
Star Homes

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LABÒ Cultural Project
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Star Homes, Mtwara, Tanzania

For its third edition, LABÒ Cultural Project invites Star Homes to showcase the project and research following the construction of 110 Star Homes in Mtwara, Tanzania. Designed by the Danish Royal Academy, the exhibition showcases the architectural, clinical, and social studies led by Jakob Knudsen, Salum Mshamu, and Lorenz von Seidlein, while also shedding light on the human story behind the Star Homes through data-driven findings and firsthand narratives, and photography by Julien Lanoo.

The Star Homes project consists of 110 identical, single-family homes constructed across 60 different villages in rural Mtwara, one of the more underdeveloped regions of Tanzania, with a high incidence of malaria, respiratory tract infections, and diarrhoea. These houses combine a series of design interventions to improve family health into a single house, and form the basis of a randomised clinical trial, which aims to provide robust data to show whether improved housing can improve family health. Preliminary results from year 1 and 2 interims analysis indicate that malaria and diarrhoeal diseases have been reduced by one third, under-five children have shown improved growth, and indoor mosquito abundance has been reduced by half.

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