

**IPRO 362**

# **M.O.R.E. Life**

[ **M**obile **O**perating **R**oom **E**ngineering ]

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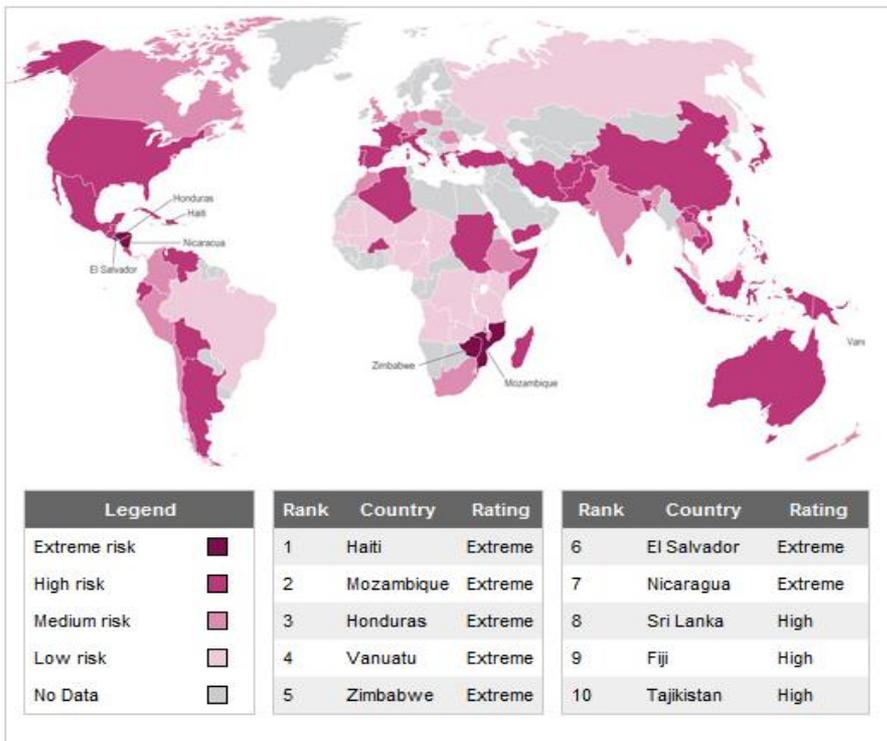
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# Natural Disasters Worldwide

Source: "Haiti and Mozambique Most Vulnerable to Economic Losses from Natural Disasters." *Development Workshop*.



*"...that the earth is currently experiencing approximately 500 natural disasters per year."*  
 -Natural News



Source: <http://www.internetphilippines.com/news/>

*"The number of natural disasters around the world has increased by more than four times in the last 20 years..."*  
 - Natural News

# The Problem

- **Current mobile operating rooms are:**
  - Too large for easy transportation through disaster areas
  - Not energy efficient
  - Very expensive
  - No filtration or sterility (not a good surgical environment)

