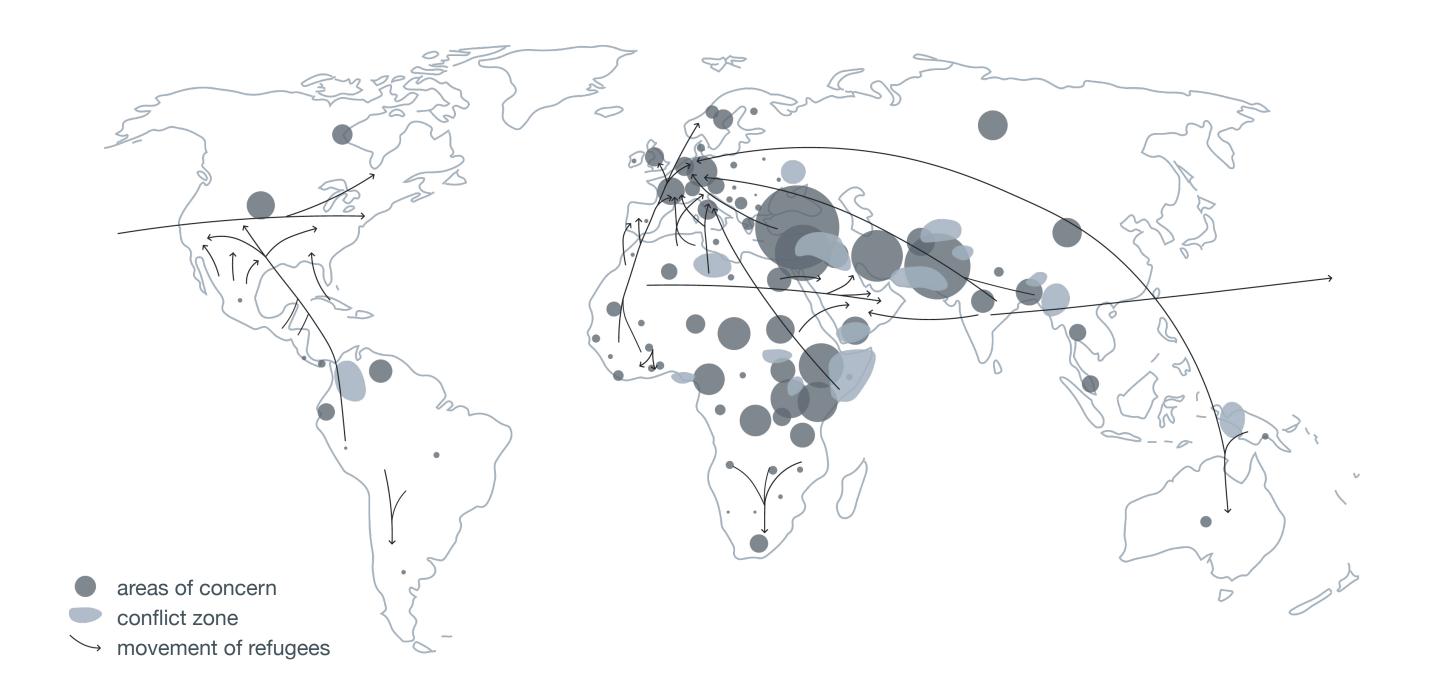
the reality of refuge

how can we adopt a more humane response to a humanitarian crisis?



what does it mean to be a refugee?





79.5 million forcibly displaced people globally

(UNHCR, 2020a)



26 million refugees

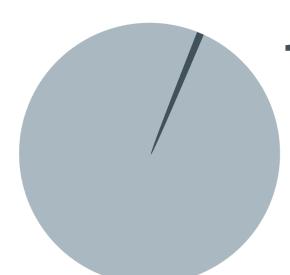
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refugee

"someone who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion"

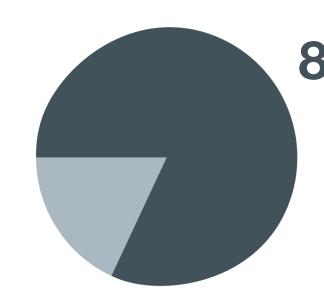


(UNHCR, 1951)



1% of world population is forcibly displaced

(UNHCR, 2020a)



of refugees are hosted in countries neighbouring their country of origin

(UNHCR, 2020a)



