floor plan.



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