

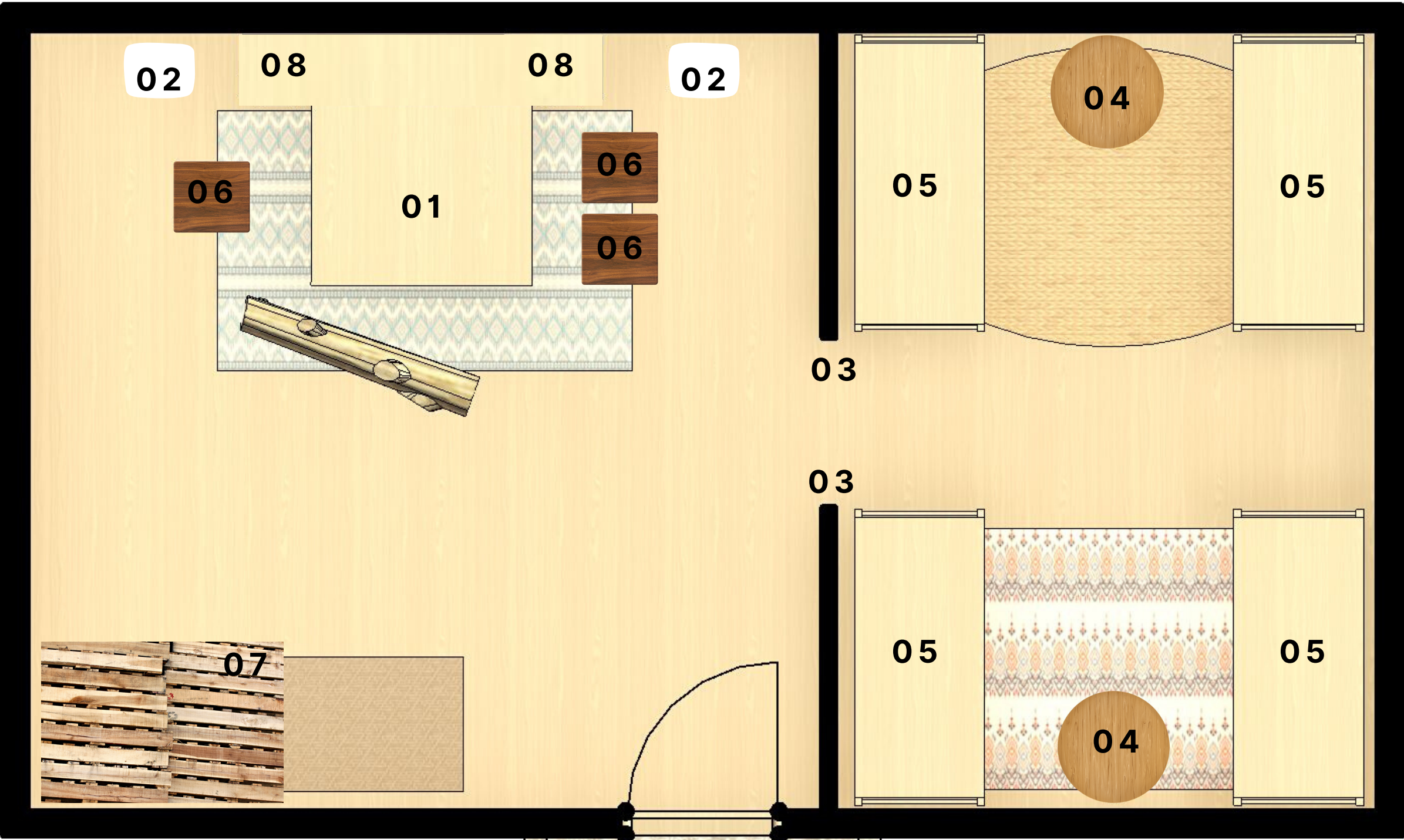
# COMUNIDAD DE PAZ REFUGEE CENTER

## Narrative

There are currently over six million Venezuelan refugees displaced from their homes due to economic hardship and political dissension. Today, of these six million, over **1.8 million are seeking asylum** in neighboring Columbia. Many Venezuelans journey to Columbia due to accessibility while seeking opportunities. On February 8, 2021, Columbian President Iván Duque granted Venezuelan migrants temporary **legal status for 10 years**, at which point they can apply for residency. Because many migrants lack resources, there are people of all ages, including children and the elderly, who are forced into the grueling journey of crossing the Columbian border on foot.

