



construction in **Guinea-Bissau**

construction sector of Guinea-Bissau

- Is mainly informal as only a small number of local companies are present on the market.
- A political stability and new projects should attract international contractors, but at the moment, the large international companies have no local representatives in Guinea-Bissau given the political situation in the past years.



construction materials of Guinea-Bissau

-Cement

-the cement market in Guinea-Bissau is estimated between 60 and 100 thousand tons per year.

-Part of the cement is imported from Senegal.

-A project for the construction of a cement plant is currently considered by Spanish investors.

-It would be hard to work cement on site, but might work for small prefabricated pieces.

-The region counts with limestone and granite resources.



-In existing buildings, most of the construction materials are imported.

on site materials in Guinea-Bissau

-Bamboo

- Accessible material on site, many options.
- Does not require complex tools
- Creativity



-Loam

- Soil composed of sand, silt and clay in relatively even concentration (40-40-20%).
- The material used in walls help to control air humidity.
- Combined with straw, loam can be used to build rough walls
- Expanded metal and other metal sheet forms might be combined with loam to create stronger shapes. (Metal meshes: easy to transport and lightweight)



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