

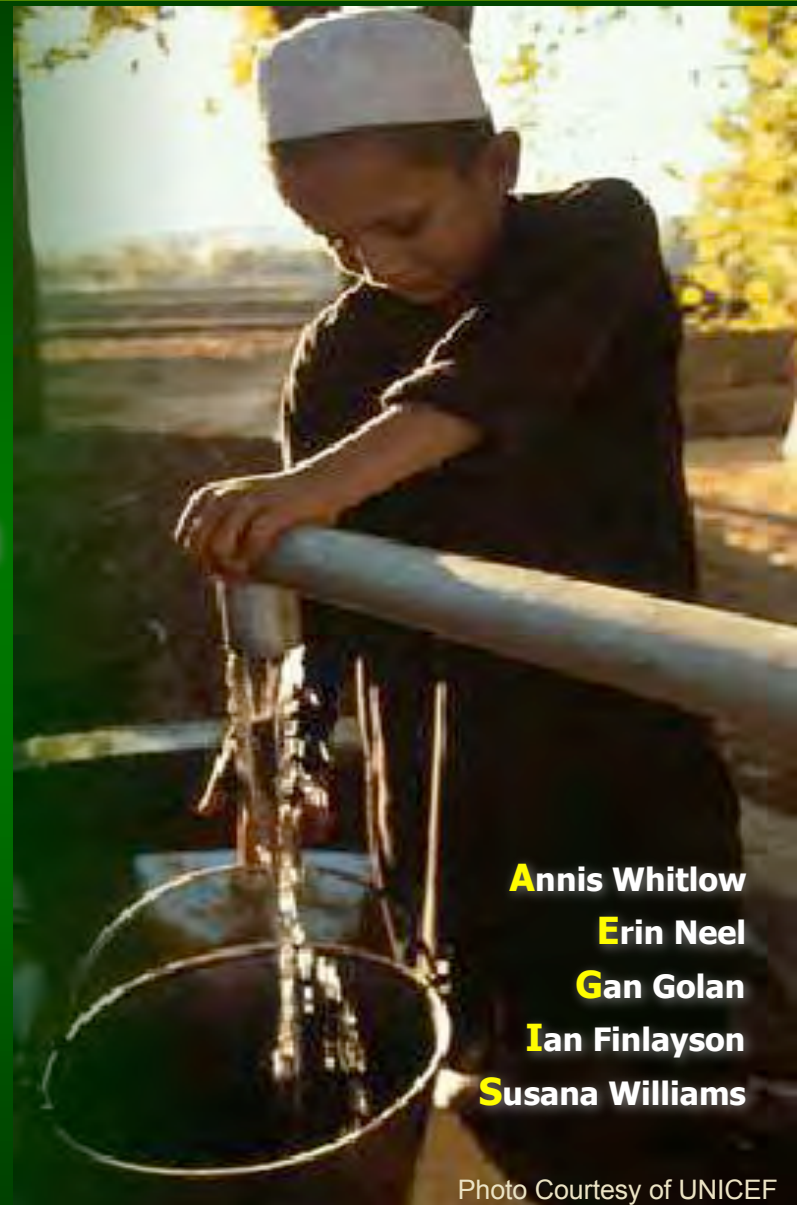
Rebuilding in a Troubled Land

Neighborhood Centers as a Social Development Tool

A Summary

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- Afghan Research & Evaluation Unit September 2002



