



# The Nubian Vault: a solution for sustainable buildings in West Africa

### Introduction



THE PROGRAMME OF AVN
AND ITS PARTNERS

The urgent need for scaling up

ADAPTATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR IN THE SAHEL

A major challenge!



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NV MARKET

An adapted methodological response

### THE NUBIAN VAULT (NV) TECHNICAL CONCEPT

A robust and adapted
African architectural
alternative



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The market must be the main vector for disseminating a technical proposal that is adapted, functional and verified with:

- **Training & support of a production sector** (apprentices, masons, artisans, entrepreneurs, technicians)
- \*Awareness raising and accompaniment of different client groups (rural & urban private and public)
- Mobilisation of all stakeholders within a business environment favouring market growth

This methodology must be transferable to local actors (civil society development actors) who will deploy it in their territories (efficiency gains and ownership by beneficiaries).



International development funds must be mobilized over the long term to enable this methodology to be put in place and to be deployed geographically.



Other financing tools have to be proposed and mobilized to secure, grow and sustain the eco-construction market: microfinance, bank loans, Adaptation funds, carbon offsetting, etc.

### Strengthen the market with "adaptation" and "mitigation" incentives

- Financial incentives encourage uptake of the NV concept: the leverage effect of such incentives for rural clients has been clearly demonstrated.
- Providing an incentive of around 15 20 % of the total cost of a NV is often enough to allow many rural clients the chance to undertake an eco-construction project.



Example of Green Fund financing

Legitime support to populations of the Sahel in taking decisions and implementing projects of adapted construction.

Example of "Carbon offset" financing

between rural Sahelian families (able to offer mitigation of greenhouse gases by their construction methods and the decarbonisation of their homes) and the corporate, institutional, and individual stakeholders (wanting to invest in carbon offsetting products).

### Strengthen the market with appropriate banking or microfinance tools



### Example of the NV housing microcredit

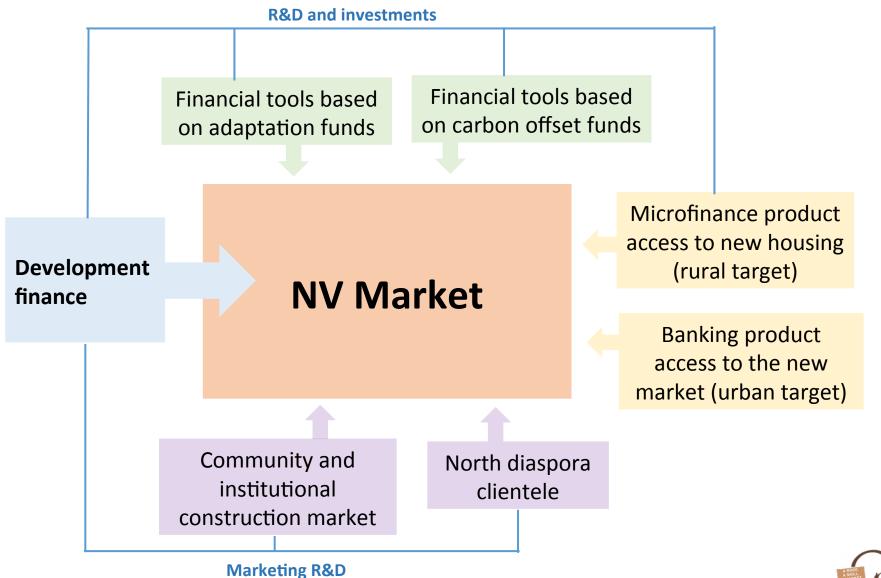
- very compatible with the NV business model
- allows rural populations access to new housing
- serves the interests of all stakeholders involved (MFIs, clients, artisans and ultimately, the AVN program itself

### Example of a "green home savings plan"

 allows access to the new market for urban targets



### Conclusion: complementarity between international development model and market business model







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