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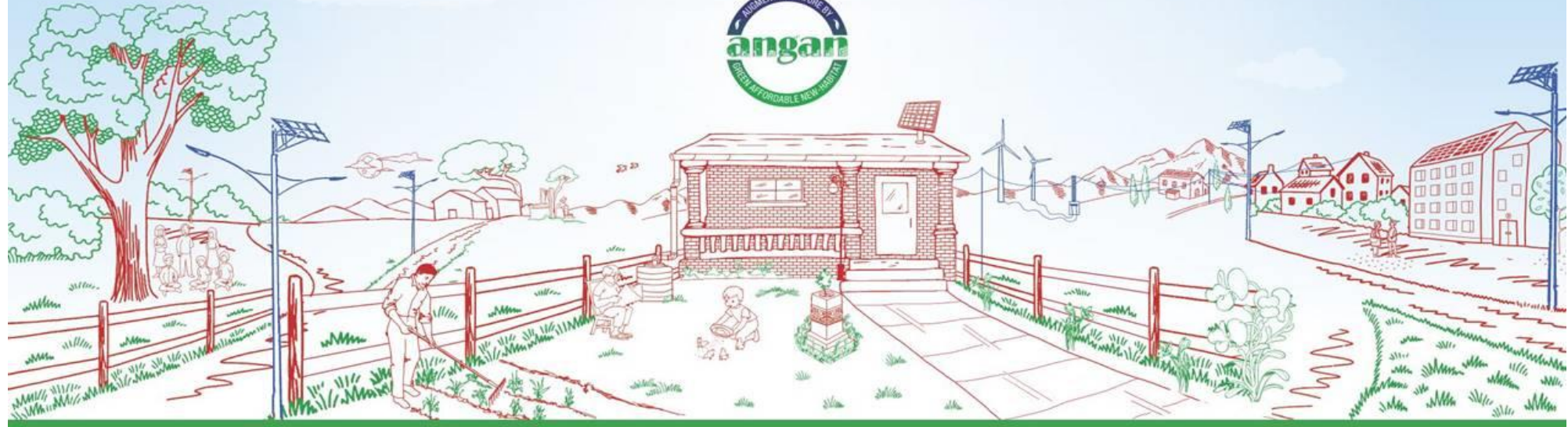
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Intersections of building energy efficiency and health and wellbeing

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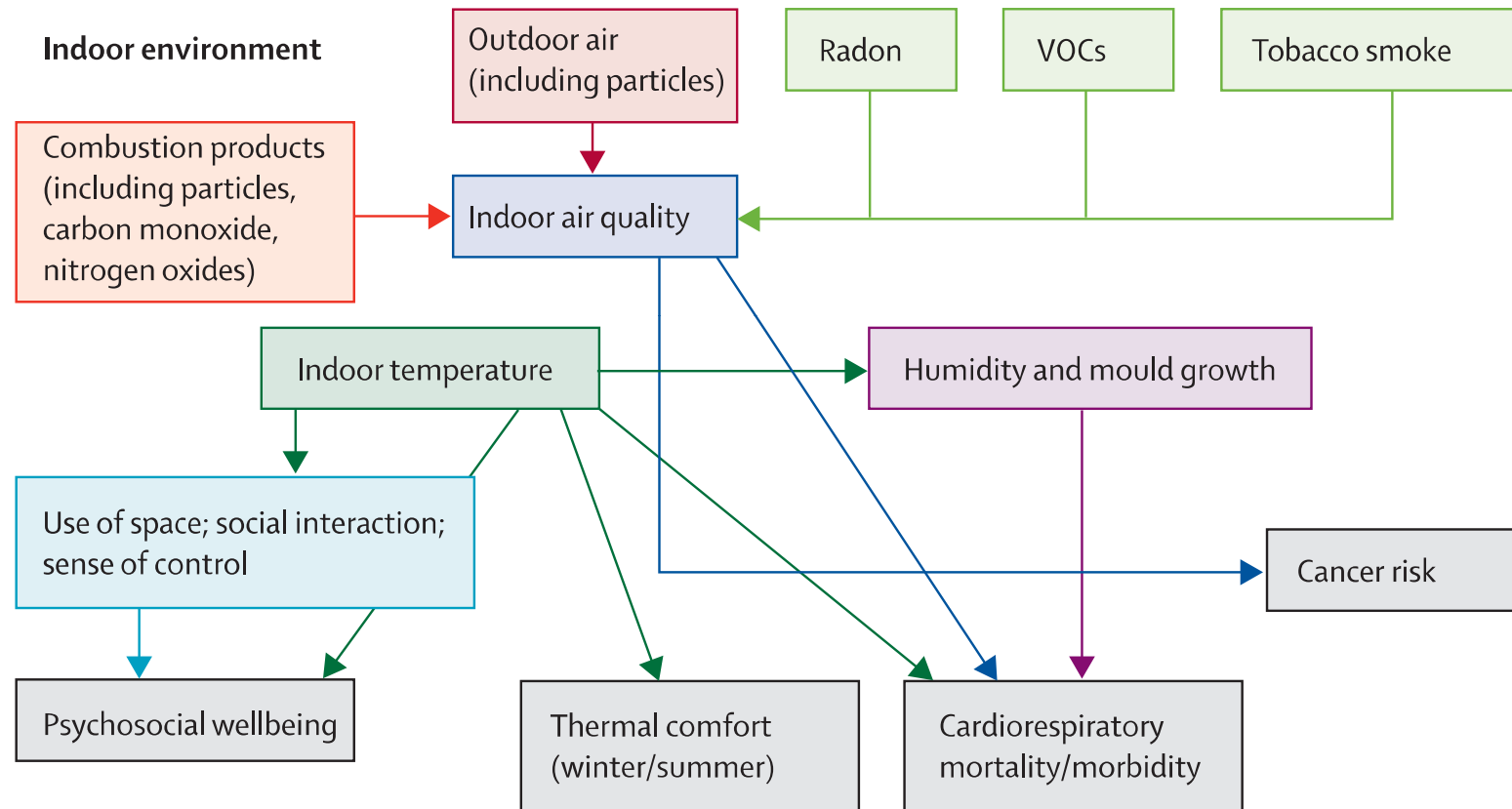
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Buildings quality and health

