



Architectural Recovery Team

Mission Report; Informal Field trip Hatay

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In this document you will find information about the field trip carried out by the team in September 2024. It will explain the reason for the field trip, explain day by day what was done and it will contain a conclusion of what was learned during the trip.

General

An informal third field trip to Hatay was a necessity to contribute to the last part of the design process, the room units. This trip aimed to connect with the family, document the prototype plot and to get more knowledge about the legal procedures of building in the village. Besides this, we got in touch again with all our different stakeholders in the region and visited our partners who are working on the field to see how their recovery process projects were going.

Day by day report of the field trip

Day 1 | Saturday

The trip began with our arrival in Altinozu, where we met with the Muhtar, Kamil Bey, who is the village head. He showed us our sleeping place for the next week, in the containercamp just outside Altinozu. Later that afternoon, we had a working session, where Hikmet Bey from the municipality joined us to plan and discuss how our prototype would reach the village and other logistical matters, including the use of a crane for placing the prototype. In the evening, we spent time with the village children and enjoyed a warm dinner hosted by a local family.

Day 2 | Sunday

The day started with a meeting with the Muhtar, we discussed the latest situation about the plot they assigned us to build our first prototype. In the previous weeks we had already seen the plot and made some initial analysis. We had also, via a video call, met the family who owned the land, and for whom we will be building our prototype. Today we would meet the family for the first time in real life. At lunchtime we visited them. After some introductions and talks, we started documenting and interviewing them about their living situation before the earthquake and now, we also explained our ideas and what we aim to do. We all seemed very motivated to work together! In the afternoon, we went for a walk around the village, observing the current conditions, and catching up with families who we had met during our previous visit.

Day 3 | Monday

The day was dedicated to visiting Antakya, where we first met with our construction engineer. We discussed the latest updates and talked about budgets and practical matters for the building of the foundation and the infrastructure. In the coming weeks an initial ground study would be made to test the soil, before starting with the foundation. In the afternoon we visited several key organizations, including Türkiye Tasarım Vakfı and Hatay Mustafa Kemal University's Architecture Faculty, where we met Professor Zehra Güngördü, who has been involved with the reconstruction of Antakya.

Day 4 | Tuesday

The fourth day started with meetings at the municipality, where we had a meeting with Kayhan Kaplan, the municipality's urban planner. Later, we met with Mustafa, our construction engineer, and visited the Antakya market space, where we had a working session at the local square. We then drove around Antakya, observing the construction sites, where the building process for the new master plan had started. Later, we met a second time with the family and asked our last questions before drafting the initial agreements between us. In the evening we visited members of Meriç's family, who recently moved into a new area with new apartment blocks, just outside the village.

Day 5 | Wednesday

We drove Meriç to the airport before meeting with the mayor of Altınözü and Kayhan Kaplan. The day continued with a working session and a meeting with Bengüsu and Omer to discuss the structural and foundational aspects of the project. We also visited Antakya's "Herkes İçin

Mimarlık" and Rimmen Women's Cooperative. In the afternoon, we met the Muhtar again, followed by a meeting with a family to sign the agreement for their involvement in the project.

Conclusion

During this very productive week our main focus was to spend time with the family for whom we will build our first prototype. We, Meric, Hatice and Leyla, talked to them about their life before their house collapsed because of the earthquakes. They explained how their previous house looked like, their daily routines in the village and explained our goals and designs. Besides that we had meetings with the municipality, local construction engineers and logistic companies. We visited Antakya, and met with different associations working for the recovery of Hatay and its people.

To conclude we had a very productive week, keeping in touch with our stakeholders and getting to know the family better. Secondly, we made agreements with the family and municipality about the prototype phase. During this third field trip was aimed, and achieved to take the final steps which needed to be taken to proceed before the start of the building process of the prototype. We look back at a very productive week!

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