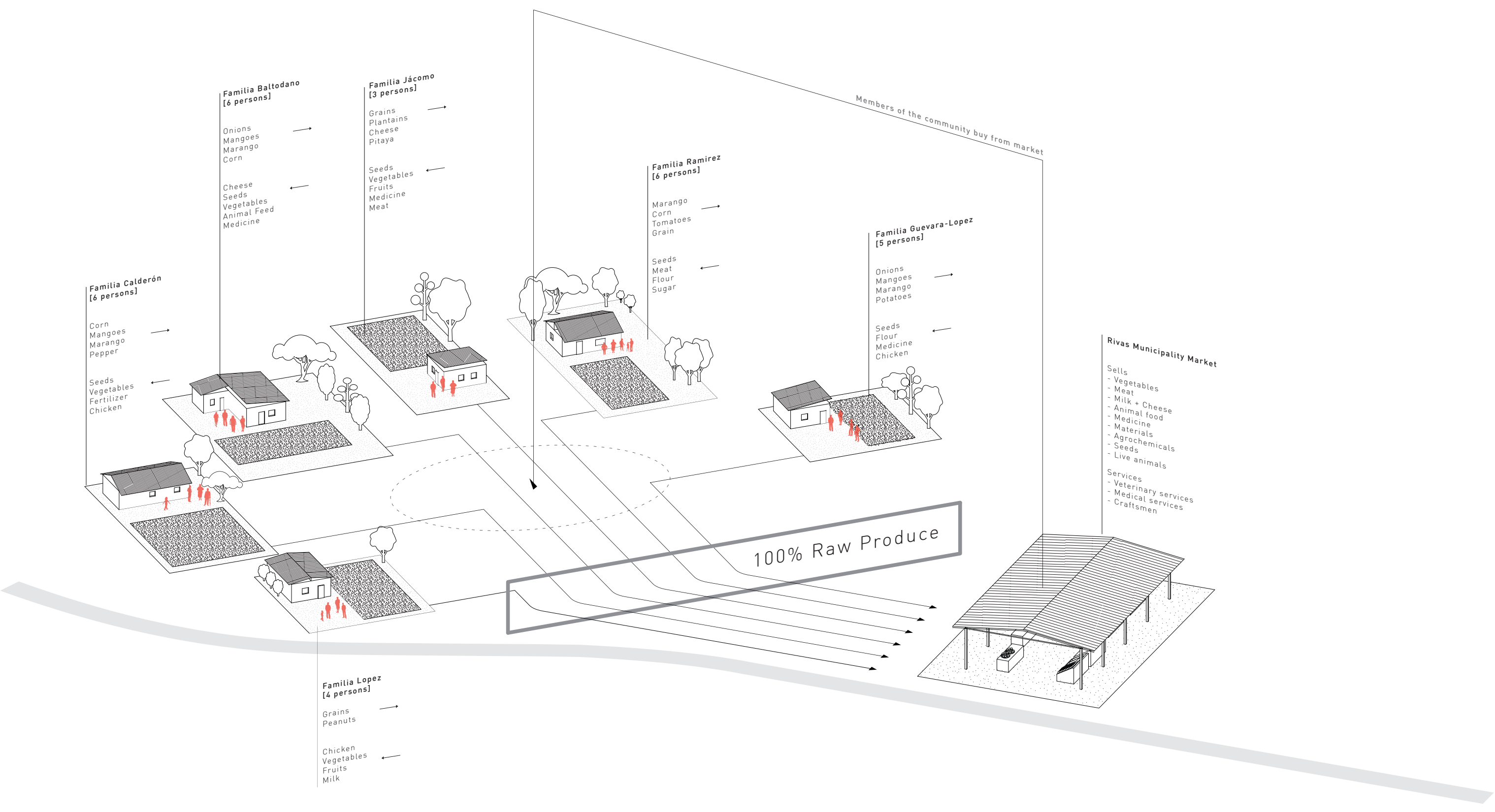
THE PROCESS

ARCHITECTURE,
PARTICIPATION,
EMPOWERMENT

CURRENT SITUATION



LEGEND

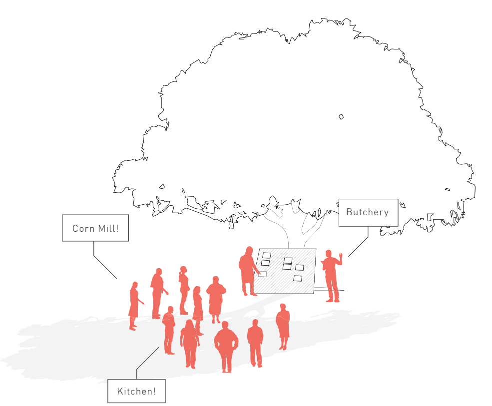
INFLOW OF GOODS ←

OUTFLOW OF GOODS →

STATUS QUO

The people of Las Palomas sell their agricultural goods (almost 100% raw products) on the municipality market and buy food and goods which are necessary for agricultural production. A low income for the sold products and high prices for the bought products keep people's living conditions low.

