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DIPLOMA IN ARCHITECTURE IN 1996 (6 years degree)

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE OF OPORTO'S UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS/ CONSULTANCIES

ARCHITECT COORDINATOR in "UMA arkitetura, Unipessoal, Lda."

2014

COMMUNITY CENTRE/ NGO OFFICE - "EMPREZA DIAK"

Atauro, East Timor

Empreza Diak, a Timorese NGO works to enhance community businesses aiming to empower and support their sustained development. In the remote island of Atauro, they developed a community centre to host different livelihood and businesses led by the community, and an office space for NGO and Community Based Organizations.

My role was to design the community centre taking into consideration the very limited budget, the difficult access, the limited construction capacity, locally available materials and labour, the climatic conditions, the cultural preferences for spatial use and construction materials, as well as the capacity for care and maintenance by the local community.

INFRASTRUTURE QUALITY SUPERVISOR in "Save the Children"

2011

DRR IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

East Timor

Save the Children's DRR program included a component to rehabilitate and upgrade existing schools in order to make them safer, child friendly and promote the community's resilience. The project included both the rehabilitation of existing buildings and the design of a new model.

Under my responsibility/ orientation, there was a large range of activities developed within this program, such as:

Detailed assessment, data management and analysis on each school's conditions;

The definition of a strategy of intervention, considering the limited budget, available materials, construction capacity and access to construction sites; Training of local staff, providing them DRR guidelines combined with child friendly solutions;

And the design of a new prototype building for pre-primary schools including the preparation of its construction documents

ARCHITECT COORDINATOR, World Bank consultant in Ministry of Education of East Timor

2008-2009

TEACHER TRAINNING CENTER - PRELIMINARY PHASE DESIGN

Dili, East Timor

In order to train their teachers within their own country, instead of sending them abroad, the Ministry of Education of East-Timor decided to create a Teacher Training Centre in Dili, located in existing ruins of a previous education area.

As the lead Architect of this project, my responsibilities included the definition of its program, the coordination of the surveying of the site and existing buildings, refurbishment proposals, new buildings design, and the elaboration of its master plan. All these tasks entailed close coordination with Ministry of Education officials and engineers.

ARCHITECT COORDINATOR, World Bank consultant in Ministry of Education of East Timor

2002-2003

FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL QUALITY PROJECT - 65 PRIMARY SCHOOLS

East Timor

In the year of 2002, the Construction Management Unit of the Ministry of Education in East Timor, with the support of World Bank, implemented the FSQP (Fundamental School Quality Project), in response to the need to develop a more efficient design of school infrastructures.

My role, as Architecture coordinator for the elementary schools' projects, covered a large range of tasks and responsibilities: sites analysis, existing buildings assessment, new prototype building's design, refurbishment methodologies and provision of all construction drawings. This role also entailed the capacity building of local colleagues.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECT CONSULTANT in "Slyngstad Aamlid Arkitekter"

2006

MASTER PLAN - ULSTEIN GROUP INDUSTRIAL PARK AND SHIPYARD

Ulsteinvik, Norway

Ulstein Group leads the market of building freighters in Norway. In view of the company's expansion, a master plan was commissioned to the Slyngstad Aamlid architectural firm.

My assignment as International Architect Consultant was to develop a proposal for the master plan, which included a new road system and the definition of new building typologies, aiming to promote the new site and make it appealing to new investors.

TEAM LEADER OF URBAN SURVEYS in "Quaternaire Portugal SA"

2004-2006

URBAN DEVELOPMENT - EAST AND WEST LISBON AREAS

Lisbon, Portugal

My role as team leader entailed the overall coordination of the urban surveys and the drafting of urban design proposals and strategic plans for the rehabilitation of specific urban areas in the East and West of Lisbon. In particular, it involved the setting up of the team, coordinating all survey related activities ranging from design of surveys, methodology, data collection and analysis and drafting the report; as well as the close coordination with other sectorial experts, municipal authorities and the client in the drafting of the urban design proposals and the multi-sectoral strategic plans.

TEAM LEADER OF URBAN SURVEYS in "Quaternaire Portugal SA"

1999-2001

OPORTO'S DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Oporto, Portugal

In 2001, Oporto was European capital of Culture and the municipality seized this opportunity to rehabilitate the old part of the city.

Quaternaire Portugal was responsible to provide a detailed survey of this area, comprehending its buildings' typologies, functions, and needs of intervention. My role, as leader of the survey teams, was to ensure and provide a detailed and comprehensive set of data, which informed the proposals of intervention for the rehabilitation of the assessed buildings and surrounding public space.

ARCHITECT FOUNDER AND CO-AUTHOR in "João Figueira & Associados, Lda"

1996-2002

DESING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW VILLAGE - NOVA ALDEIA DA LUZ

Mourão, Portugal

"João Figueira & Associados" was founded following the award of the 1st prize in the International Public Competition for the Project of the Nova Aldeia da

This Project, with a budget of 25millions of euros, aimed to relocate an existing village (with 500 inhabitants), which would be flooded by the construction of a dam. It comprehended the design of a new village, its urban plan, new infrastructures and 215 houses.

As co-author of this project my role entailed a large range of responsibilities, such as, the identification of the needs of each beneficiary, the definition of a strategy for an equitable plan, the design process, coordination with the engineering teams, and supervision of construction works. The process included the coordination of a multi sectoral team which included local authorities, engineers with different expertise, environmental experts, sociologists, anthropologists, archaeologists, urban planners, lawyers, and in particular community committees who participated in the decision making throughout the process.

ARCHITECTURE PROJECTS/ PRIVATE PRACTICE

As an Architect working in various countries and nearly 20 years of practice, I have developed design projects and proposals, supervised construction works and coordinated with multiple stakeholders the construction and rehabilitation of a range of buildings, including single and multi-family houses (13), public buildings and public infrastructure, interior design of apartments (4) and corporate offices (6), shops (23), restauration and hospitality businesses.

COLLABORATIONS

INTERNSHIP, at Architect Santiago Calatrava's office1995LISBON TRAIN/ SUBWAY STATION – "GARE DO ORIENTE"Lisbon, PortugalPUBLIC STADIUM OF MARSEILLE – INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONMarseille, FranceINTERNSHIP, at Architect Manuel Fernandes de Sá1994SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK OF OPORTO – MASTER PLANVila da Feira, Portugal

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT FOR "NOVA ALDEIA DA LUZ"

II LUSO SPANISH MEETING, promoted by Duques de Soria Foundation	Salamanca, Spain - 1998
YOUNG ARCHITECTS IN DEBATE, "Serpa's Meetings"	Serpa, Portugal - 1998
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE OF PARIS BELLEVILLE, with "Instituto de Camões"	Paris, France - 1997

PUBLICATIONS

PRIZE ATRIBUTTION FOR THE PROJECT "NOVA ALDEIA DA LUZ"

"JORNAL DOS ARQUITECTOS, Nº168/169, APP/97 EDITIONS"

Portugal - 1997

LANGUAGES

PORTUGUESE – Mother Tongue | ENGLISH – Fluent | FRENCH - Good

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Autocad, Autodesk World (Geographic Information System), Access (data base software), Excel and Word – Proficient.