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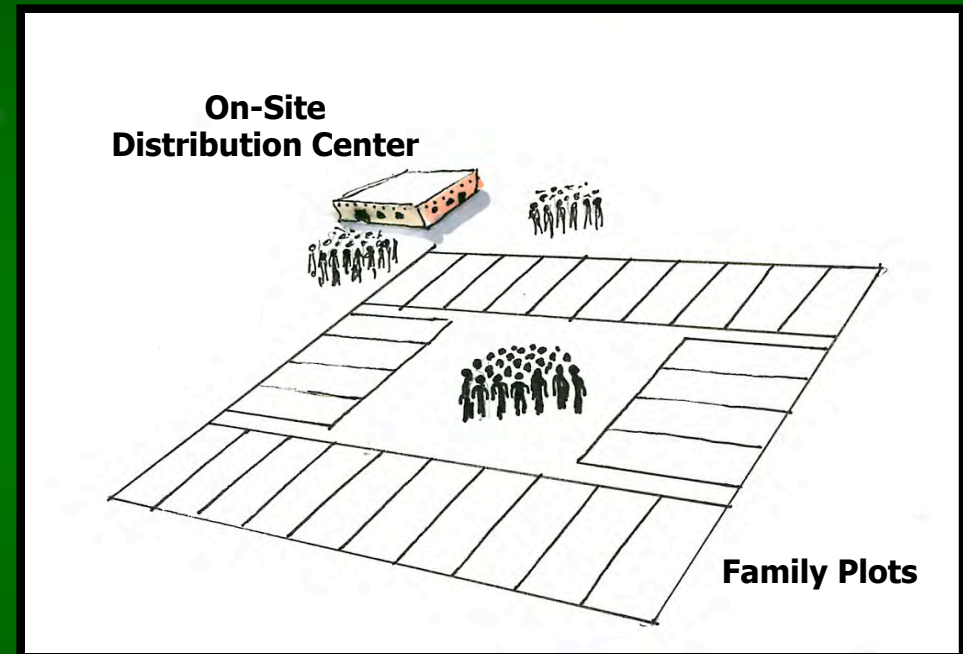
We propose to build local democracy through social structures supported by

- Neighborhood Centers**
- Land Tenure**
- Access to Water and Sanitation**

Land Distribution

- **NGO**

- Sets up on-site center
- Surveys land
- Lays out plots and wells
- Distributes land to family block groups

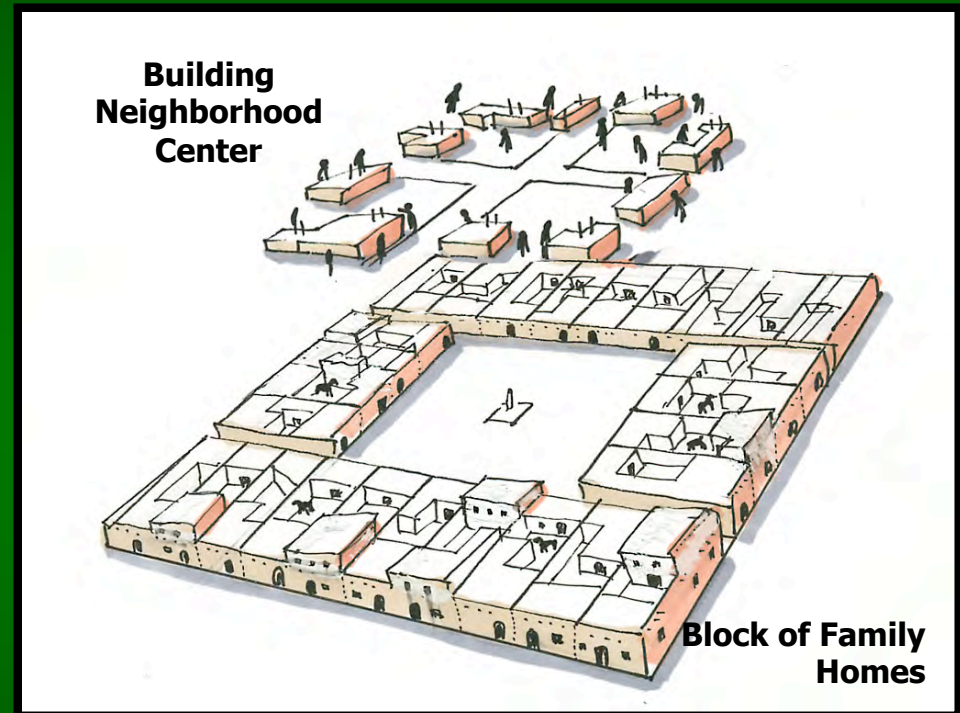


- **Families**

- Visit on-site center for information
- Organize into groups (6-9 families)