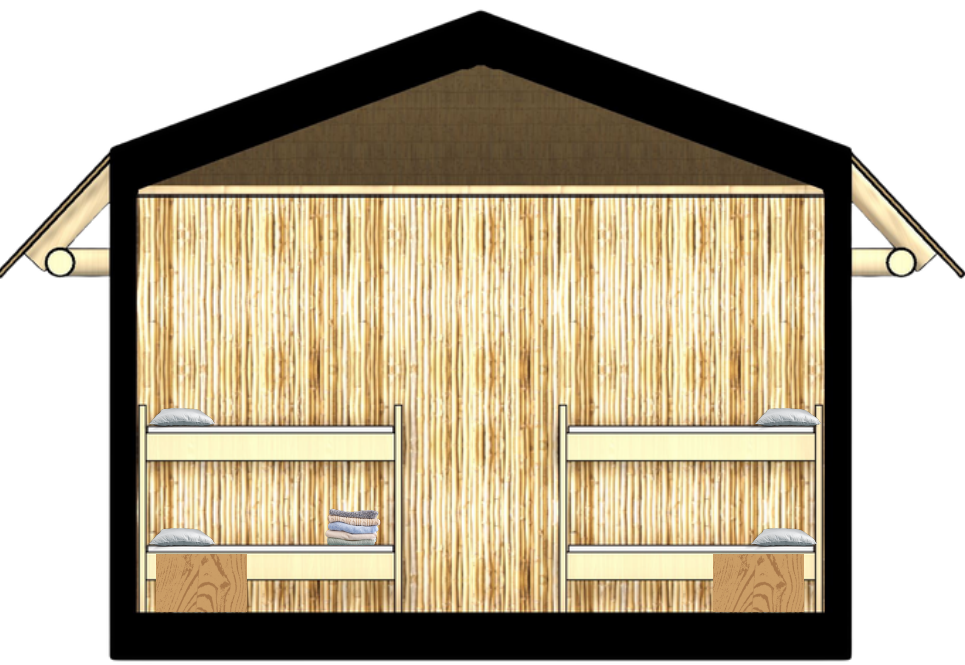
A family composed of two adults, three young children, and one elderly woman is attempting to travel from Caracas, Venezuela to Bogota, Columbia. Along their tiring on-foot journey, it is essential they find a **safe space** to rest and recuperate before returning to their demanding travel. Fleeing political hardship and seeking economic opportunity, this family has struggled with **poverty, homesickness, fatigue**, and much more. By resting for as long as needed at a shelter between the two locations, this family will have a much **safer** and more **comfortable** passage ahead.

