Knowledge Transfer and Adobe Block

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Order of Presentation

- What is Knowledge Transfer
- Adobe Solutions
- Summary
Knowledge Transfer

Long Term Influence

WITHOUT

Continued Outside Influence

Undeveloped Countries

AND

Rural Areas

Sounds Simple

But is it ??
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Culture
(not Western)

BUILD RELATIONSHIP

OUR RULES DO NOT APPLY

NEED TIME TO DISCOVER AND LEARN THEIR RULES
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Local Resources
(not Western)

Unmilled Branches for Shoring

Adobe is Baked in Ovens
( enough heat ??)
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Skill Sets
(not Western)

- Hand Labor
- No Heavy Equipment
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BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
DETERMINE RESOURCES
DETERMINE SKILL SETS

THEN
BEGIN
HELPING

ADOBE
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Kenya

Rural Orphanage for Child of AIDS Pandemic
(Nymbani)
Marauding Tribes Break in with Sledgehammers

HELP
Create a Wall System that will take much longer for penetrate.

BUT
Wall to be tested at Cal Poly using resources of Kenya
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Make Adobe as Made In Kenya

- Use resources of Kenya (dirt, water, cement, sand)
- Use skill set of Kenya (Freshman)
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Use Wall System that can be Repeated without Continued Outside Influence

- Double wall with energy dissipating material (SAND)

Single Wall: 9 Swings and Back of Wall Explodes Out
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Double Wall: 139 Swings and have to Dig through Wall
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Current Effort

DURABILITY of ADOBE
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DURABILITY of ADOBE

ISSUES

Rains Erode the Adobe
Average Building last 10 years

Curing of Adobe is not of High Enough Heat

Adding Cement is Expensive

Western Solution of Asphalt Emulsifiers is NOT local resource
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DURABILITY of ADOBE

ISSUES

Studying

LIME to augment Adobe
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Can we take our Technology and “REVERSE” Engineer in THEIR TERMS?
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What is Your Goal?

Short Term Immediate Help?

Long Term Lasting Affects?

Each has its Challenges and Rewards

Thank You