Community Building

- **Family Block Groups**
 - Nominate health/ construction trainees
 - Begin building neighborhood center
- **NGO**
 - Monitor / coordinate construction
- **University / Polytechnic**
 - Teach trainees

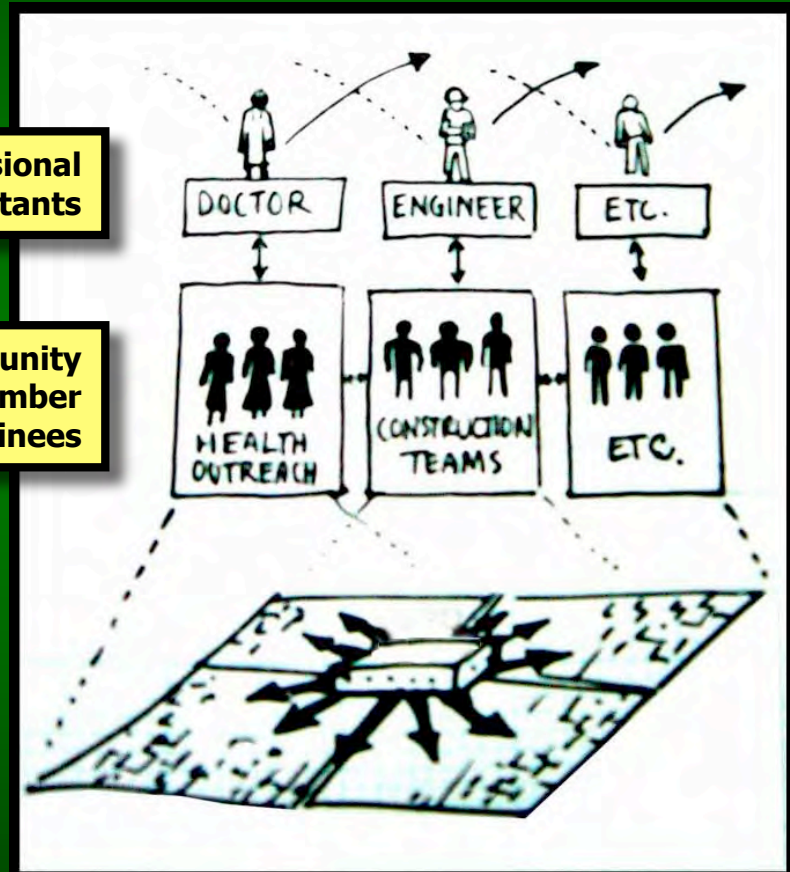


Community Building (cont.)

- **Health Trainees**
 - Midwives to improve maternity care
 - Build gender equity and political base
- **Construction Trainees**
 - Cash for Work
 - Skill transfer through Neighborhood building projects
 - Provide Youth Employment