## Floor Plan: 1/4" - 1'0"

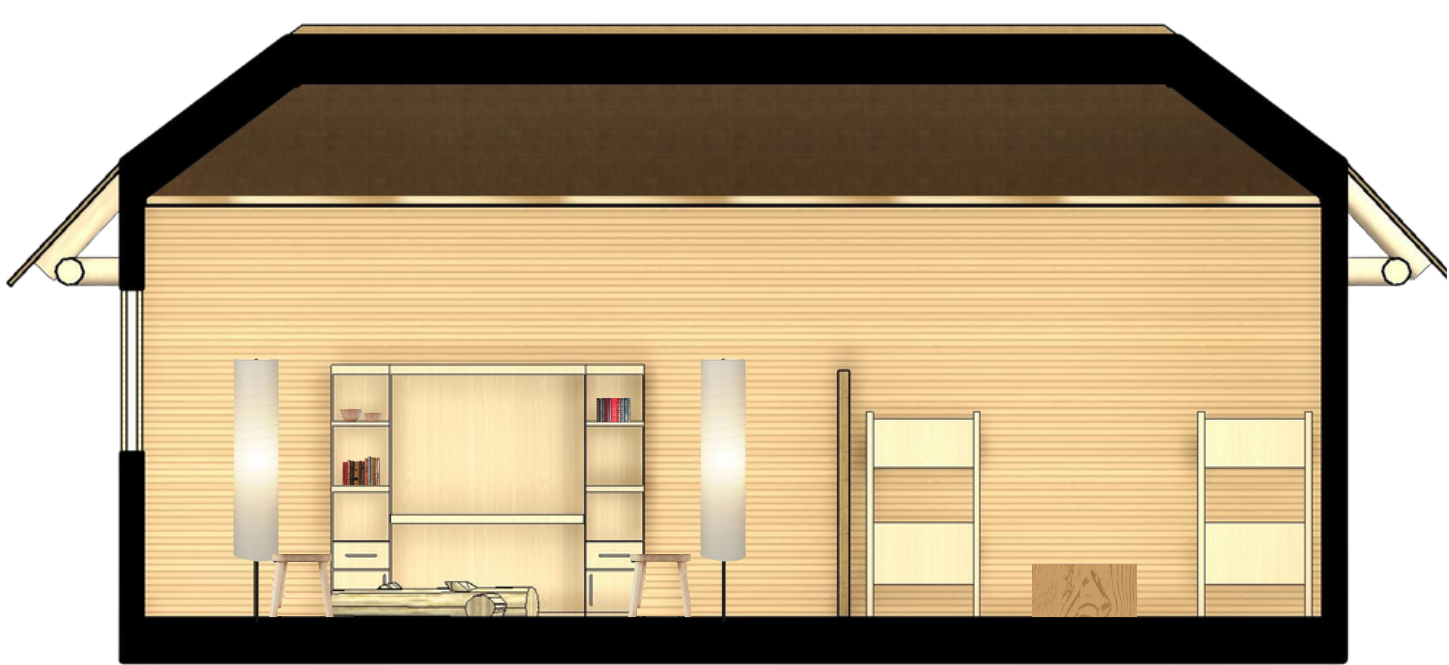


- 01. Custom Fold Down Table
- 02. Paper Lantern Floor Lamps
- 03. Bamboo Partitions
- 04. Wooden / Rattan Side Tables
- 05. Custom Stackable Bunk Beds
- 06. Wooden Stools
- 07. Wooden Pallets Found On Site
- 08. Custom Shelving Units

## West Section: 1/4" - 1'0"



## North Section: 1/4" - 1'0"



## Community

### Culture

With art playing a large role in Venezuelan culture, the concrete has been painted by the refugees to add their own personality to their new temporary home. Having a lot of space in the home to accommodate large families is another key aspect of the refugee center design.

### Refugee Center

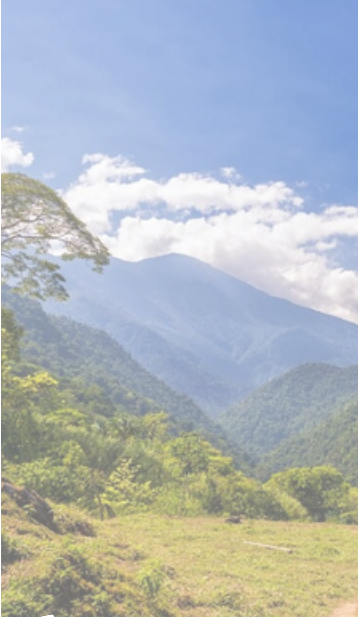
The refugees will be provided with community restrooms, showers, kitchens, and water stations. There are public gardens located around the refugee center along with solar panels to source sustainable electricity.

## Overall Perspective



## Location

Placed south of the Columbian border and **north of Bogota**, Comunidad De Paz will be a **sanctuary** for refugees traveling from Venezuela to Columbia.



## Design Concept Statement

This refugee center provides a **secure environment** for a large family during their on-foot travel across the Venezuelan-Columbian border. Placed south of the Columbian border and north of Bogota, Columbia's **safe haven**, this destination offers a comfortable resting stop for families to recover from the harsh demands of travel. With an **inclusive, friendly, and welcoming** design, this space accommodates people of all ages and abilities. By incorporating **dynamic construction** and a **flexible interior**, this interior design offers options for families to build a unique home to best fit their comfortability and needs.



