



Malawi Community Hub

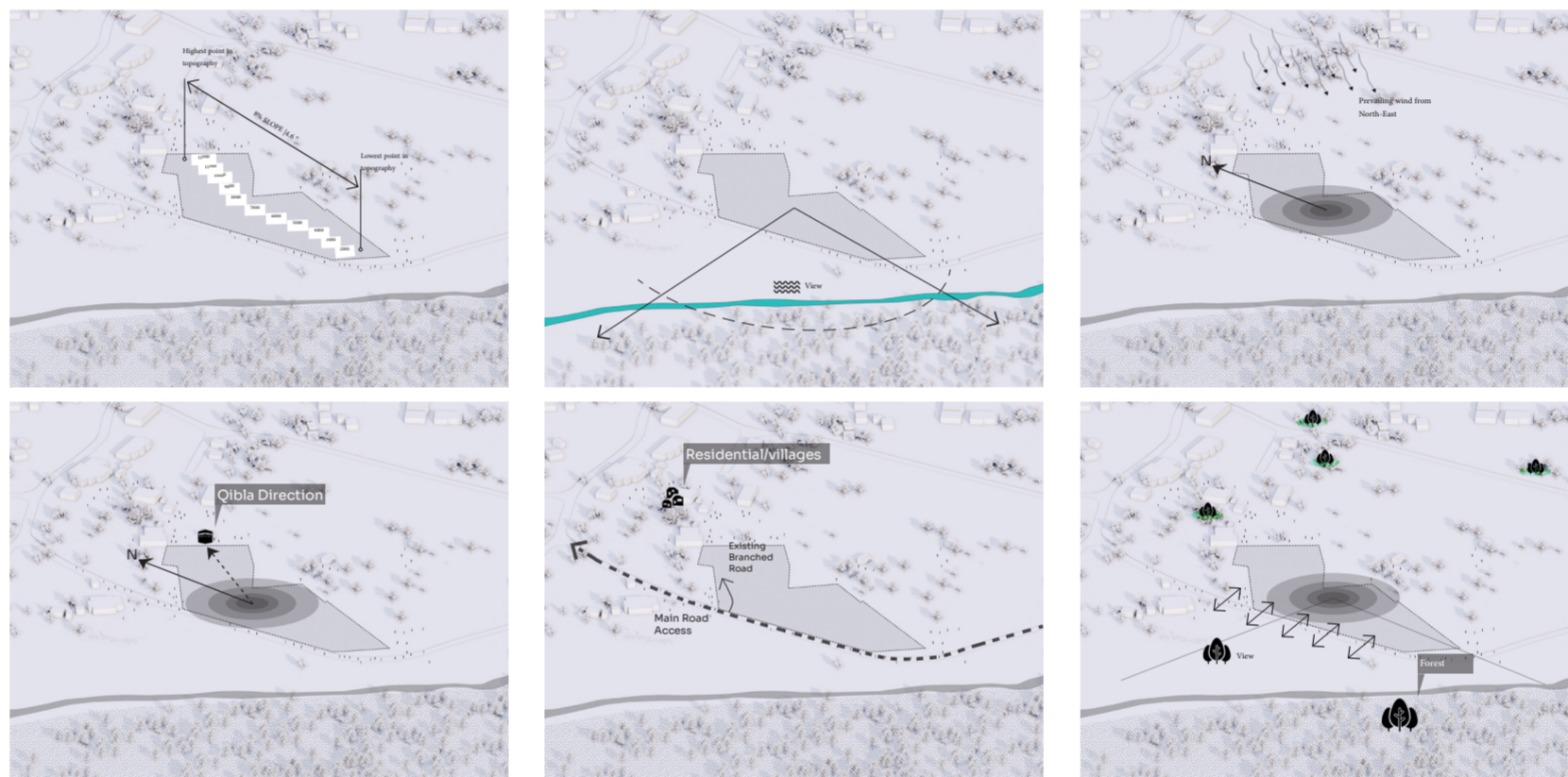
REVITALIZING RURAL COMMUNITIES

Admits the rural tapestry of southern Malawi, we find the small village of Blantyre. Topped with green agricultural fields and colorful markets adorned by chitenjes, this village works hard to its keep residents fed and culture alive. But amidst the joy of its people, Blantyre struggles to reach the basic educational, health, and financial standards for a quality life. We believe the Malawi Community Centre will provide the necessary spaces to alleviate these systemic problems and hope it can only carry the strength found in the community.

UNDERSTANDING MALAWI

Malawi today faces a national crisis of below-average healthcare and economic instability amongst other problems. Presently, there are more than 9 million Malawians living below two dollars a day, with 45% of them having no access to clean water and 80% no access to sanitation. In Blantyre alone, more than half of the population struggles with poverty and keeping up literacy rates. We think that a solution as simple as a community center can alleviate this crisis, even if at small-scale, and offer a hopeful alternative to Blantyre residents. We believe that by creating spaces dedicated for children to learn and play, for women to receive pre-natal care, for the community to cook, and for residents to gather and pray, we can systemically begin to end a cycle of poverty.

Addressing Community Needs Through Design
First and foremost, we wanted the architecture behind



the Malawi Community Center to address both community needs and reflect opportunity for change. The first portion of the center is a dormitory and service section with a public entrance into kitchen areas but private groundings for the residences. The communal kitchen and dining hall are designed to alleviate the process of food distribution already happening from the current community center. The dormitory section is designed to allocate local and international visiting students during the duration

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