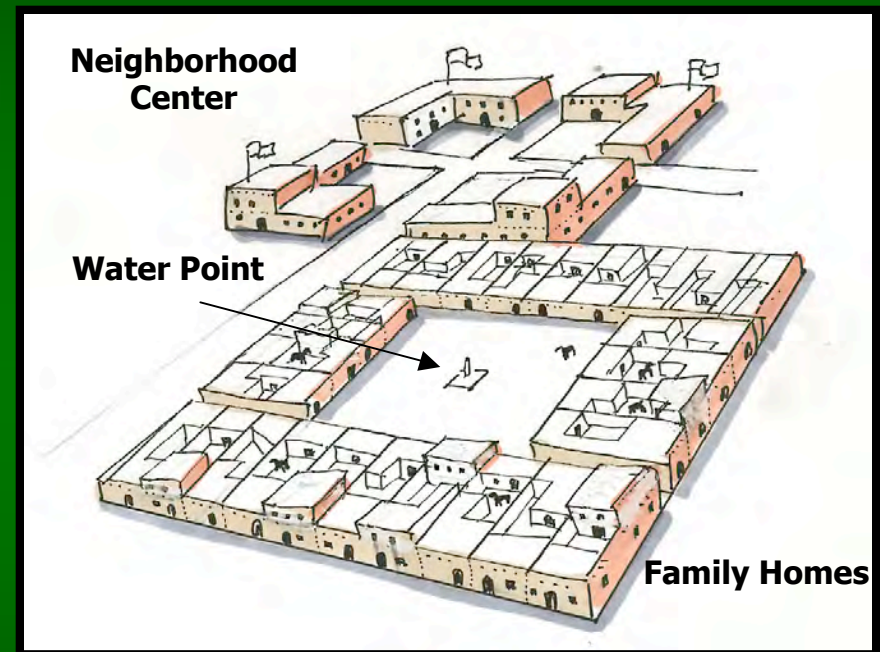
Professional Assistants

Community Member Trainees



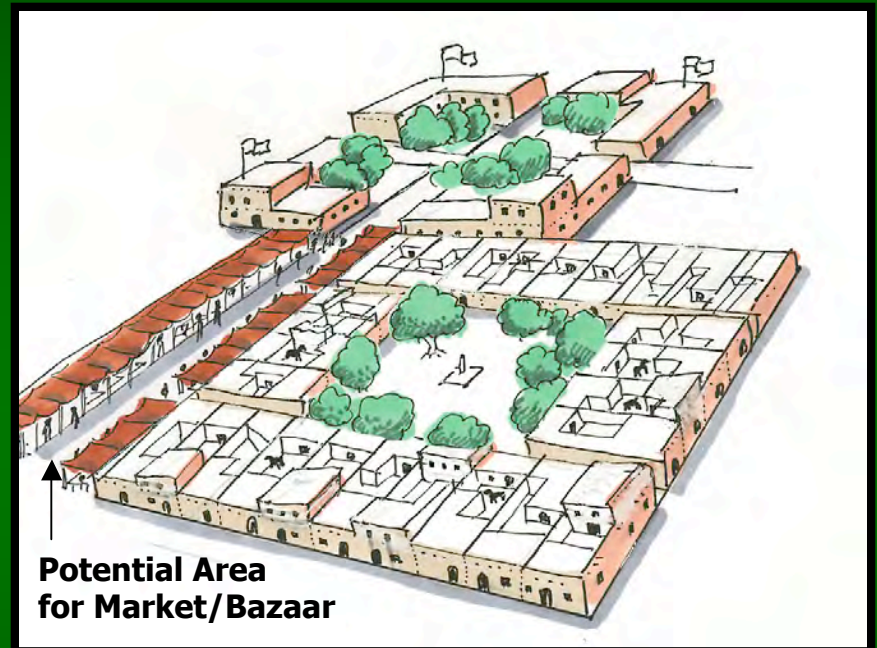
Capacity Building

- **Everyone**
 - Celebrate Neighborhood Center opening
- **Neighborhood**
 - Select block leaders from trainees
 - Initiate additional training programs
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Environment (Tree Planting)
 - Radio Broadcasting
 - Micro-credit