## Dining Perspective



## Materials

### Bamboo Roof and Framing

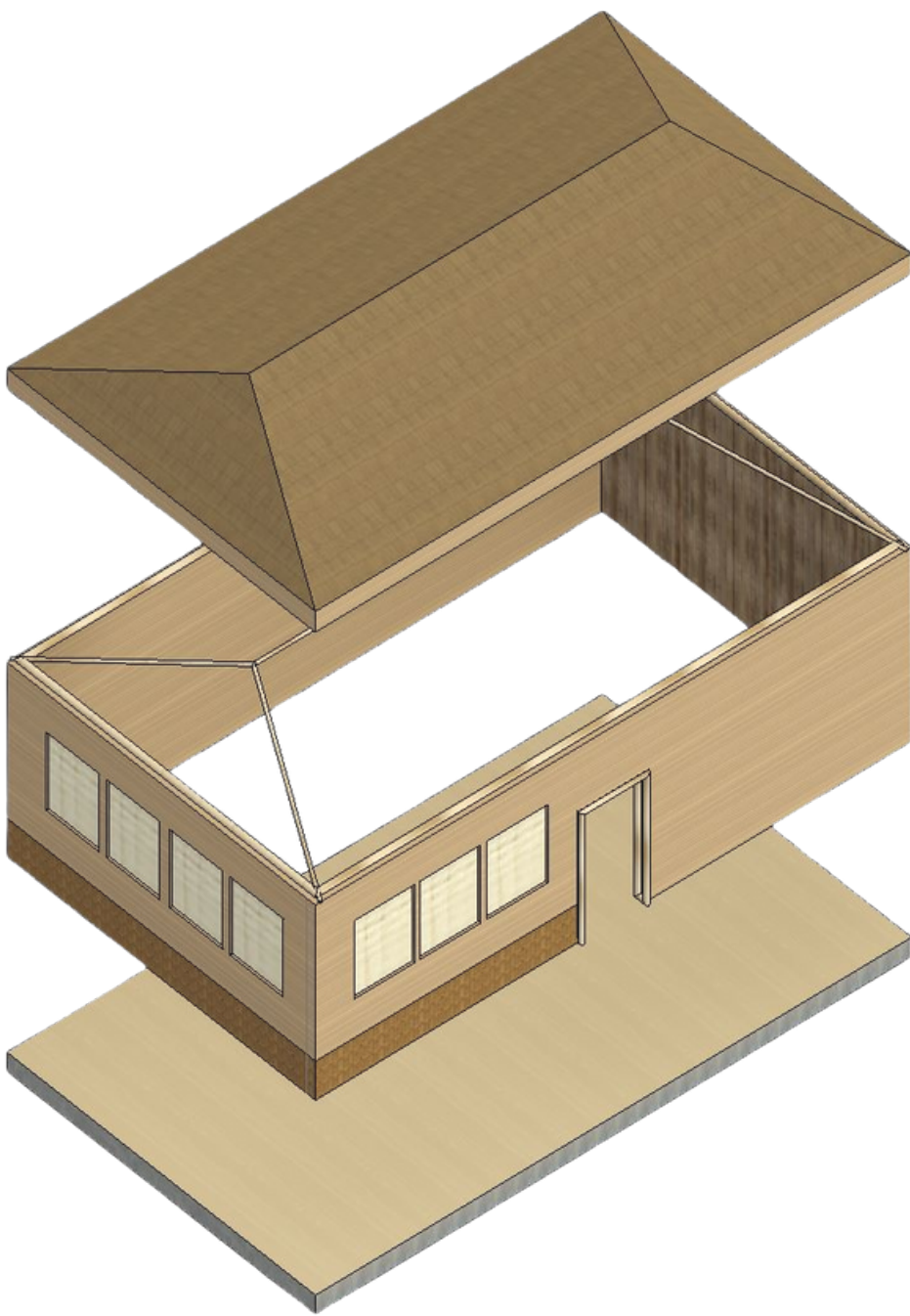
Columbia has the second-highest woody bamboo diversity in Latin America. It has a robust structure and tensile strength.

### Columbian Oak Walls

Oak trees grow across the Columbian Andes. Oak is highly durable, easy to work with, and has a natural finish.