Connections between building quality, energy and health



Air pollution and health

Worldwide premature **deaths due to pollution were estimated to be 9 million** in 2015 (16% of the total) with the majority of this burden falling on low to upper middle income countries.

Two thirds of this burden is related to air pollution.



Air pollution and health

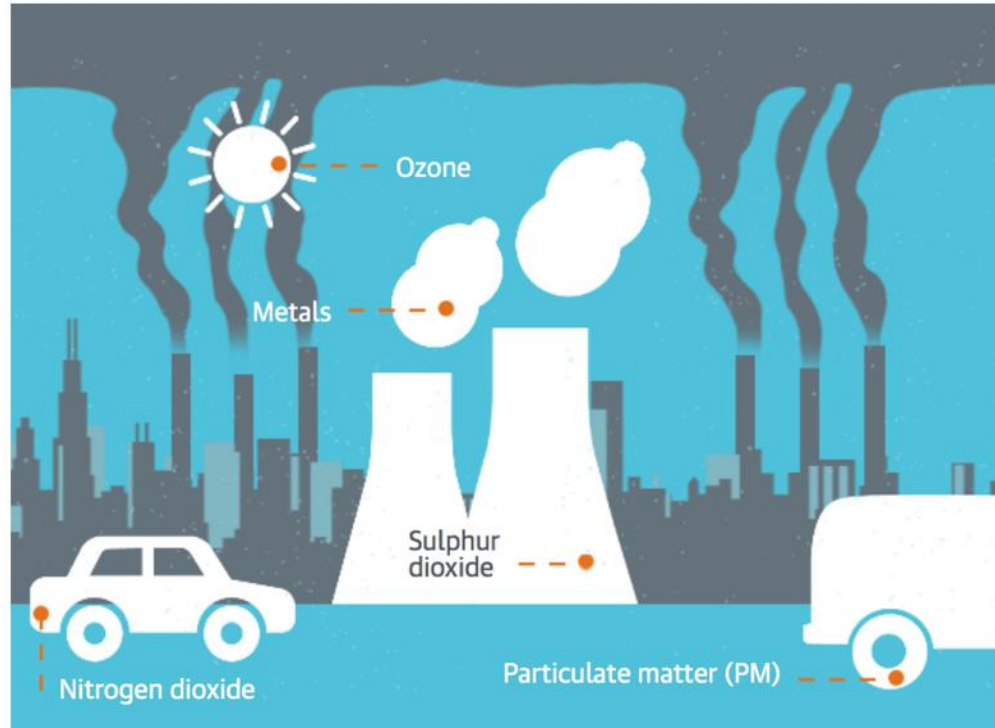
The evidence for adverse effects of urban air pollution clearly shows that **particle pollution in particular is responsible for a large global burden of mortality and morbidity.**

Transport of air masses means that air pollution is not a uniquely urban problem, but it is **predominantly urban because of the density of traffic and stationary sources** in cities.

Street canyons and other buildings in cities can also affect dispersal of pollutants and, thus, local pollutant concentrations.



Air pollution and health



RCP, 2016

Sulphur dioxide



From the burning of fossil fuels, mostly power stations.

Nitrogen dioxide



Highest levels found close to road traffic or indoor gas cookers.

Ozone (ground-level)



Caused by chemical reactions between natural, traffic and industrial pollution in strong sunlight.

Particulate matter (PM)