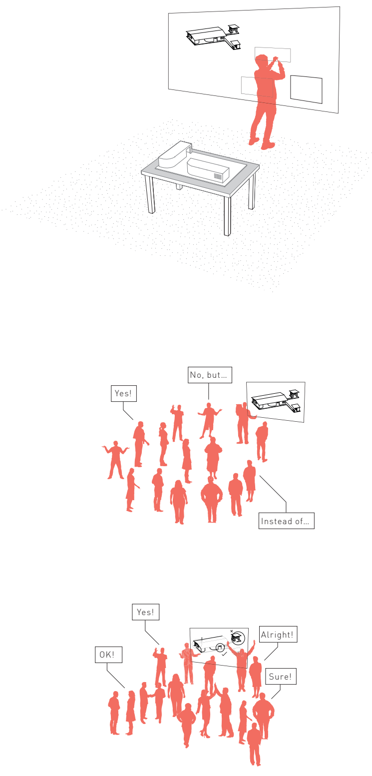
EVALUATION OF NEEDS



PHASE 1

In several meetings and workshops in Las Palomas, the problems and needs of the community have been evaluated. Ideas for a change of the STATUS QUO were collected.

CONCEPT + DESIGN



1. TRANSLATION OF IDEAS INTO A CONCEPT

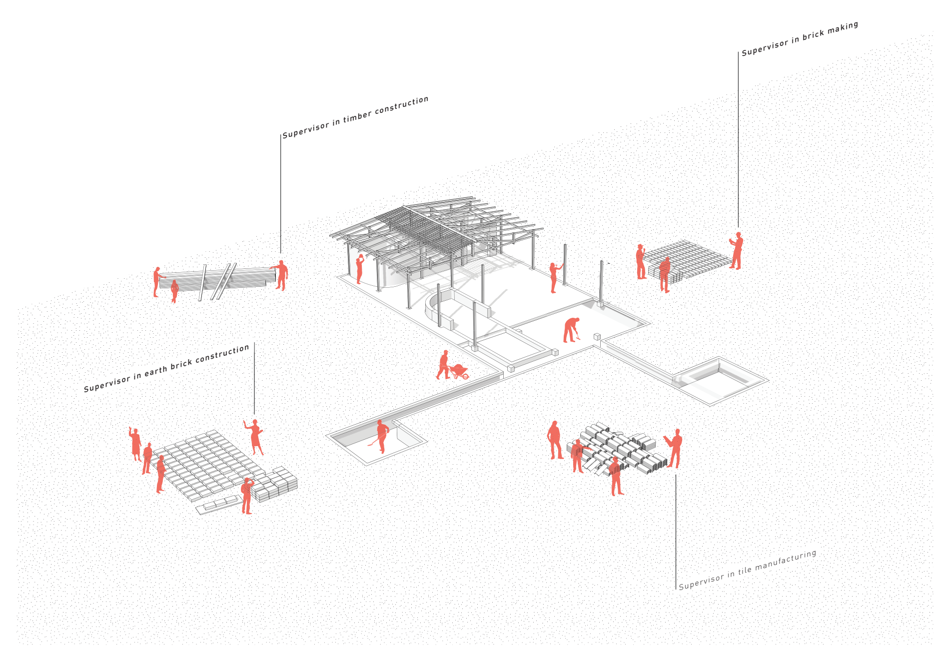
2. PRESENTATION OF CONCEPT TO COMMUNITY, COLLECTIVE RE-DESIGNING

3. AGREEMENT ON DESIGN

PHASE 2

The problems, needs and ideas were translated into an architectural concept, which has the potential to change the STATUS QUO. The community participates in the design process and decides for a final concept.

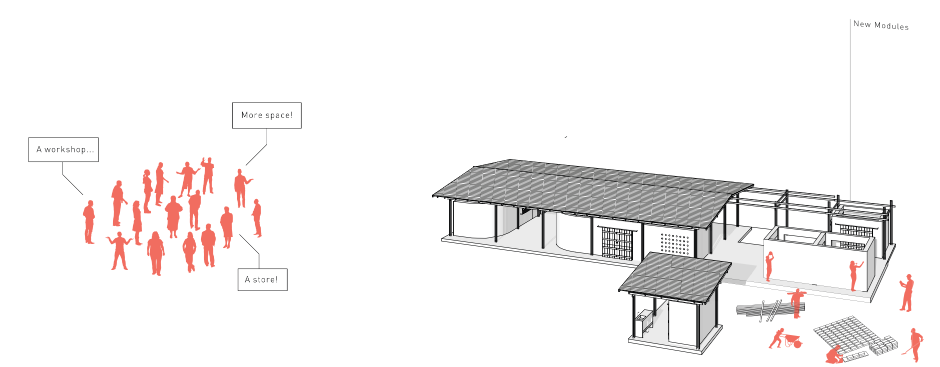
CONSTRUCTION



PHASE 3

After having agreed on a final design, the community (as the future users), will build the building themselves. Local supervisors will guide the construction and instruct people on materials, techniques and the execution. The construction is financed by external funds and will be refunded in rates.