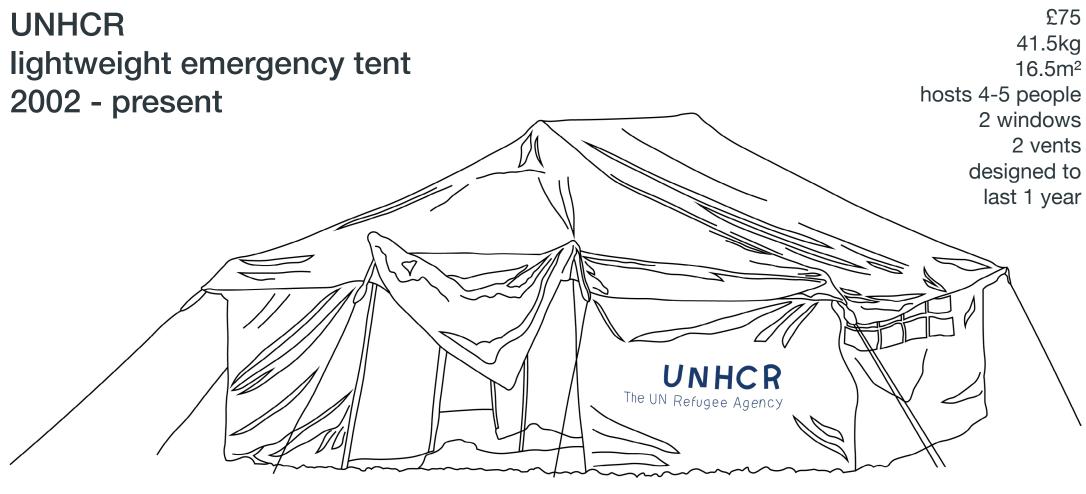
million people live in some kind of camp or encampment today

(Agier, 2019)

existing refugee shelters





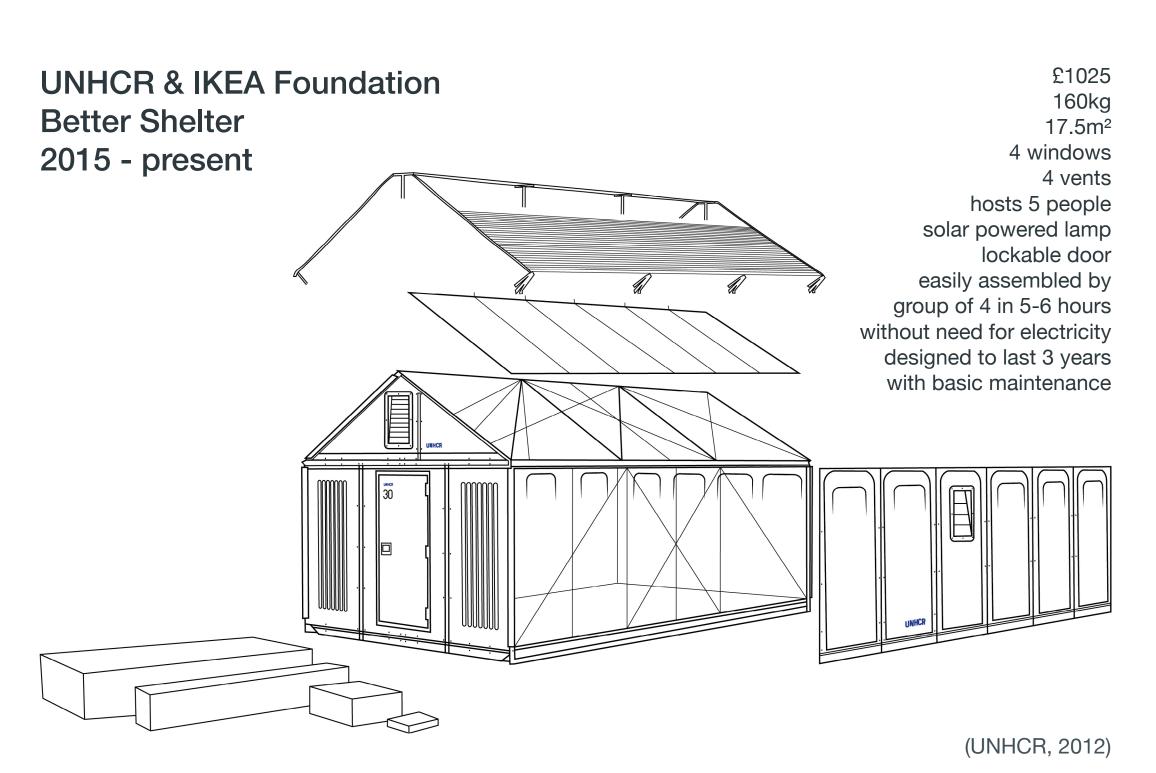




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figure 2. Better Shelter. 2015.