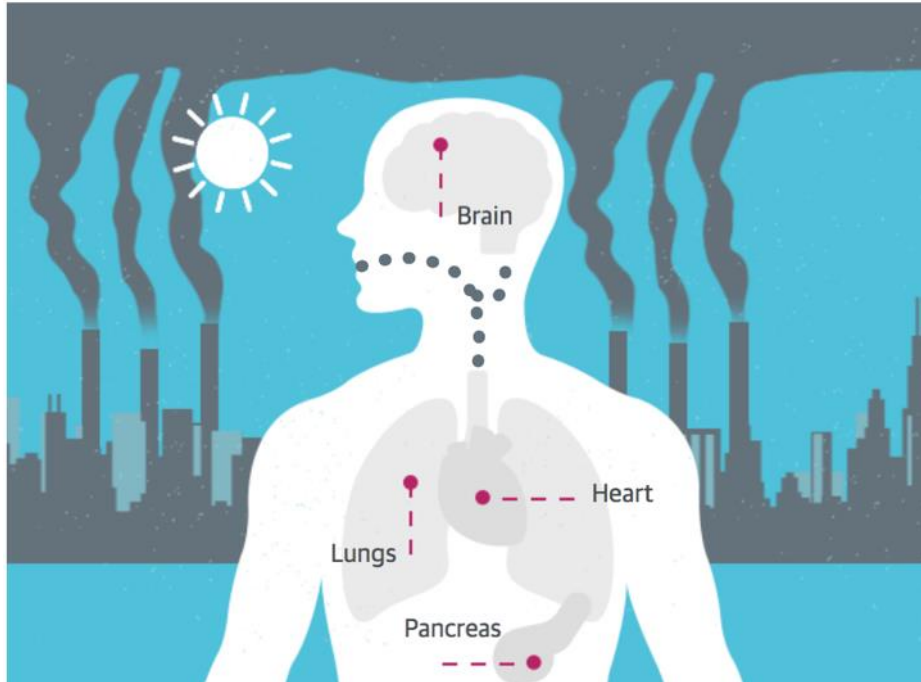
Solid particles or liquid droplets in the air, primarily from road traffic. When smaller than 2.5 micrometers (that's 60 times thinner than a human hair), they are known as PM2.5. Larger particles, which could be dirt or dust stirred up from vehicles are known as PM10.

Metals, including lead, mercury, arsenic



Less of a problem in some countries due to controls on emissions. Iron and steel sectors dominate lead emissions, while disposal of treated wood by burning is source of arsenic.

Air pollution and health



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Lungs



Suppresses normal lung growth in children. Accelerates lung function decline or an ageing lung in adults and a known cause of lung cancer. Also linked to onset of asthma.

Pancreas



Linked to onset of type 2 diabetes in adults.

Heart



Linked to the development of cardiovascular diseases, such as a stroke and heart disease, including atherosclerosis (furring of the arteries). Can also exacerbate existing conditions.

Brain



Exposure of pregnant women found to affect fetal brain growth. Also impacts mental and physical development in children and cognition in adults.

Buildings quality and health

Buildings act as a modifier for health, exacerbating or protecting against exposure to thermal stresses and air pollution.

Indoor environmental quality

- Indoor air quality and exposure to internal & external pollutant sources
- Exposure to heat and cold

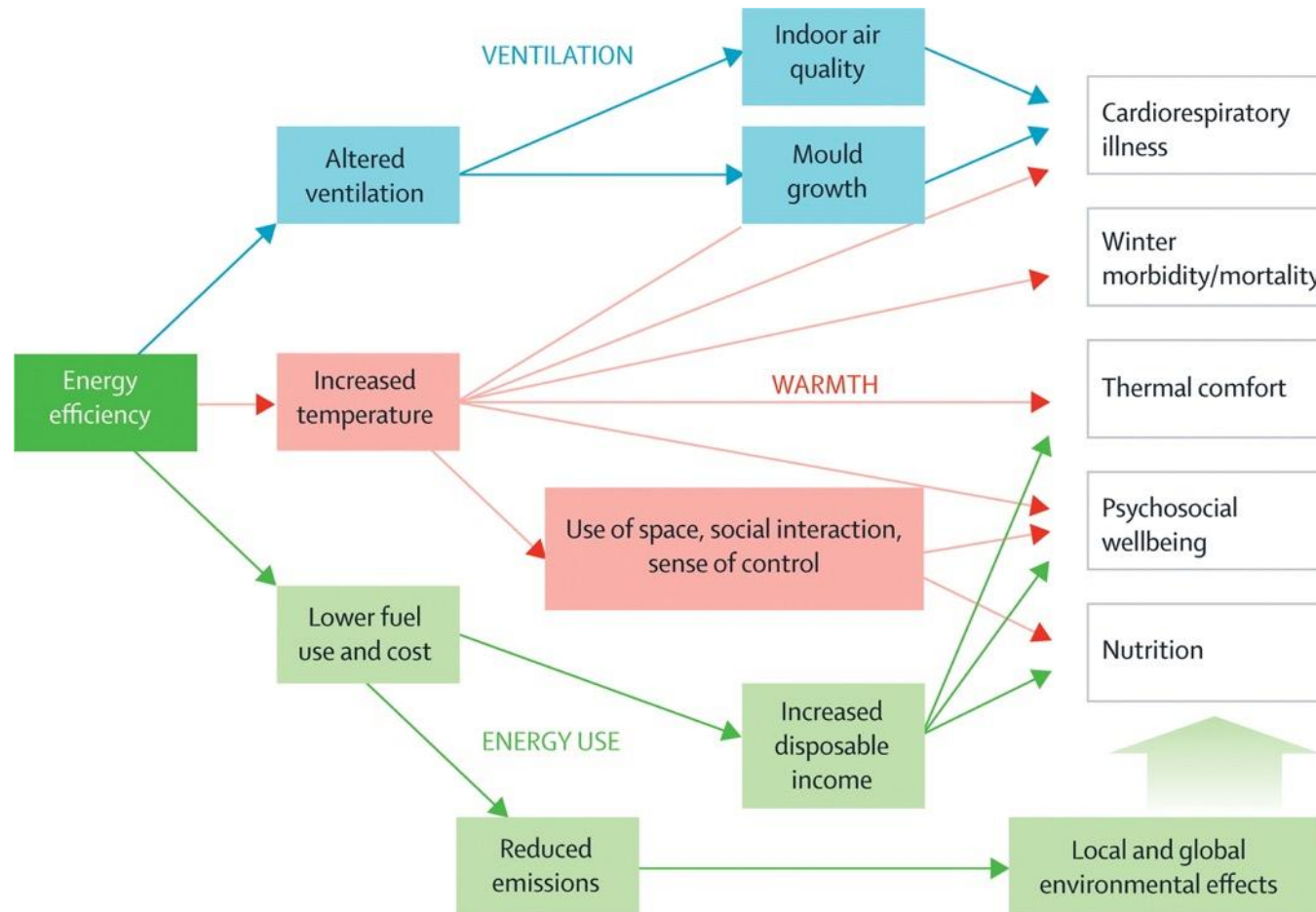
Energy use is a strong feature in modifying the indoor environment

