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PROPOSED DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE.**

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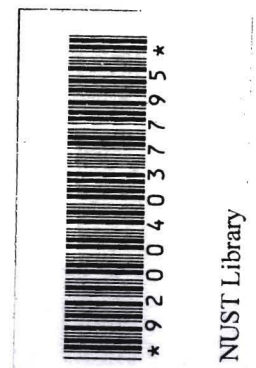
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ABSTRACT

Well designed buildings and places have the power to inspire us, to make us feel good about whom we are what we do, where we live and importantly they motivate us to achieve more for ourselves and for our communities.

There is a great need for the investigation on the relationship between built environments and local development and how such a relationship can be exploited in sub-Saharan countries facing huge challenges in developmental issues. There is a need to investigate whether local resources, be it human or material, have a place in the development of responsive built environments.

This study basically seeks to verify the above discourse firstly through a study into the theoretical principles regarding the link between built environments and local development. Upon establishing such a theoretical link, the research shall focus on how the principles and concepts of this relationship may be used to generate region responsive architecture guarantying localized development, in the Zimbabwean context such a built environment can be translated as a disaster management centre.