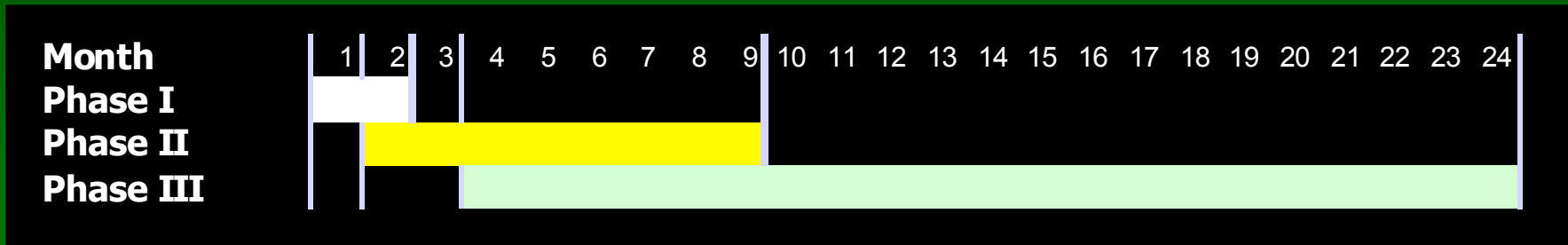


Autonomy

- **Neighborhood**
 - Elects District Leaders
- **Neighborhood and District Leaders**
 - Expand Education
 - Formalize Links to Government
 - Lobby for District Needs
 - Electricity
 - Piped Water
 - Paved Roads