- Energy for maintaining adequate indoor environment (ventilation, heating and cooling)

Population exposure to air pollution is typically evaluated using the outdoor concentration of pollutants and does not account for the fact that people spend a majority of their time indoors.

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Optihouse Project: Delhi



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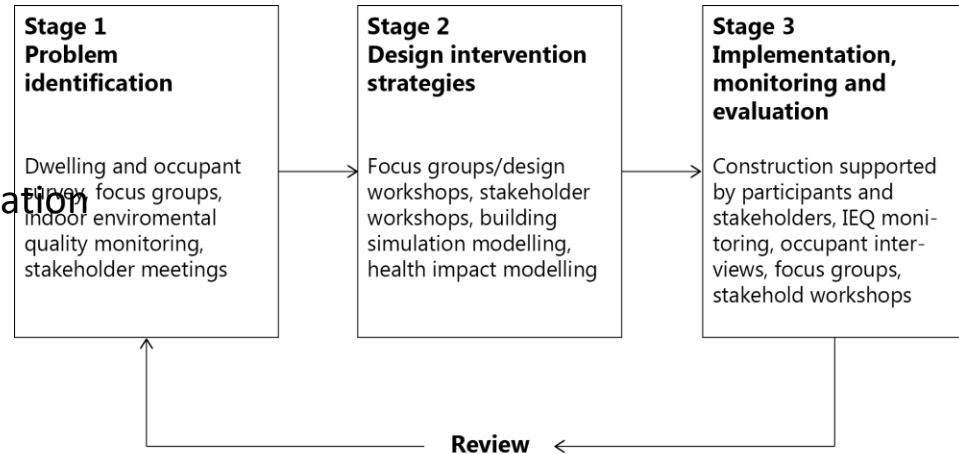


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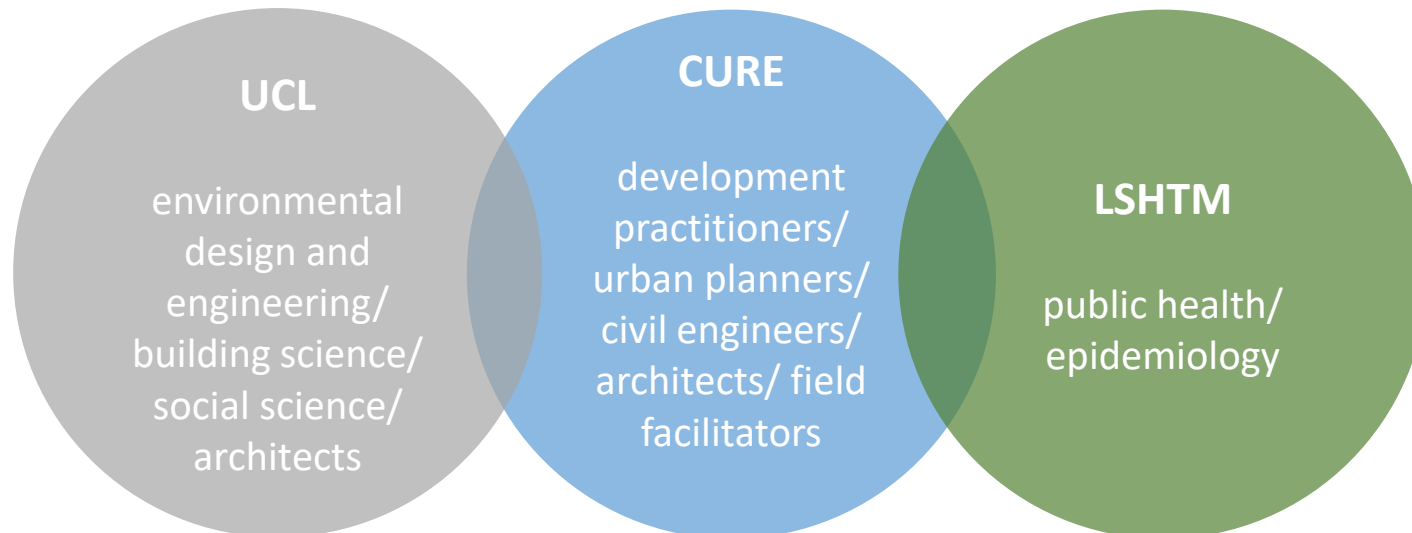
Project approach

Participatory action research approach:

- Using participatory techniques, led by the housing residents
- Three stages:
 - Problem identification
 - Design solutions
 - Implementation, monitoring and evaluation