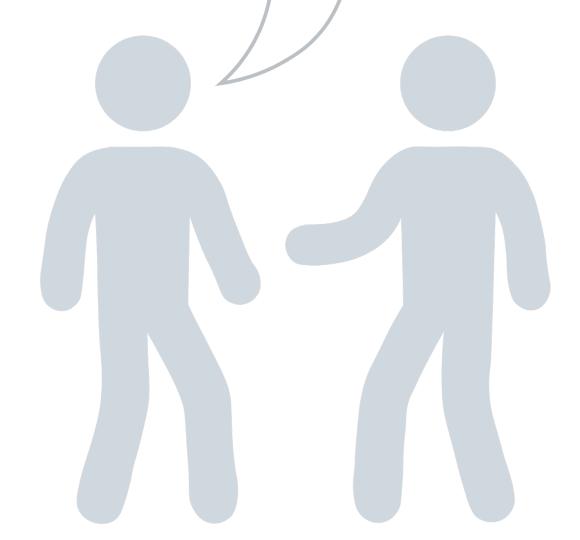
approaching a sensitive situation

needs based approach

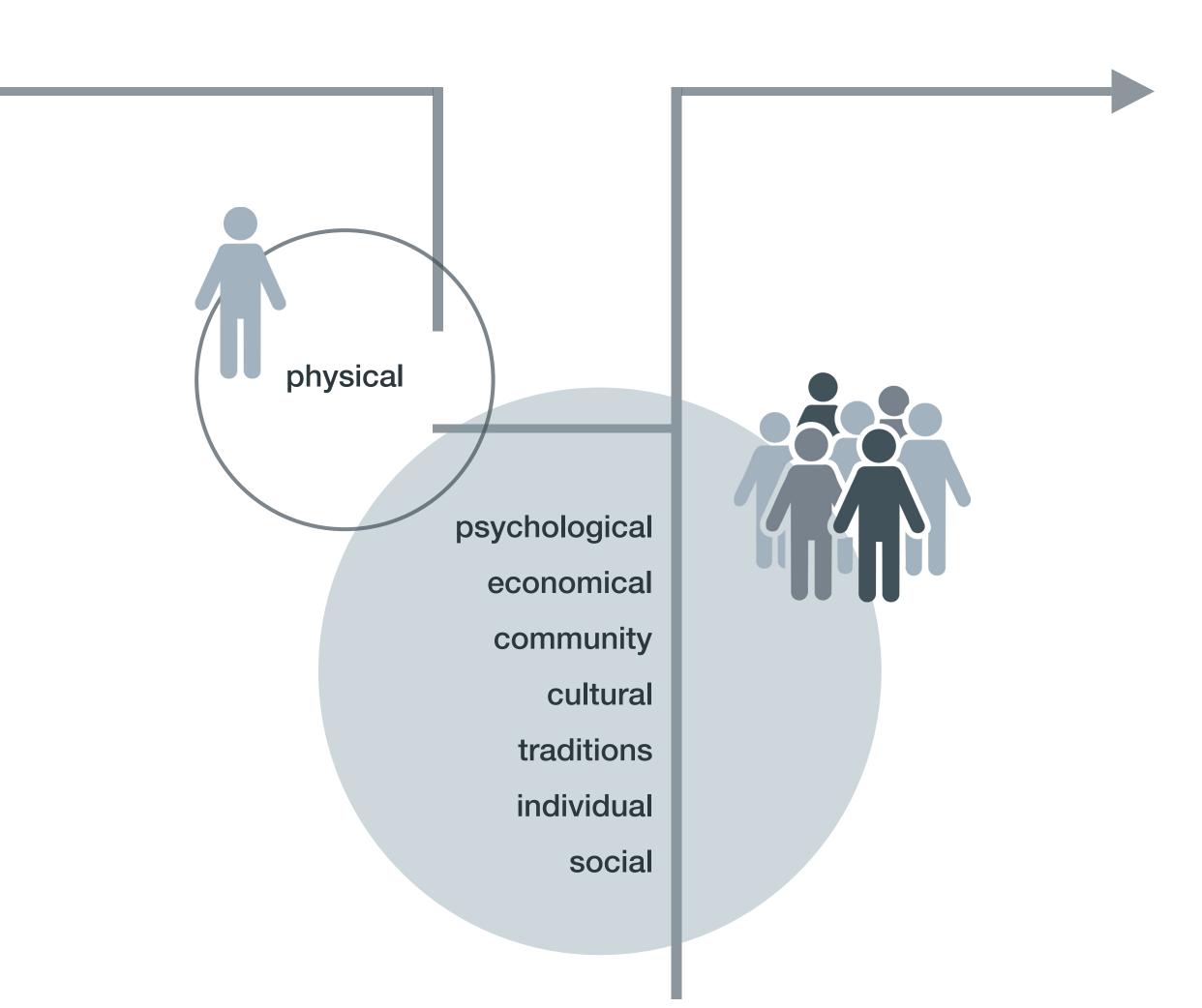
what are we lacking?

what are our weaknesses?

we need external forces to deliver services for us



imposed standardisation which answers to general, immediate needs in no specific location for no specific people

