



# SOCIAL INITIATIVE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMESKAR VILLAGE (MOROCCO)

WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT

# **DONATIONS**

#### **ACCOUNT HOLDER**

ASSOCIATION AMESKAR (POUR LE DVPT. ET LA SLDT)

#### **BANK'S NAME**

BANQUE POPULAIRE (OFFICE: EL KELAA M'GOUNA)

#### BANK HOLDER'S ADDRESS

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Ameskar el Fokani is a small Berber village located in the mountainous region of Mgoun, in the High Atlas of Morocco. At an altitude of 2,200 meters, its approximately 500 inhabitants face rugged terrain and harsh climatic conditions.

Labor migration, informal livestock farming, and limited agriculture are the main sources of income for the community. These activities provide livelihood opportunities for the residents, enabling them to sustain their daily lives in this challenging environment.









In 2016, Bastidas Architecture joined forces with Juan de Dios, the concept creator, and Virginie Pauchet, a local architect, to collaborate with the association "Solidarité Marathon des Sables" in the restoration and expansion of the Ameskar school. The NGO, now known as ASSOCIATION AMESKAR-POUR LE DVPT. ET LA SLDT., had the main objective of providing benefits to the population of Ameskar in three key areas: culture, health and well-being, and sustainable economy.

To achieve this, local materials such as adobe were used, and traditional construction techniques were employed. The purpose was to foster self-sufficiency in Ameskar so that people could apply the knowledge gained in building new structures and developing their own economy. This would generate a sense of empowerment and enable local economic growth.





#### PHASE 1

# THE SCHOOL

The project focused on the restoration and expansion of the existing school, which catered to students aged 5 to 16. Various actions were taken to improve the facilities.

Firstly, the existing classrooms were restored, ensuring a suitable and functional space for student learning.

In addition to the classroom restoration, new facilities were constructed to meet the basic needs of the students. Sanitary areas, a recreation room, and a kitchen were built.

To ensure a comfortable environment throughout the year, thermal insulation measures were implemented in the school building. Additionally, a wood-burning stove system was installed to provide heating in the school spaces, offering a cozy warmth to the students during the colder months.

Lastly, the school was expanded by creating a partially covered patio. This additional space provides areas for outdoor activities, allowing the students to enjoy recreation and outdoor education.

The main objective of this phase of the project was successfully achieved: a warm and welcoming school was created for the children of Ameskar, providing them with an environment conducive to their education and well-being.



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# PHASE 2 THE HAMMAM

We proceed with our second objective: health and well-being. Currently, thanks to the initial donations received, the construction of a hammam is underway. It will be a place intended to accommodate the imam and provide hygiene services for the community. It will feature a laundry facility and bathrooms. This project aims to improve sanitary conditions and promote well-being in the community.

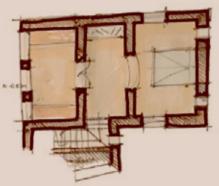
In this phase, we have the collaboration of architects Asma Hamzaoui and Najat Ait Amer.



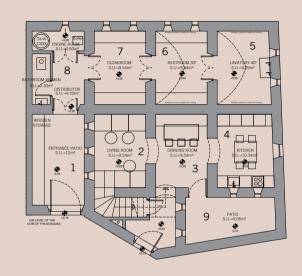






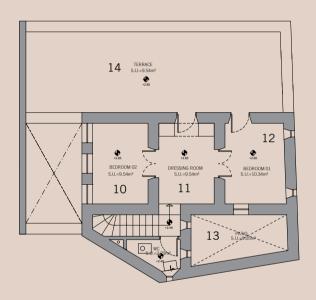






#### **GROUND FOOR PLAN**

- 1 Entrance Patio
- 2 Living Room
- 3 Dinning Room
- 4 Kitchen
- 5 Lavatory
- 6 Restroom
- 7 Cloakroom
- 8 Distributor
- 9 Patio 2

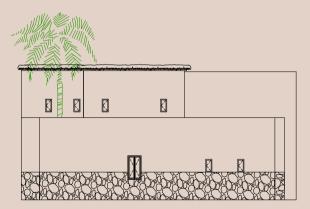


#### FIRST FOOR PLAN

- 10 Bedroom
- 11 Dressing Room
- 12 Bedroom
- 13 Patio
- 14 Terrace



NORTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION





PHASE 3

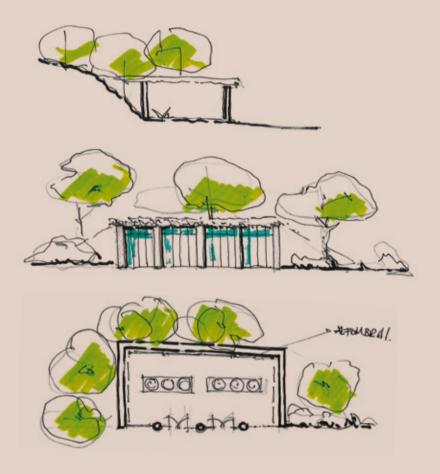
# THE INTERPRETATION CENTRE

In Phase 3 of the project, the creis planned as part of the ongoing efforts to help Ameskar. This centre will become a driver for the development of local tourism and commerce. The population of Ameskar will have the opportunity to promote cultural tourism while marketing their products, thereby generating a sustainable tre will provide a space to showvisitors to immerse themselves significant step towards the sustainable growth and development of Ameskar.











### THE COSTS

#### PHASE 1

The construction included foundation walls, masonry, insulation, carpentry, windows, plumbing, painting, among others. Various sponsors participated, including clients, suppliers, and contacts of Bastidas Architecture.

Total amount raised: €35,000.

## PHASE 2

This phase started in May 2023. Execution is underway, and your contribution will be of great importance to continue with the construction.

We hope to raise €65,000. Once the project is completed and executed, a detailed breakdown of the cost for each item will be provided to all parties involved in the donation

### PHASE 3

We are at the preliminary stage. The exact location is yet to be determined, and the initial drawings and sketches will be made thereafter. More information will be sent in the near future. The objective for this phase is to raise €35,000, and as we have done before, a detailed breakdown of the cost for each item will be provided to all those who have donated.











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