Transdisciplinary research team



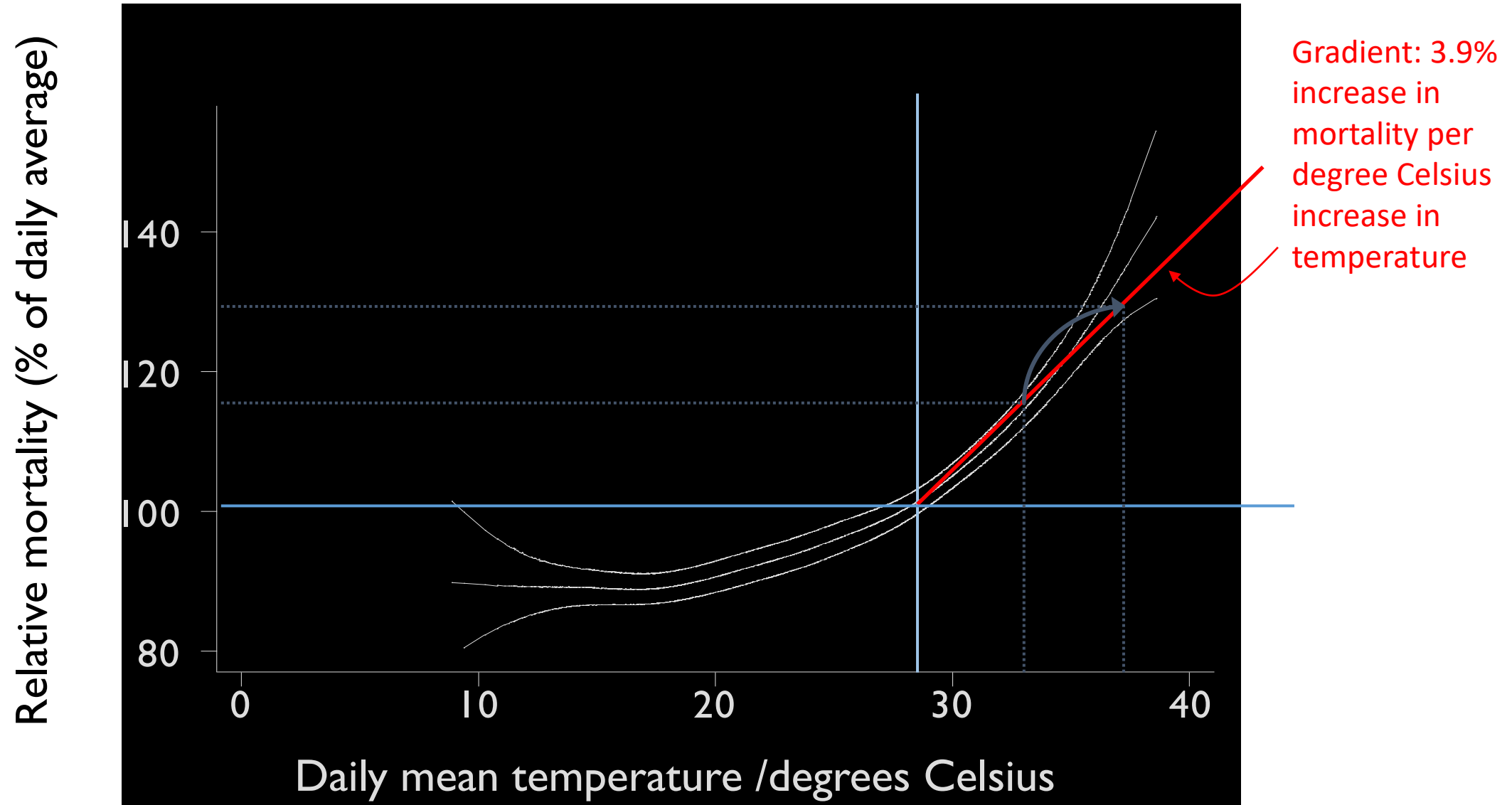
Optihouse: aim

To model, **design** and test housing and/or housing refurbishments for low income populations that optimize the fulfilment of **health protection needs** and **environmental sustainability** in the context of climate change and growing energy insecurity