NGO Exits After 24 Months



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Phase I
Land
Allocation



Phase II
Neighborhood
Building

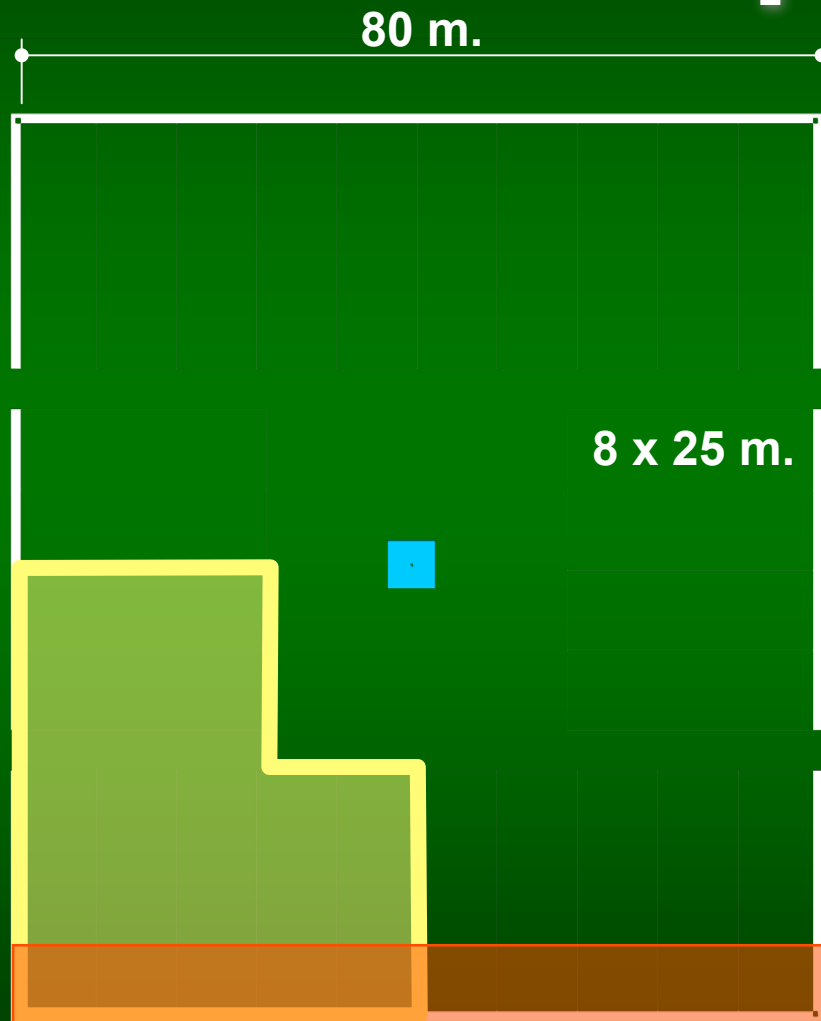


Phase III
Capacity
Building



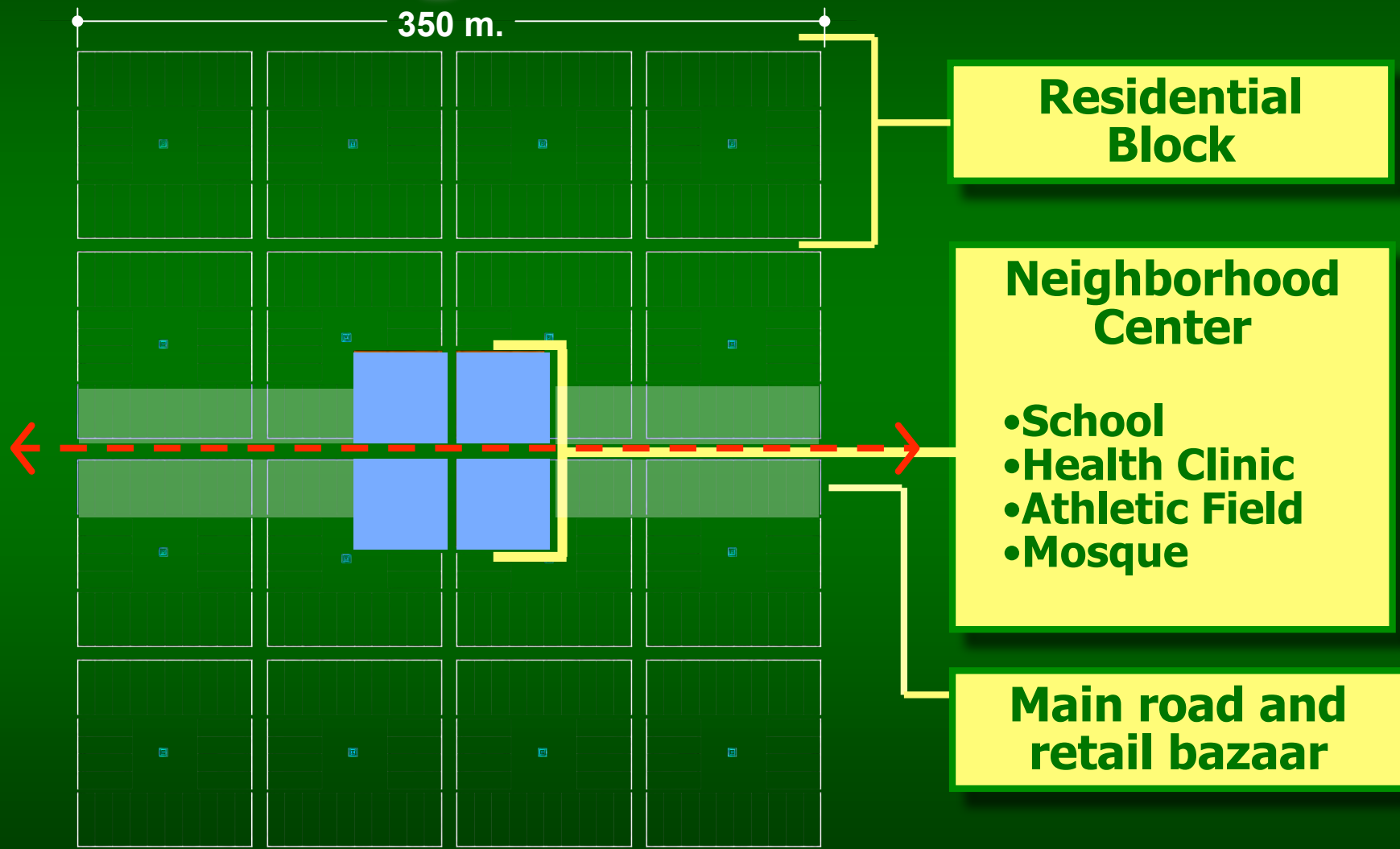
Phase IV
Autonomy

Block Group – (28 families)

