

Affordable Housing in Kathmandu

Great Problem Seminar

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ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM

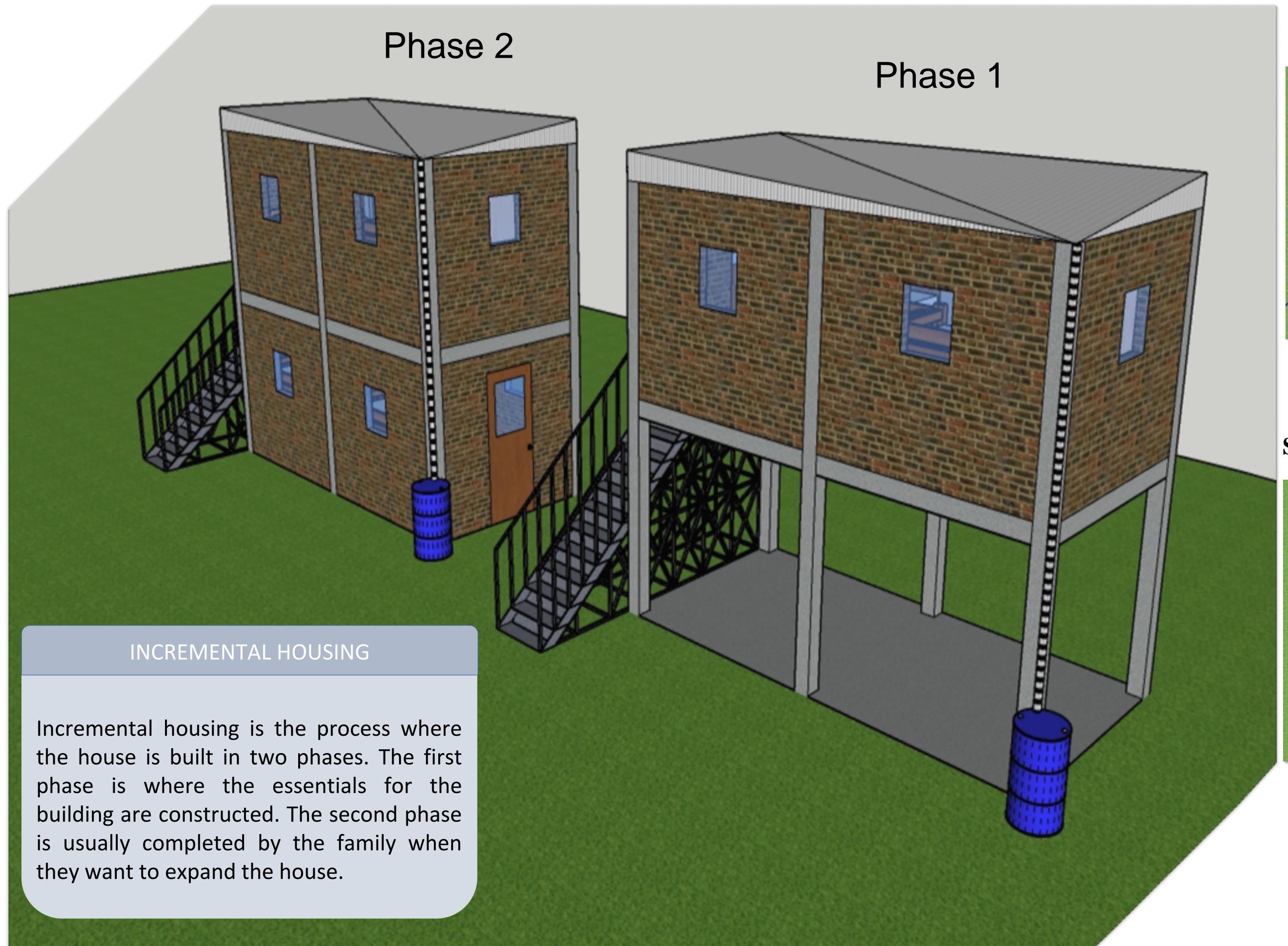
- After suffering the deadly 2015 earthquake, relief camps are now turning into slums.
- Addressing slum conditions in Kathmandu Nepal.
- Slums face poor sanitary conditions and planning which leads to flooding and the spread of disease.
- Lack of safety leads to crimes in these areas making families feeling unsafe.

BACKGROUND

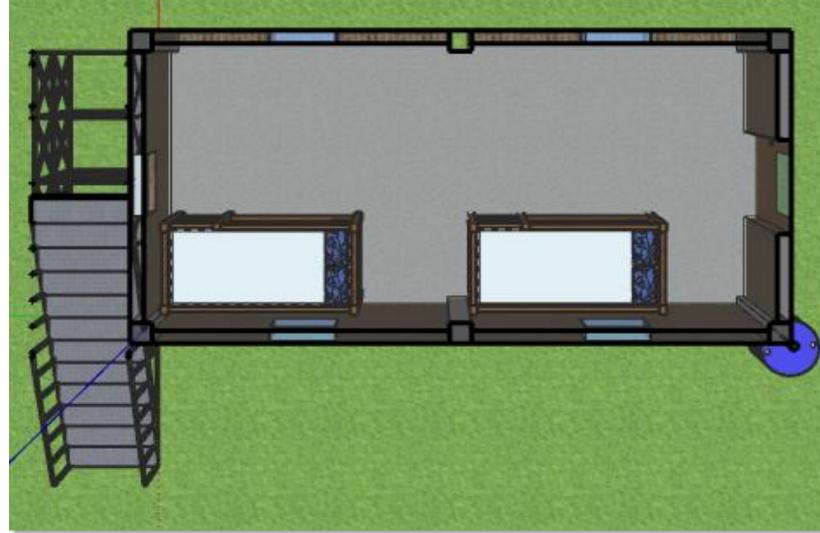
- Rapid urbanization: poor planning and increase in social gaps.
- Struggling with poor infrastructure and lack of resources.
- Rise in city population:
- Poor infrastructure couldn't handle population forcing poor people to build anywhere.
- Environmental changes, Kathmandu once known as city of wood due to expansion wood has become limited
- Bagmati river sadly turned into a sewer now highly polluted.

OBJECTIVES

- Transform the slum areas into safe and affordable areas for residents and families.
- Provide proper housing that can also protect families from natural elements like rain and earthquakes.
- Since Kathmandu suffered the deadly 2015 earthquake, ensure our houses are also earthquake safe.
- Provide families proper sewage to ensure and clean environment.
- Ensure houses also get power from the city.
- As an alternative, including gravity light.



Completed First Floor



Second Floor



DESIGN

- Participatory design, families can add first floor
- Rain collection system
- Reinforced concrete framework
- Sheet metal roof is light and safer in an earthquake
- Brick walls are strong and provide good support for earthquakes
- Estimated cost, \$740
- LED which is powered by sandbag or other weight and the force of gravity provides power as the weight falls.