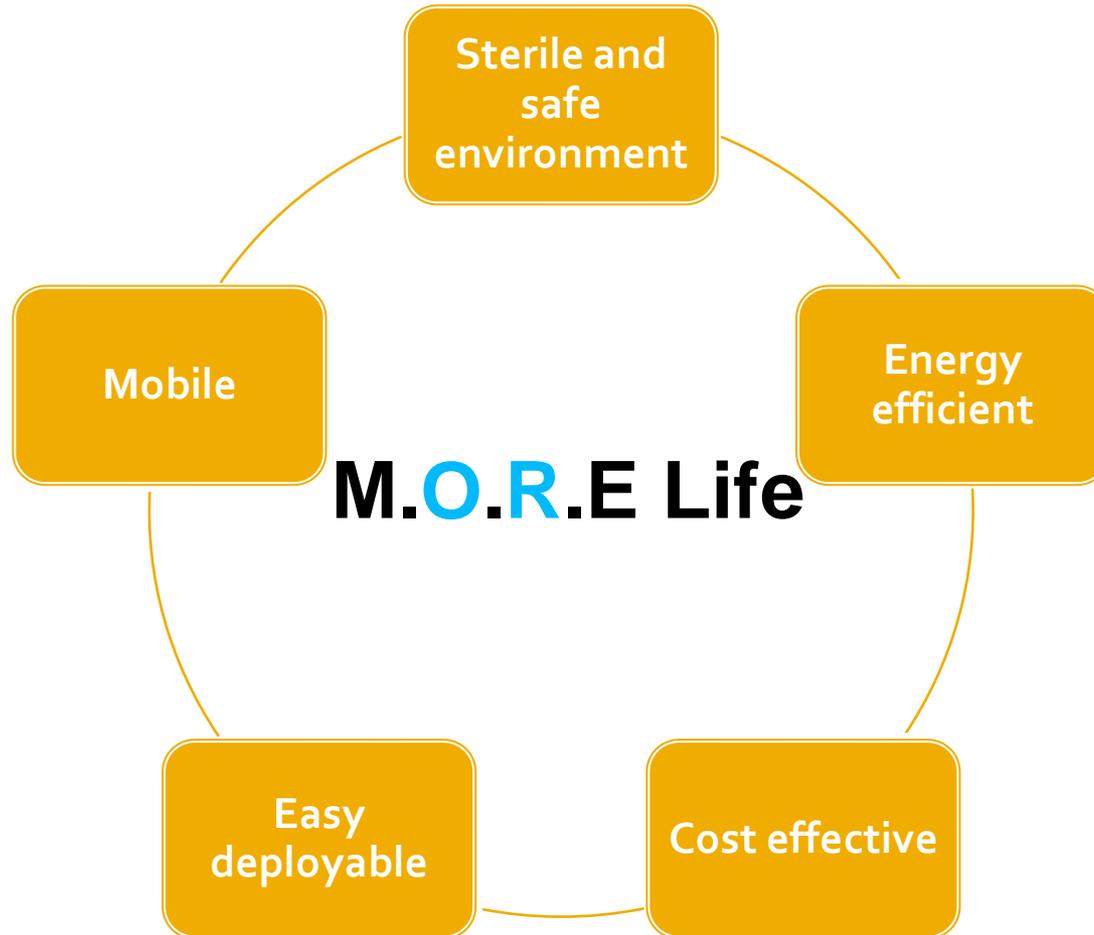


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