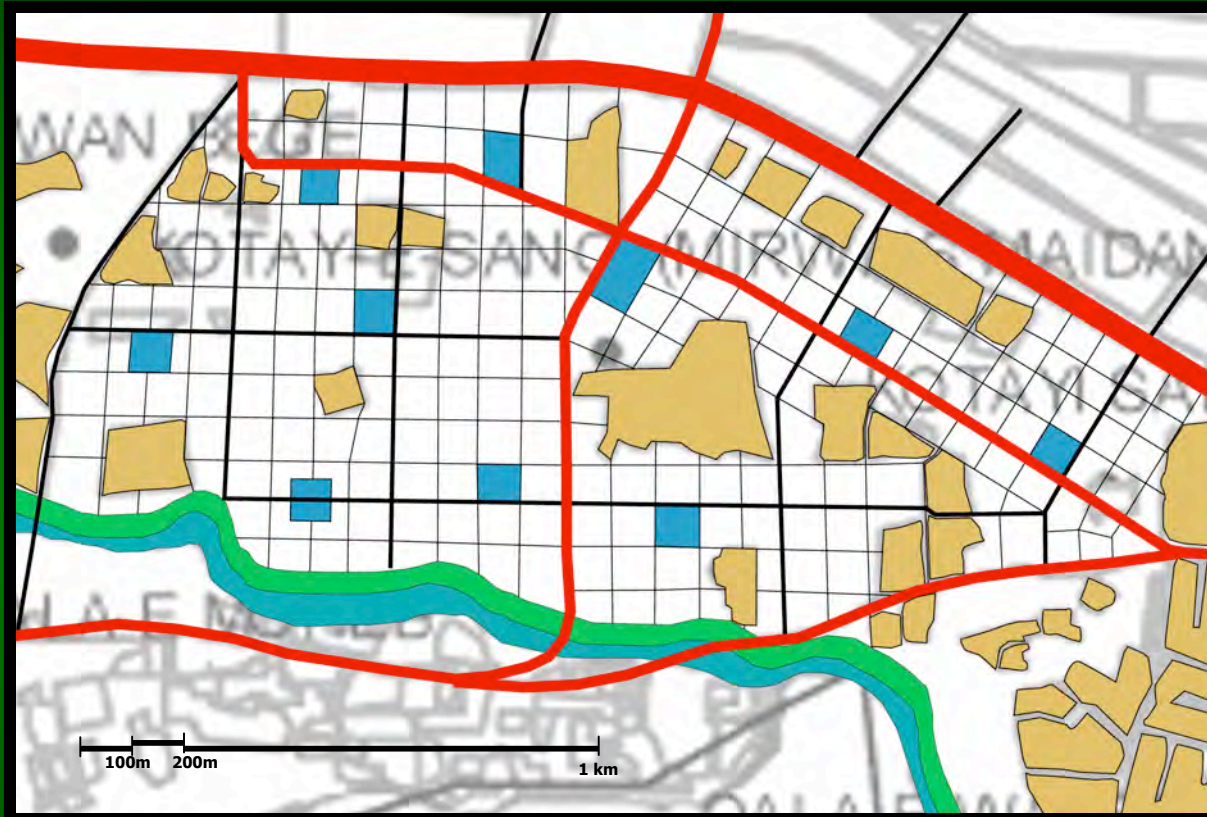


- 4 groups of 6-9 Families
- Internal jointly-owned courtyard (opportunity for orchard)
- Pump 10-50m from plot
- Private Alleys for access
- 200m² (8m x 25m) lots
- In-home courtyard
- Opportunity for extended family
- Opportunity for bazaar development next to main streets

Neighborhood Model



Schematic Plan



Pop. Density:
240-500 / ha

**Length of services per
area served: 200m. /ha**

**Water points per area
served: 1/ha**


**3200-6500 People per
Neighborhood Center**

**30m River Easement:
gardens and public
amenities**

**Adjusted to Existing
Structures**

 **Neighborhood
Centers**

 **Existing
Structures**

 **Multi-Use
Easement**

 **Main Roads**  **Secondary Roads**

Summary

Social Benefits

- Preservation of Existing Social Ties
- Leadership Cultivation
 - Women and Youth
- Self-Governing Neighborhoods and Districts



Physical Benefits

- Secure Land, Water, and Shelter
- Flexible Family Plots
- Internal jointly-owned courtyard within blocks
- Public Space:
 - Neighborhood Centers
 - Arable land

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