

BRAZIL WORKSHOP 2010

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PROBLEM ADDRESSED



For the Building Communities Brazil 2010 workshop we returned to Salvador da Bahia to continue the work carried out with the Movimento dos Sem Teto da Bahia (MSTB) in our 2009 workshop. The MSTB are an active group occupying strategically unused buildings and sites for the construction of temporary and permanent houses. MSTB is committed to the self-production of autonomous housing through the process of consolidation; hence there is an imminent need for knowledge and appropriate tools and methodologies to address the challenges in terms of planning and implementation, along with a specific interest in addressing diversities between and within the different occupations.



GOAL ACHIEVED

Through the process of analysis we not only diagnosed and analysed the situation of 'Paraiso' but also produced a consolidation tool kit of the tools used by each group, a set of design guidelines identified from information gathered in the diagnosis process and a report of the activities of the workshop and information gathered for occupants of Paraiso, the MSTB and other related organizations supporting the MSTB.



METHODOLOGY OF WORK

The methodology of working was through the process of diagnosis and analysis. Diagnosis took place over the first week of the workshop through practical learning and participatory research mapping of the occupation in which we worked. The objective was to identify needs related to the process of consolidation and compare these with the needs identified by the MSTB leaders through mapping, dialogue, and planning. Participants worked in the community of 'Paraiso' and were grouped according to four focus areas: household/dwelling; community/infrastructure; identity and its influence on the appropriation of space; and institutional stakeholders.



Analysis took place over the following week through the development of toolkits, design guidelines, and a report.



FUTURE PERSPECTIVE



During the workshop ASF-UK coordinators spent much time working on future collaboration between the MSTB, ASF-UK, local professionals, institutions and government bodies. It is hoped the Building Communities workshop will return to Salvador da Bahia in the form of a long term partnership with these organisations in order to fully implement participatory appraisal and design into the development of MSTB occupations.

