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International cooperation is an expression of solidarity between human beings. Through collaboration among countries, societies, and communities, we seek to improve the lives of those who suffer the consequences of poverty, violence, or displacement.

The fractures of history, along with the political and economic decisions we have made, have shaped a world in which prosperity and development coexist with misery and conflict. However, they do so in very different spaces and, often, distant ones within our common home: this small planet.

While millions of people across five continents raise their voices and work for a fairer and more egalitarian world, cooperation projects attempt to respond to the needs that the struggle for survival and dignity poses to hundreds of millions of men and women, both within and outside our borders.

In Spain, a network of professionals and organizations, backed by public and private funding, collaborate with communities and institutions worldwide to address urgent challenges, such as access to decent housing and basic services, which the current reality still denies to a large part of humanity.

This exhibition seeks to give visibility to some of those projects, the result of dialogue between architects, cooperation technicians, and communities committed to improving their living conditions, often in contexts of extreme difficulty. International cooperation is not an act of generosity from wealthy countries, but a call to the conscience of those who believe in the essential dignity of the human being. An unequal and violent world is a tragedy for humanity. Cooperation projects allow millions of families to live with dignity, but they cannot transform the world on their own: the challenge belongs to each of us.