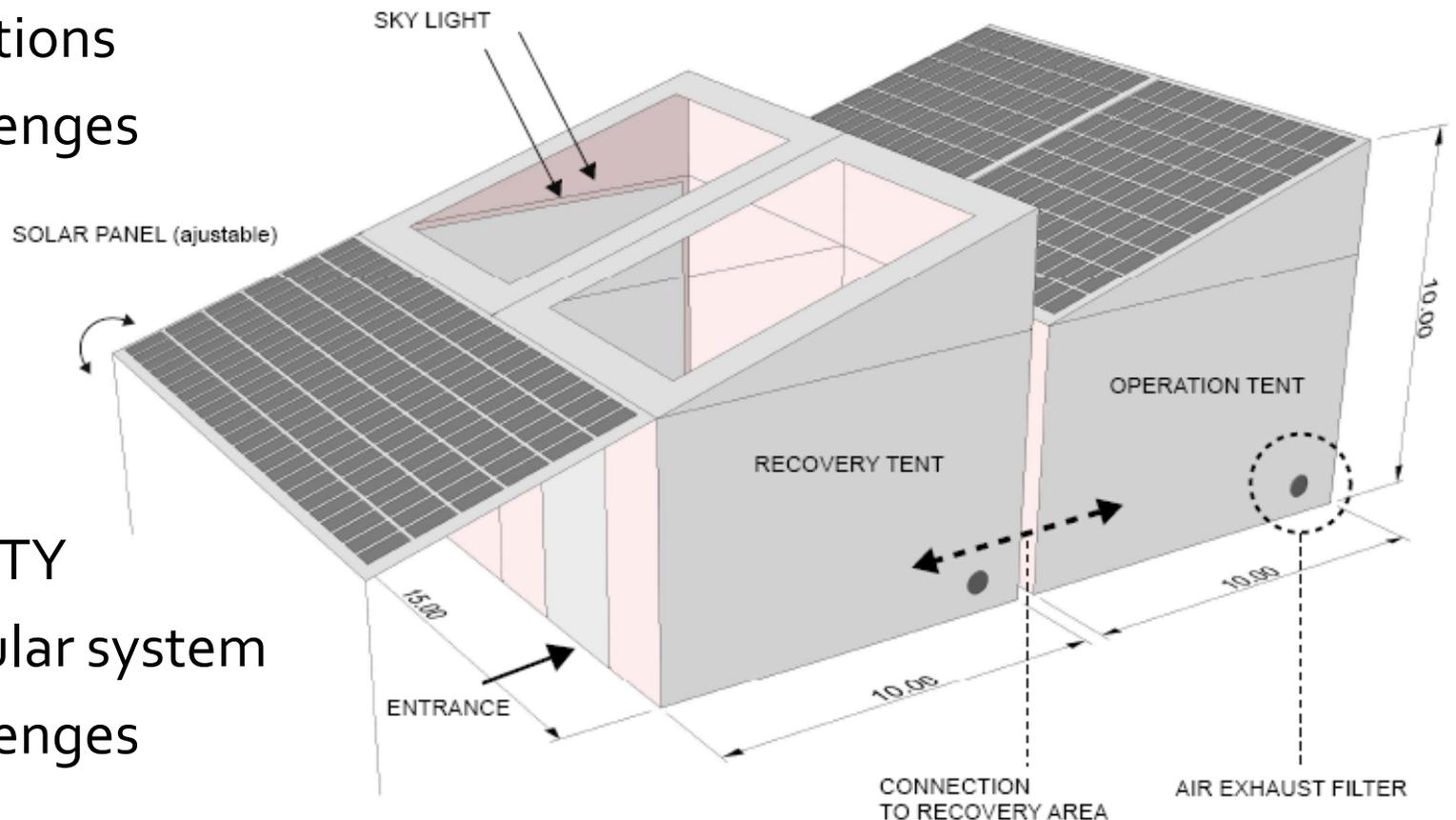
# Our Objective