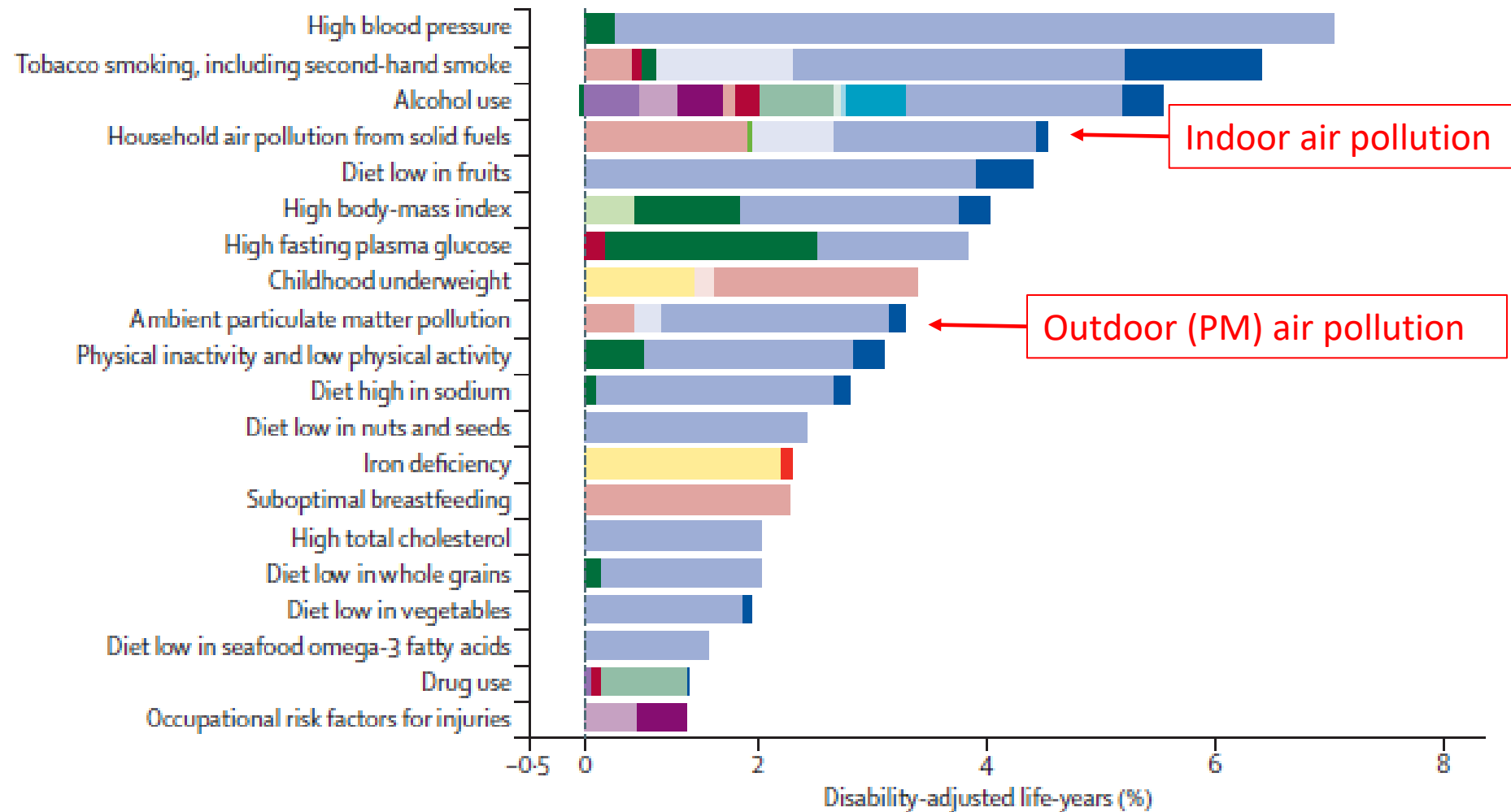
Some housing links to health

- Temperature (heat)
- Dampness and mould
- Household air pollution
- Water and sanitation
- Vector-borne disease
- Structural integrity

Heat-related mortality, Delhi



A comparative risk assessment of burden of disease and injury attributable to 67 risk factors and risk factor clusters in 21 regions, 1990—2010: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010