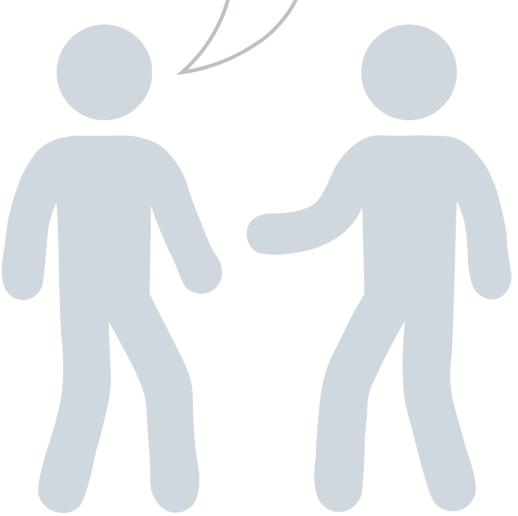


asset based approach

what do we already have that we can celebrate and improve upon?

what encompasses our culture, traditions, heritage, geography?

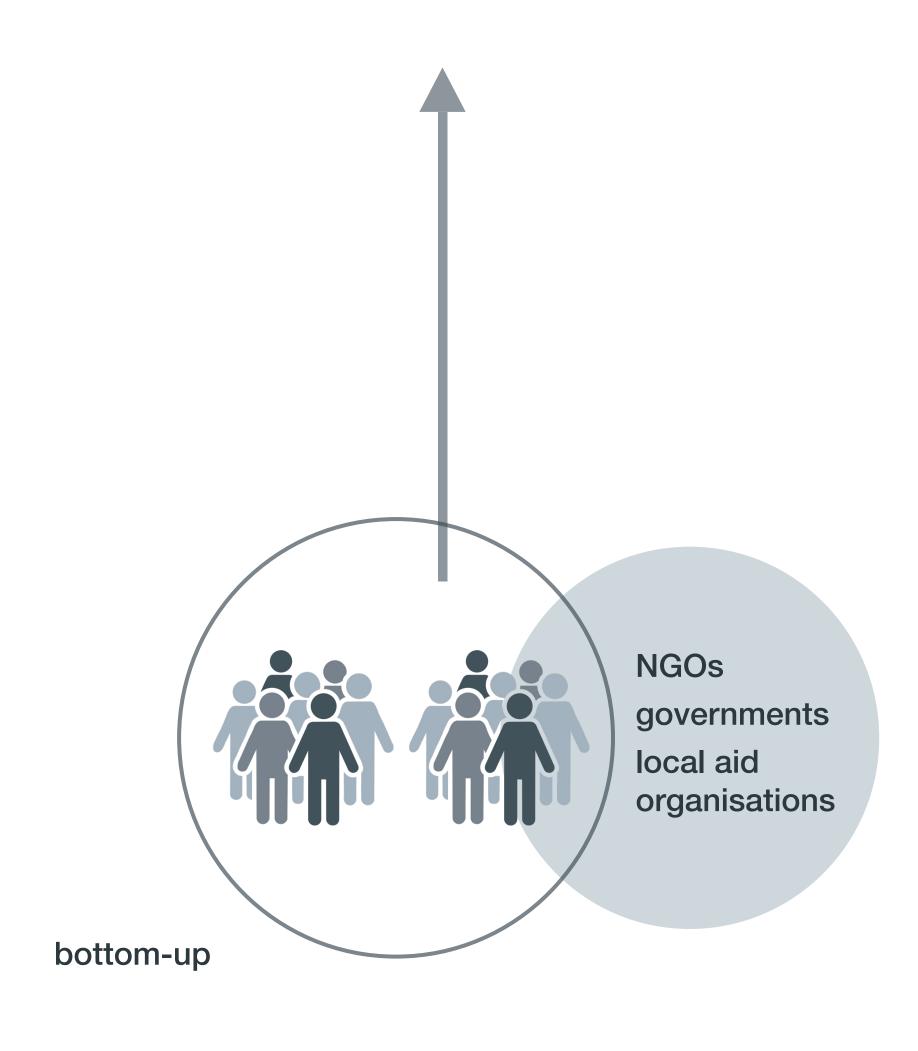
let's recognise and restore positive aspects of our community!



answers to specific communal or individual needs by understanding and building on existing social and cultural influences