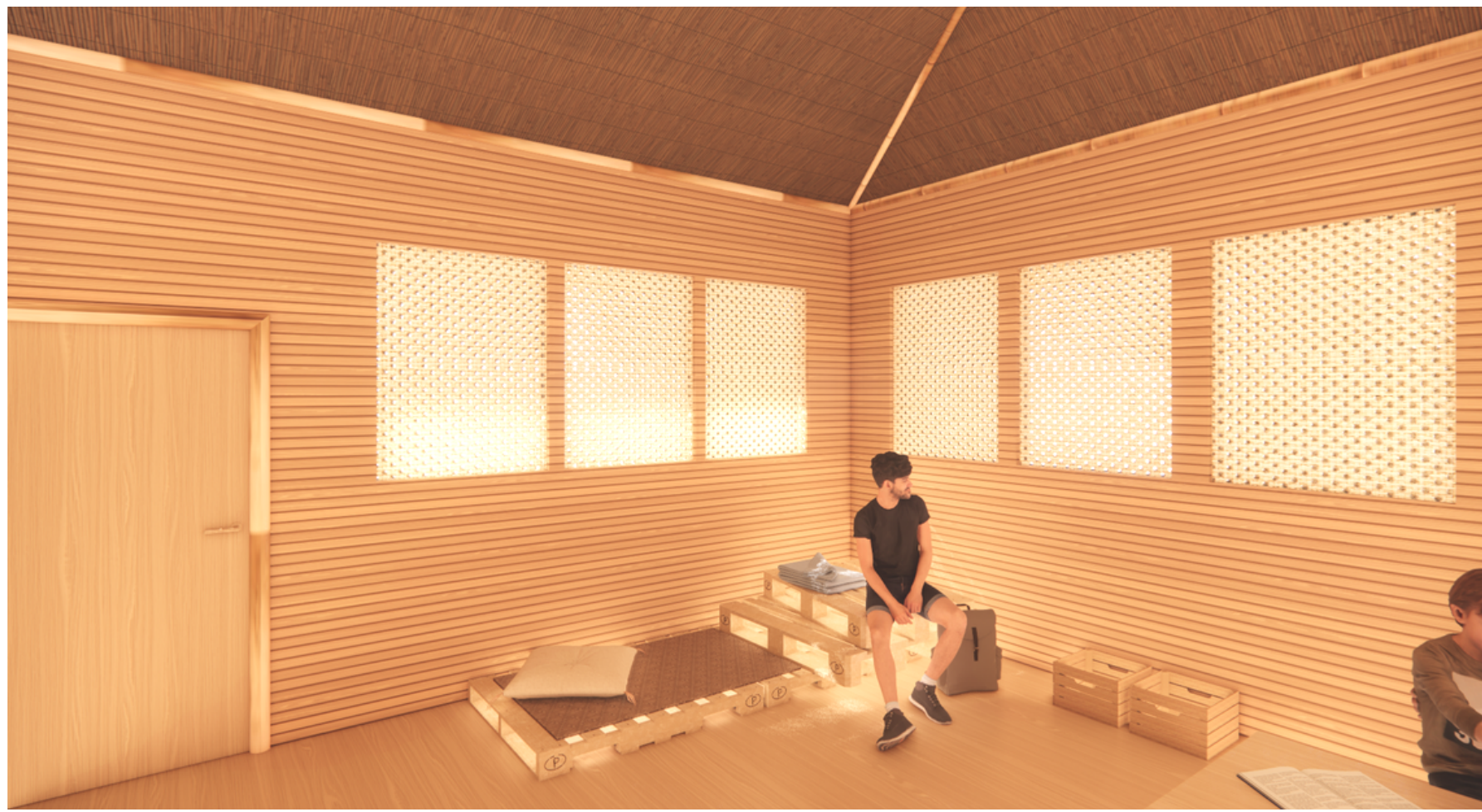
### Columbian Mahogany Floors

Mahogany can be found in areas north of Santander, Santa Marta, and Uraba. These trees grow up to forty five meters tall providing wood to make buildings, furniture, and boats.



- Bamboo Walls
- Bamboo Partitions
- Rattan Windows
- Rattan Siding
- Mahogany Floors
- Oak Wall Panels

## Entrance Perspective



## Sleeping Area Perspective

