

Discussion Questions

1. How does Yasmeen Lari's shift from designing modern urban structures to developing low-cost, sustainable housing reflect broader questions about the social responsibility of architects and engineers?
2. Other regions in the world also experience devastating flooding. Do you think Lari's model could be replicated elsewhere? Why or why not? What might have to change?
3. What role do women play in Lari's rebuilding projects, and how does their participation challenge traditional gender roles in rural Pakistan?
4. Lari emphasizes local materials like bamboo, mud, and lime instead of imported concrete and steel. What advantages and limitations do localized, low-carbon building methods present for climate adaptation worldwide?
5. How can communities recovering from disasters balance immediate humanitarian needs with long-term goals of resilience, sustainability, and economic opportunity?