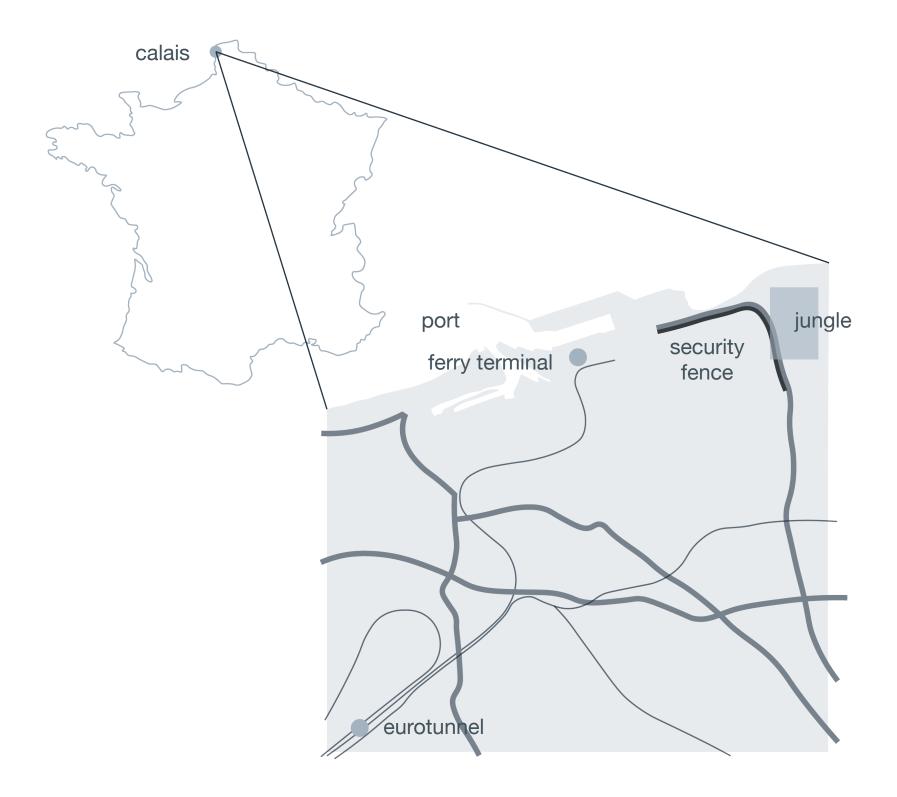
types of refugee camp





the Jungle

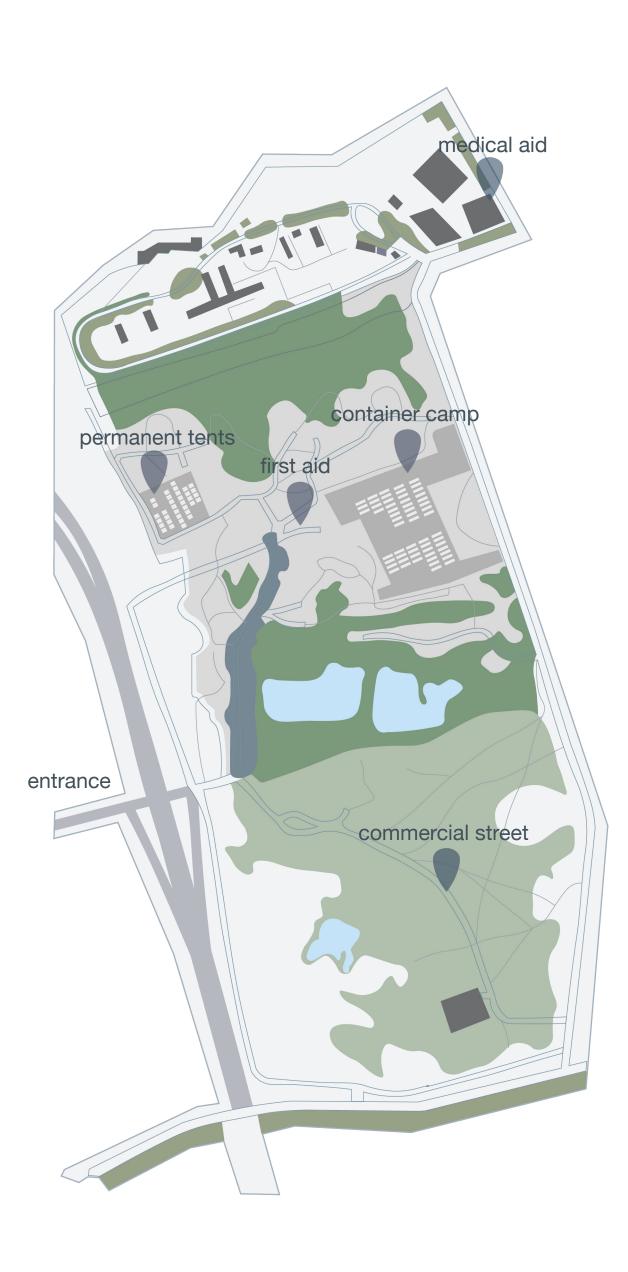
Calais, France





2015 - 2016 hosted 10,000 residents at its peak

(Agier, 2019)





everyday life



figure 4. Calderwood, I. 2015.