Source. Lim et al. *The Lancet*: [380\(9859\)](#): 2224 - 2260

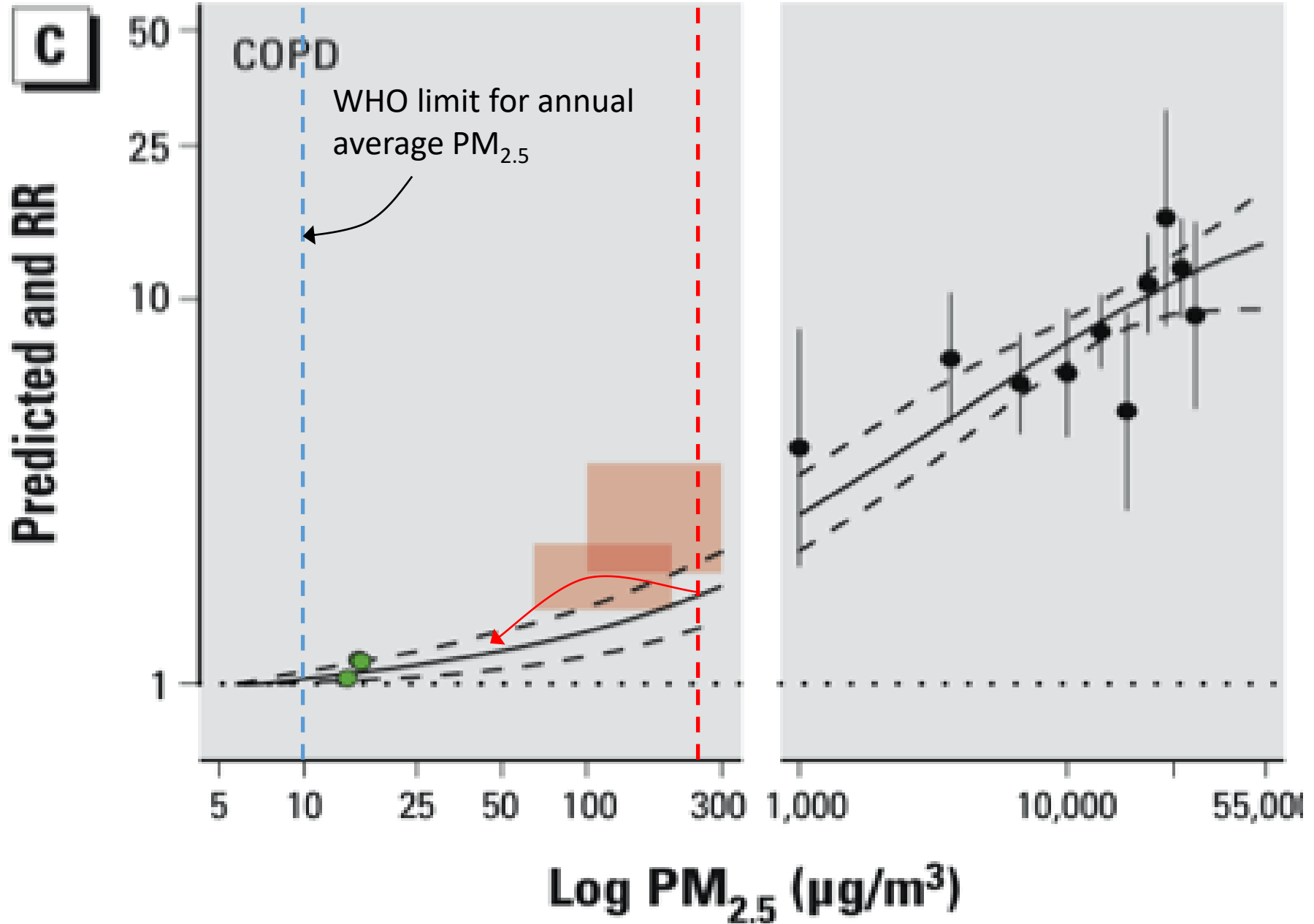
Dampness & mould

- Evidence from multiple studies suggest risk multiplier of 1.5 to 2 for respiratory illness in children

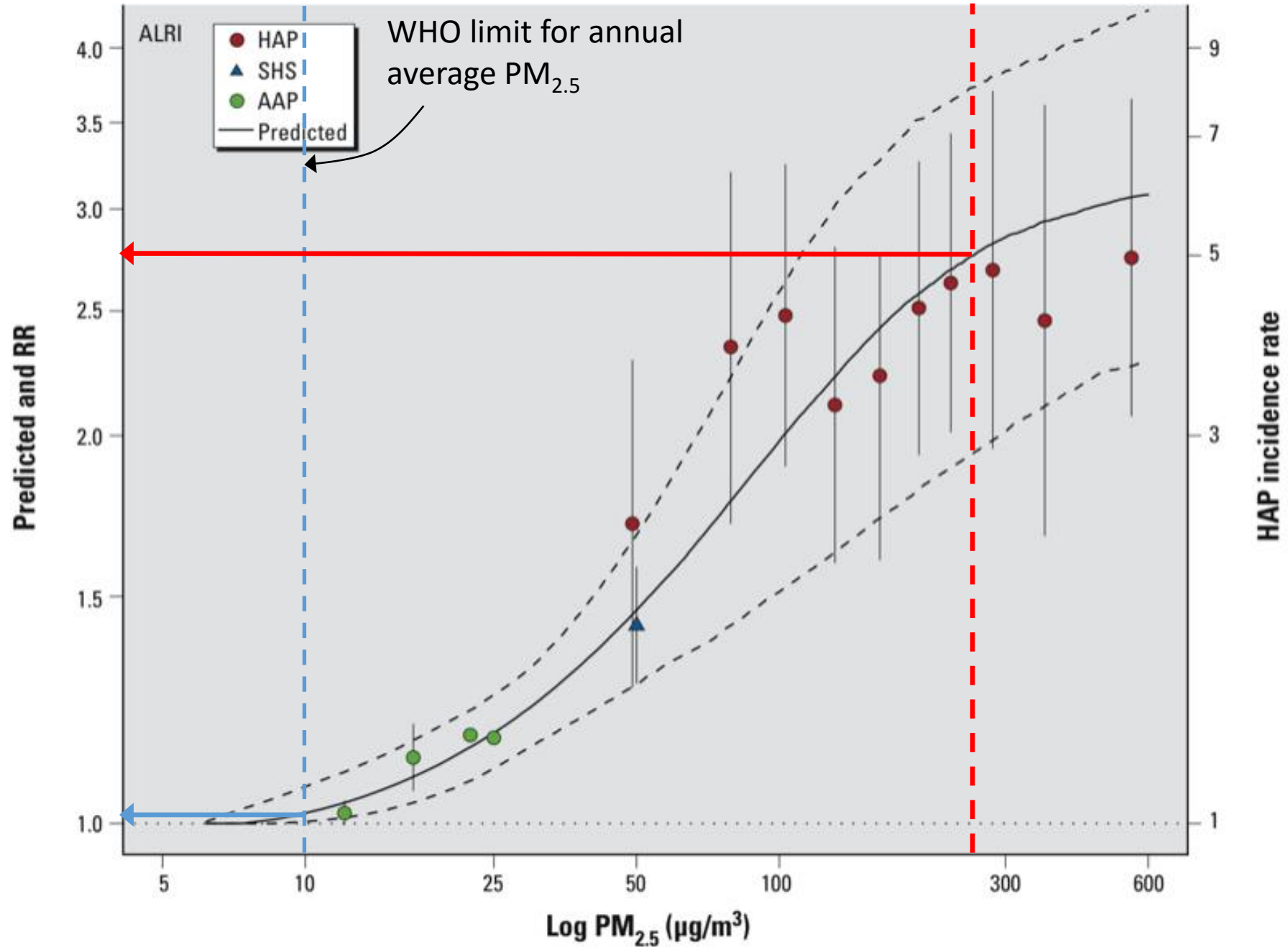


Air pollution

Simulation annual average
PM_{2.5}: 260 μg.m⁻³



Acute lower respiratory tract infection (ALRI), infants



Case study settlement

Savda Ghevra, JJ Resettlement colony:

