

The use of rice bark to make adobes : the experience of the Hope and Life Project (PEVI-Projeto Esperança e Vida), a social project in São José do Rio Pardo-SP, Brazil.

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The objective of this presentation is to show the beginning of this project that involves community people participation, specially alcohol and drug addicted ones under treatment at PEVI Project (*Projeto Esperança e Vida*), an entity without lucrative purposes that develops volunteer work for the rehabilitation of addicted people in the city of São José do Rio Pardo, in the countryside area of the state of São Paulo, Brazil.

The first part of the project consists in presenting adobe as a building material that can be produced by collective volunteer work. Forward, there were made workshops of awareness and engagement of the community under treatment, in order to create a productive system.

The option for the rice bark and also cattle manure, it's because great volume of these materials are thrown away by two companies of rice processing in the neighborhood of the project, in rural area.

Simultaneously with the beginning of the adobes production to be used at PEVI installations (first step) and after for its commercialization (second step), when the characteristics of the produced material will be verified (tested) in its resistance, water absorption and humidity. There will be also tested (evaluation) on the durability and the ideal amount of diary production for commercialization.

A standard-PEVI-nucleus must be built to serve as a reference for the local communities and for the possible adobe buyers. The intention is that this project could be recognized as a reference of collective sustainable volunteer group work, and therefore, also for the rescue of citizenship to low-income populations, by showing how people life's can be changed by given correct opportunities.

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