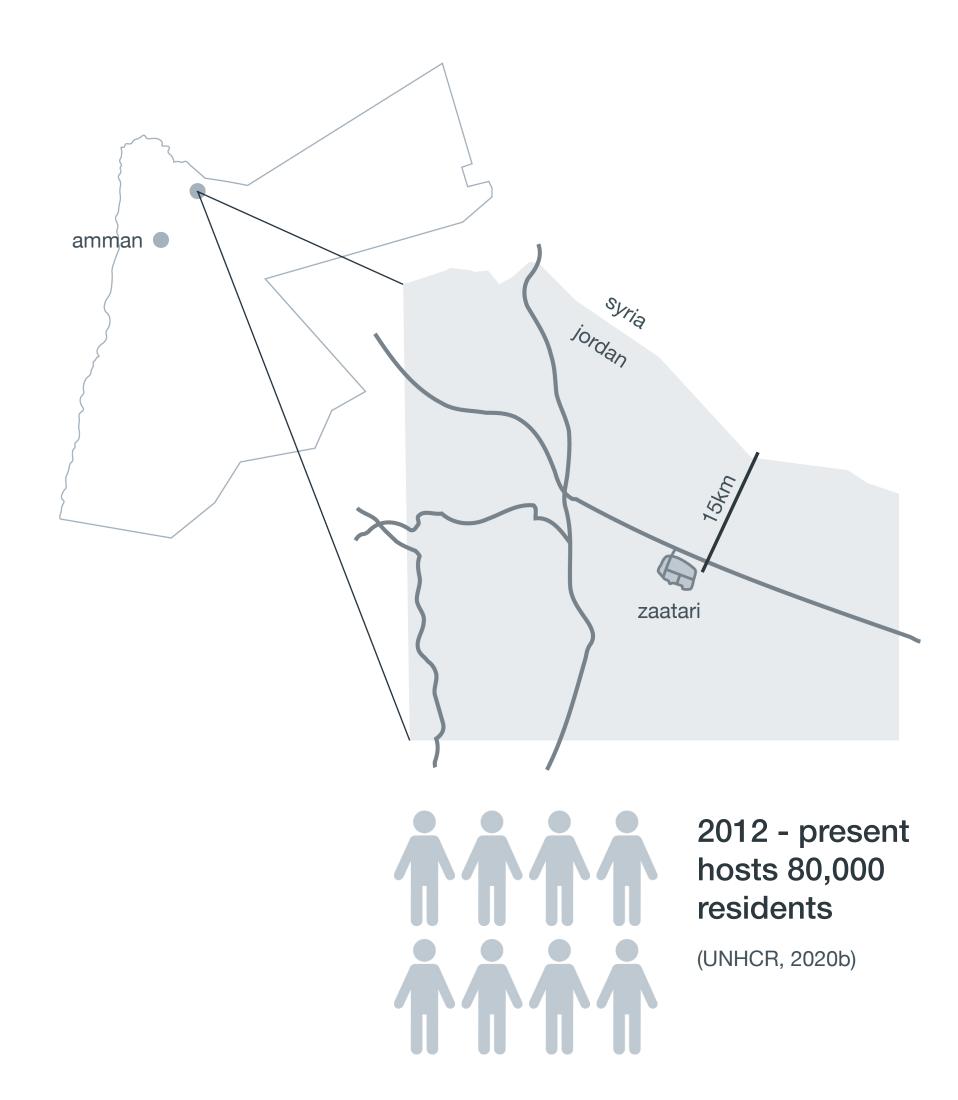
bare life



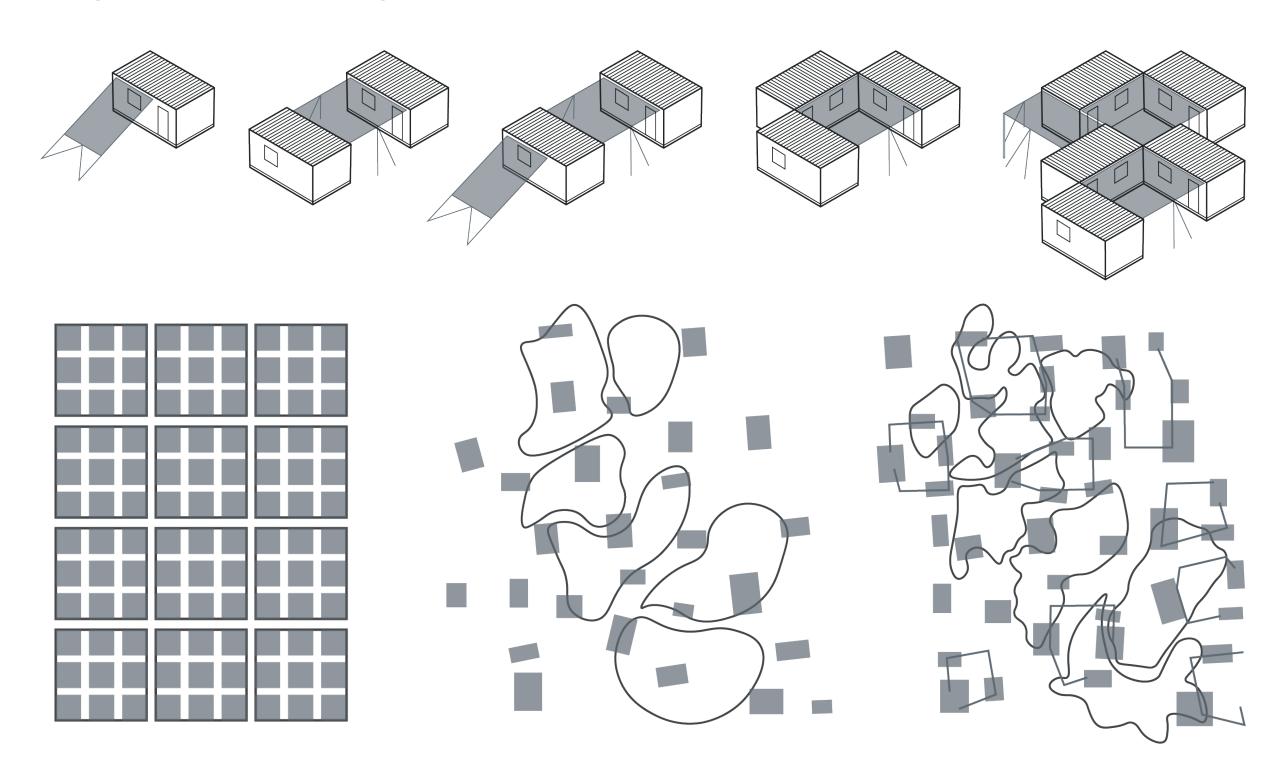
figure 5. Huguen, P. 2016.

Zaatari

Jordan



residents appropriating, despite formed from top down





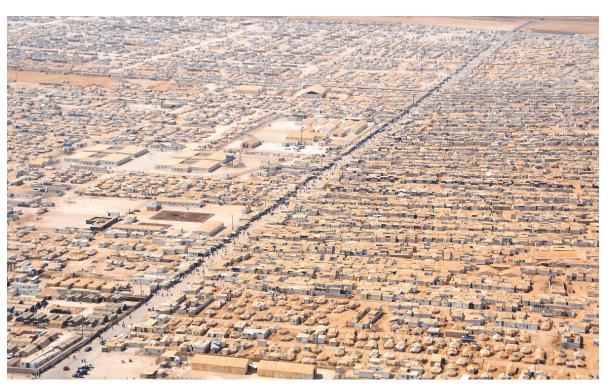


figure 6. Himes, R. 2013.

figure 7. Public Domain. 2018.