TRANSFORMATION

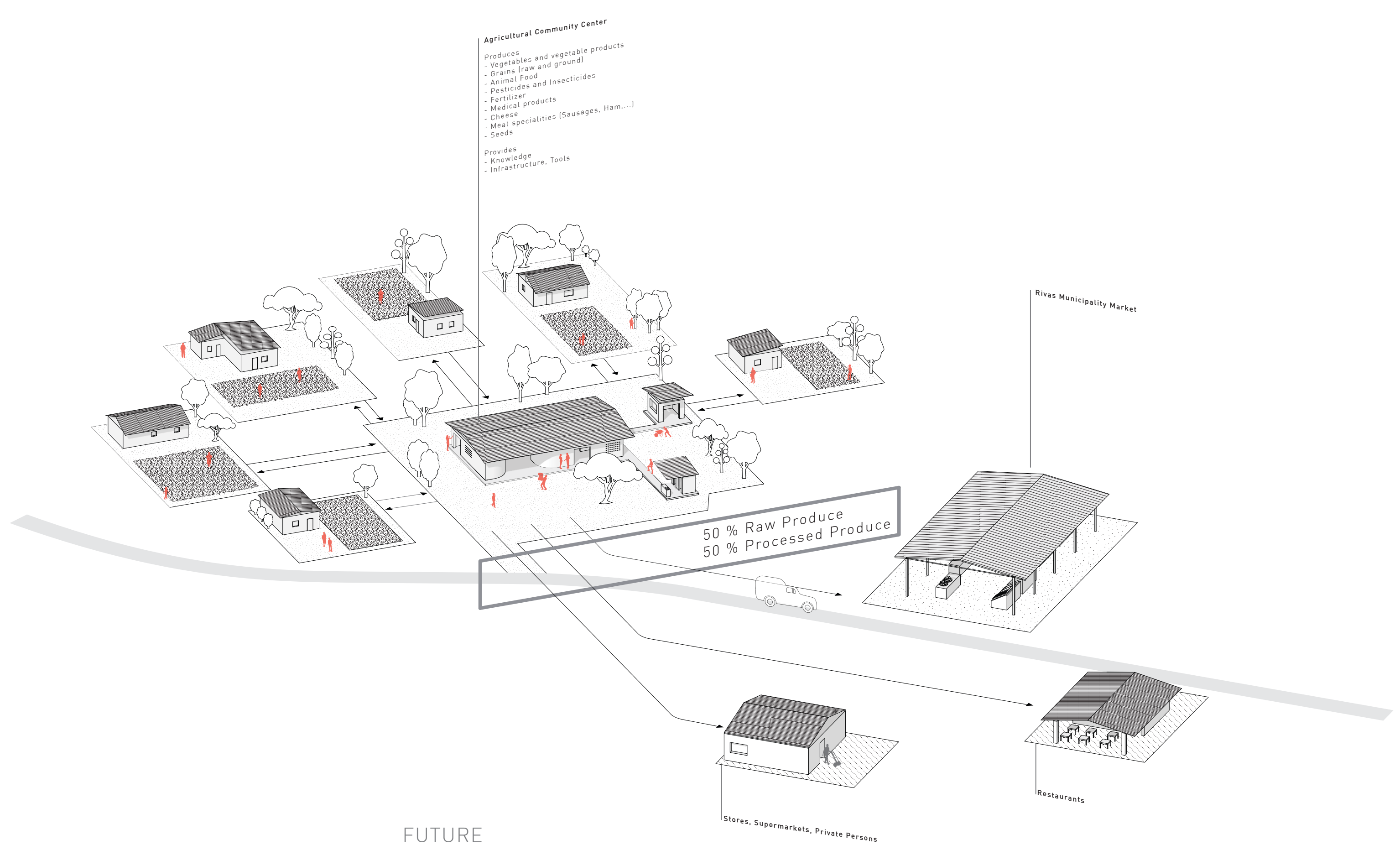


NEW NEEDS DEMAND NEW FUNCTIONS

PHASE 5

The needs of the community might change in the future. Together, the people of Las Palomas decide whether and how to extend the construction and execute the project themselves.

GOAL



FUTURE

The community will benefit from an infrastructure, which will allow them to share production facilities, knowledge and which makes their produce visible. Processed sustainable quality products can be sold on the market, to restaurants and private clients.
The center will enable a local market and makes the community more independent from external imports.
Frequent workshops on different topics will furthermore empower the community members and open new perspectives to them.
As a result, the living conditions of the people of Las Palomas will improve.