# Approach: Mobility & Structure

- STRUCTURE

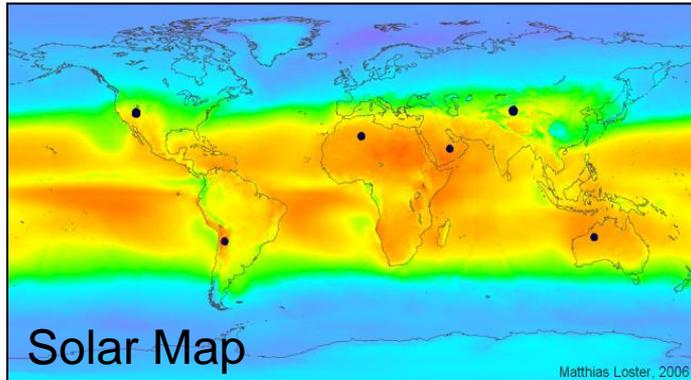
- 3 Sections
- Challenges



- MOBILITY

- Modular system
- Challenges

# Approach: Power & Equipment



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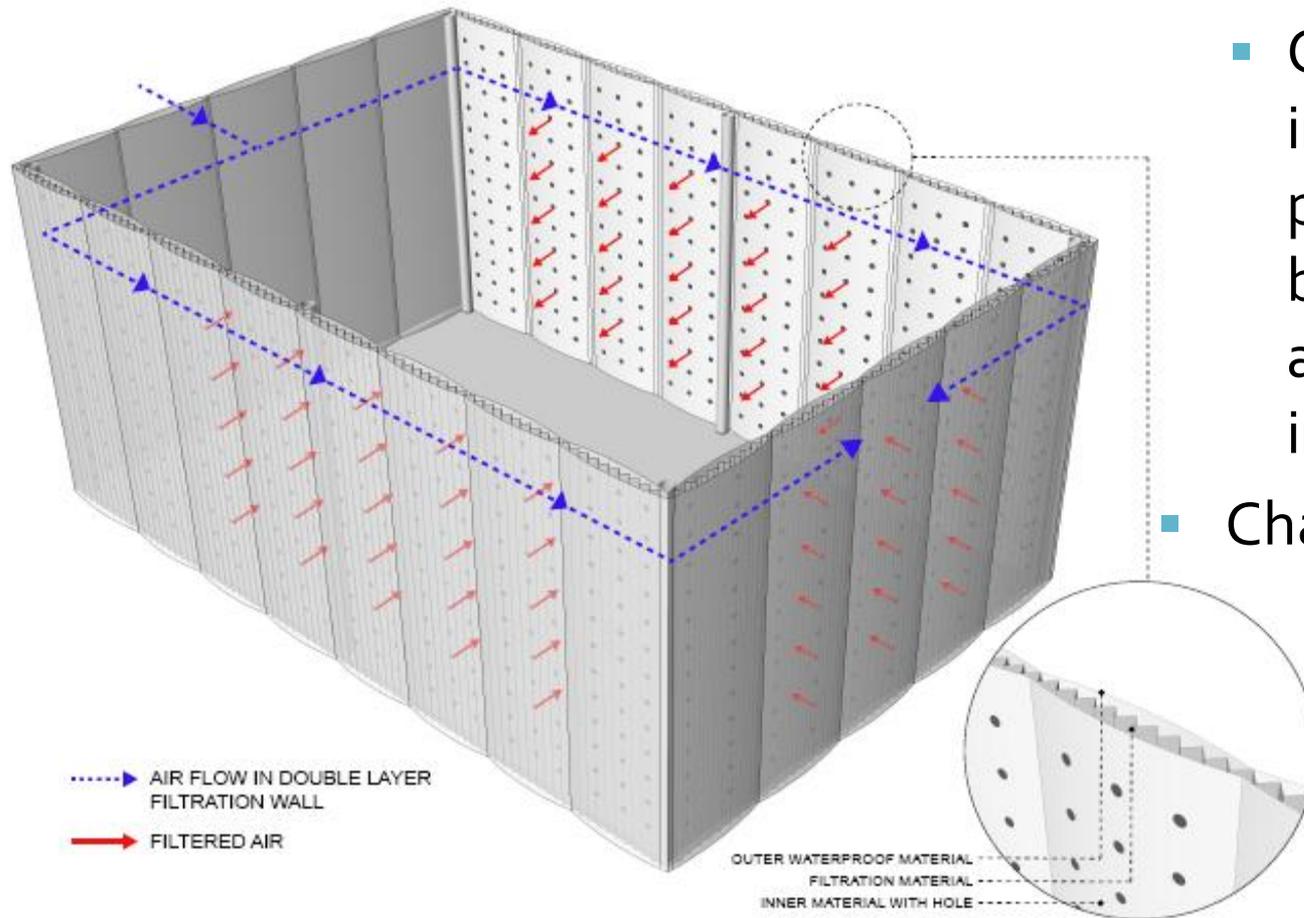
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- POWER
  - Solar panels
  - Batteries
  - Wind turbines made from local materials supplement solar power
  - Challenges
- AMMENITIES FOR STAFF
  - Minimal required surgical equipment
    - Portable versions
  - Challenges

# Approach: Air Filtration



- FILTRATION
  - Outer material solid, inner material perforated, filter in between, fan pushes air through filter and into tent
- Challenges

# Prototyping



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# Community Involvement

- Encourage involvement of the community post natural disaster event
- Promote awareness of incoming relief organizations and their plans
- Establish relationship with community prior to event for organization and preparedness (employment opportunities)
- Improve communication and overcome language barrier using pictures for instruction



Source: <http://www.life.com/image/81578682>

# Conclusion

- Goal for the semester
  - Make at least one full prototype and send to Uganda for testing
    - Receive feedback on areas needing improvement
    - Learn how people will interact with the system
- Goal for the future
  - Make these mobile operating rooms available to relief organizations for immediate care response after a natural disaster

Source: Getty Images by Liu Jin

**MOBILITY  
MODULARITY  
STERILIZATION**  
in disaster area