the role of the refugee



pride self-determination

ownership culture

responsibility creativity

motivation identity



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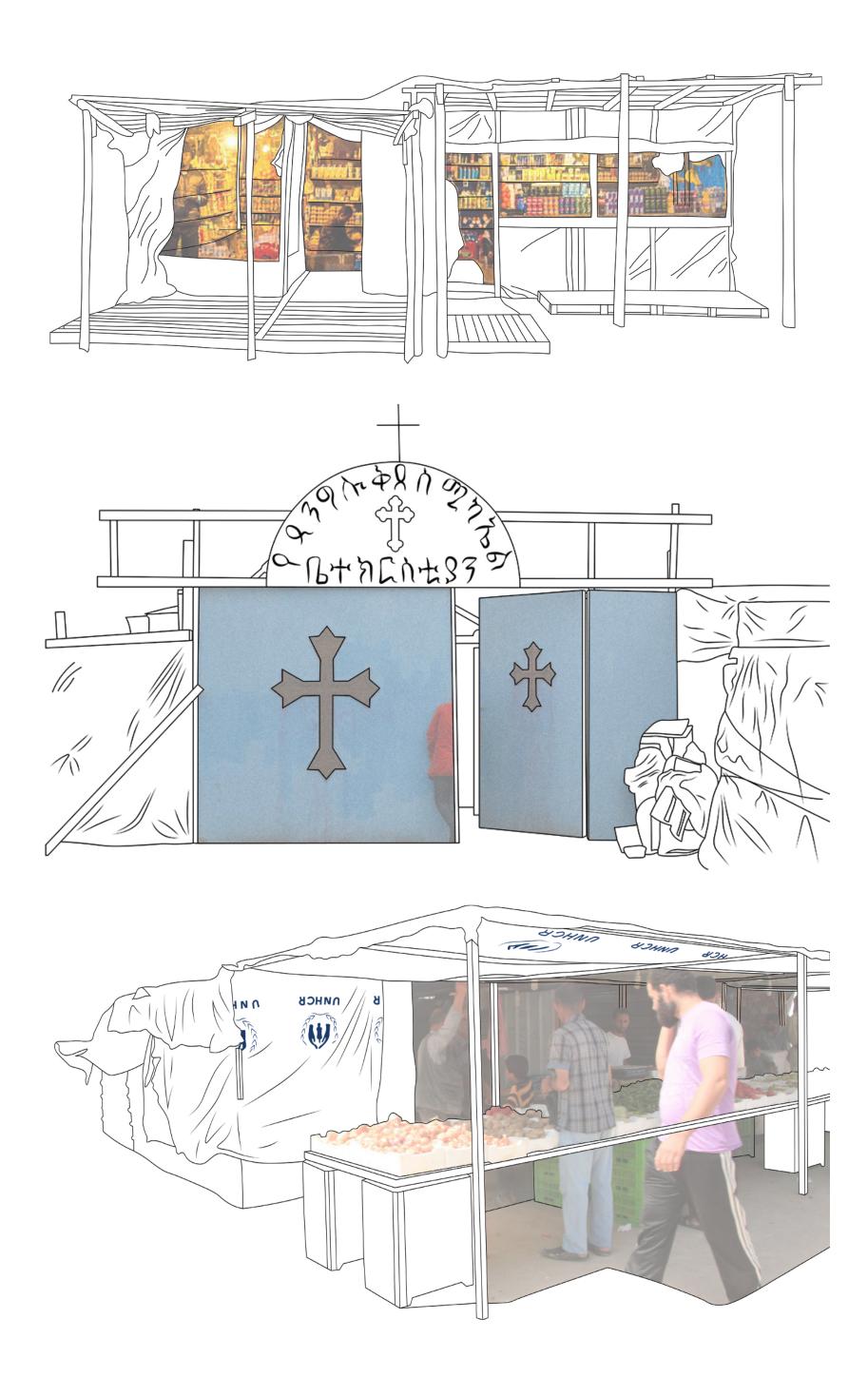
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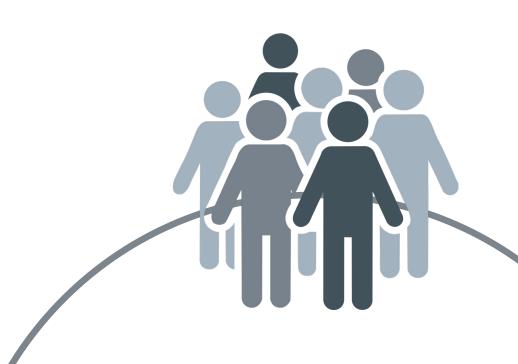
durability

expert knowledge

when does a shelter become a home?



activities that make up everyday life



shops religious buildings

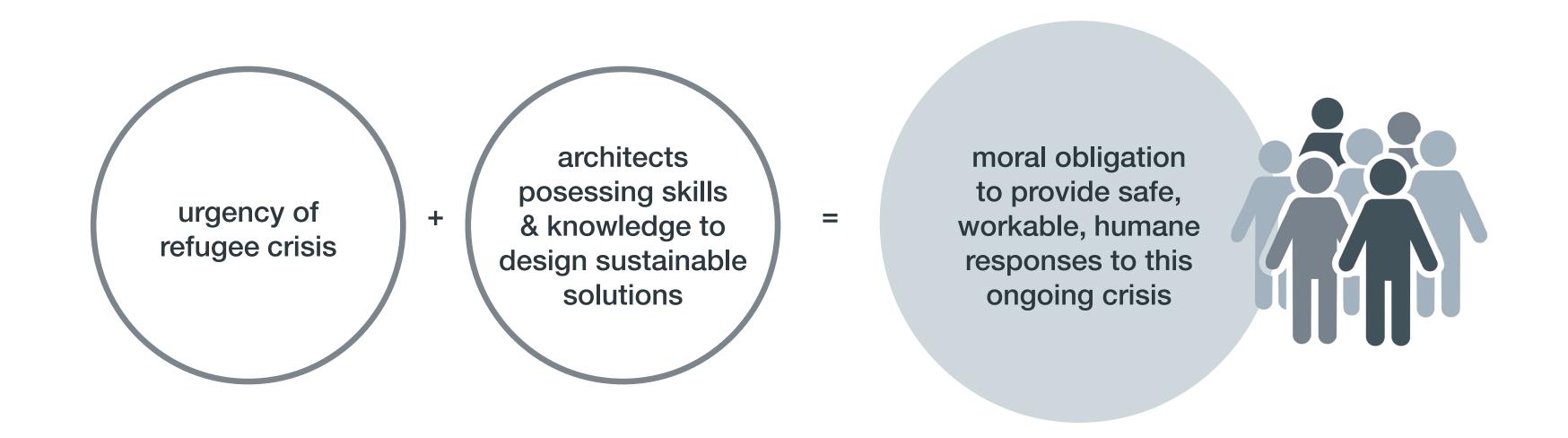
schools parks cultural events

hospitals transport conferences

sports events waste management

verandas courtyards

how can we adopt a more humane response?



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