- Settlement was initiated in 2006 in the North-West of Delhi
- Home to 20,000 families
- Families allocated empty small plots of 12.5m² or 18m²
- Housing characterized by self-built incremental houses of varying quality





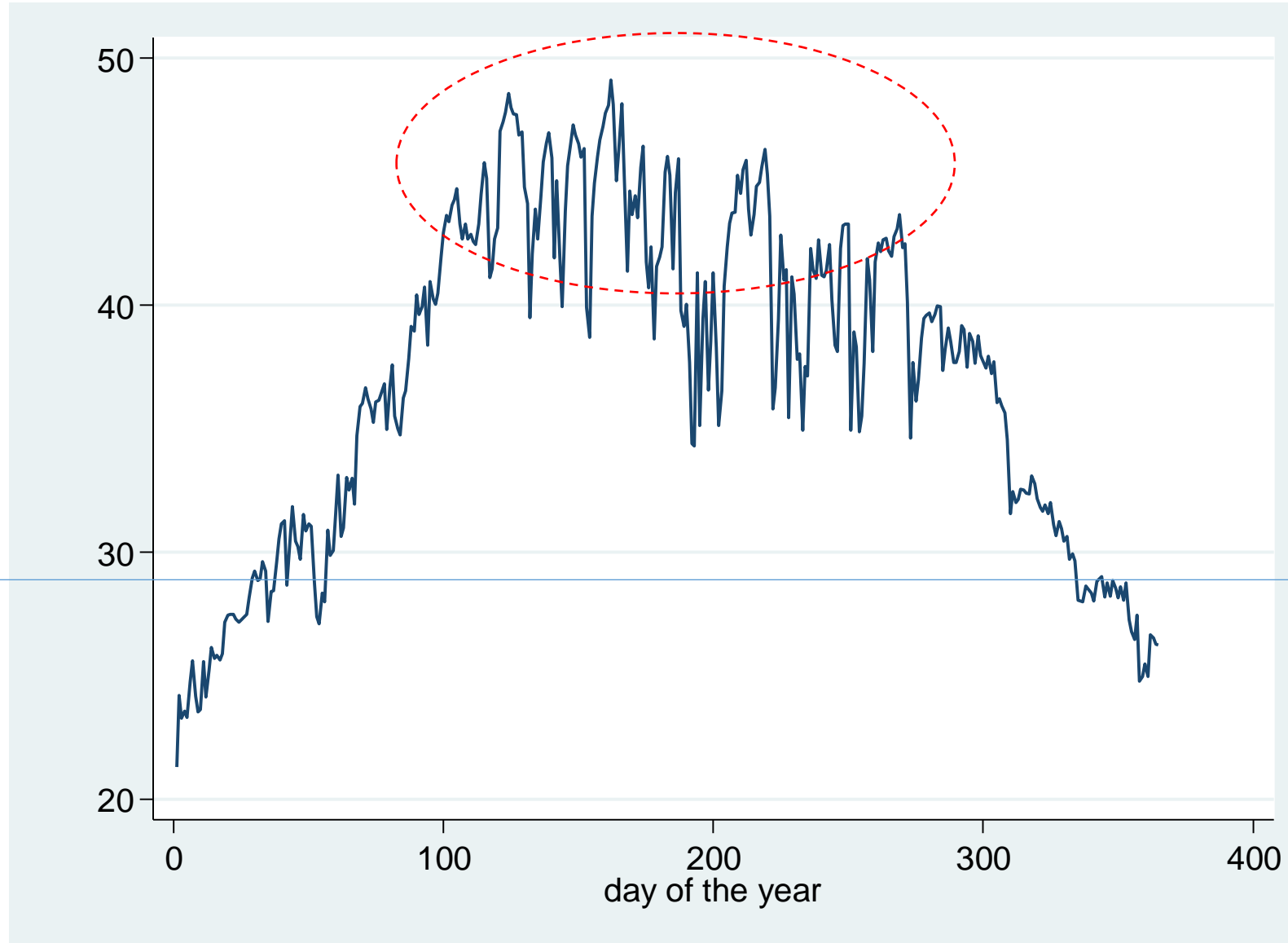
Housing risk assessment

Table 2. Comparison of hazard priority based on surveying by local researchers and self-assessment against those agreed upon by both after focus groups.

Rank no.	Survey-based risk assessment	Self-assessment	Consensus after focus groups
1	Heat	Damp	Damp
2	Cold	Mold	Mold
3	Indoor air pollution	Mosquitoes	Heat
4	Mosquitoes	Pest	Cold
5	Sanitation	Food infestation	Mosquitoes
6	Personal hygiene	Heat	Indoor air pollution

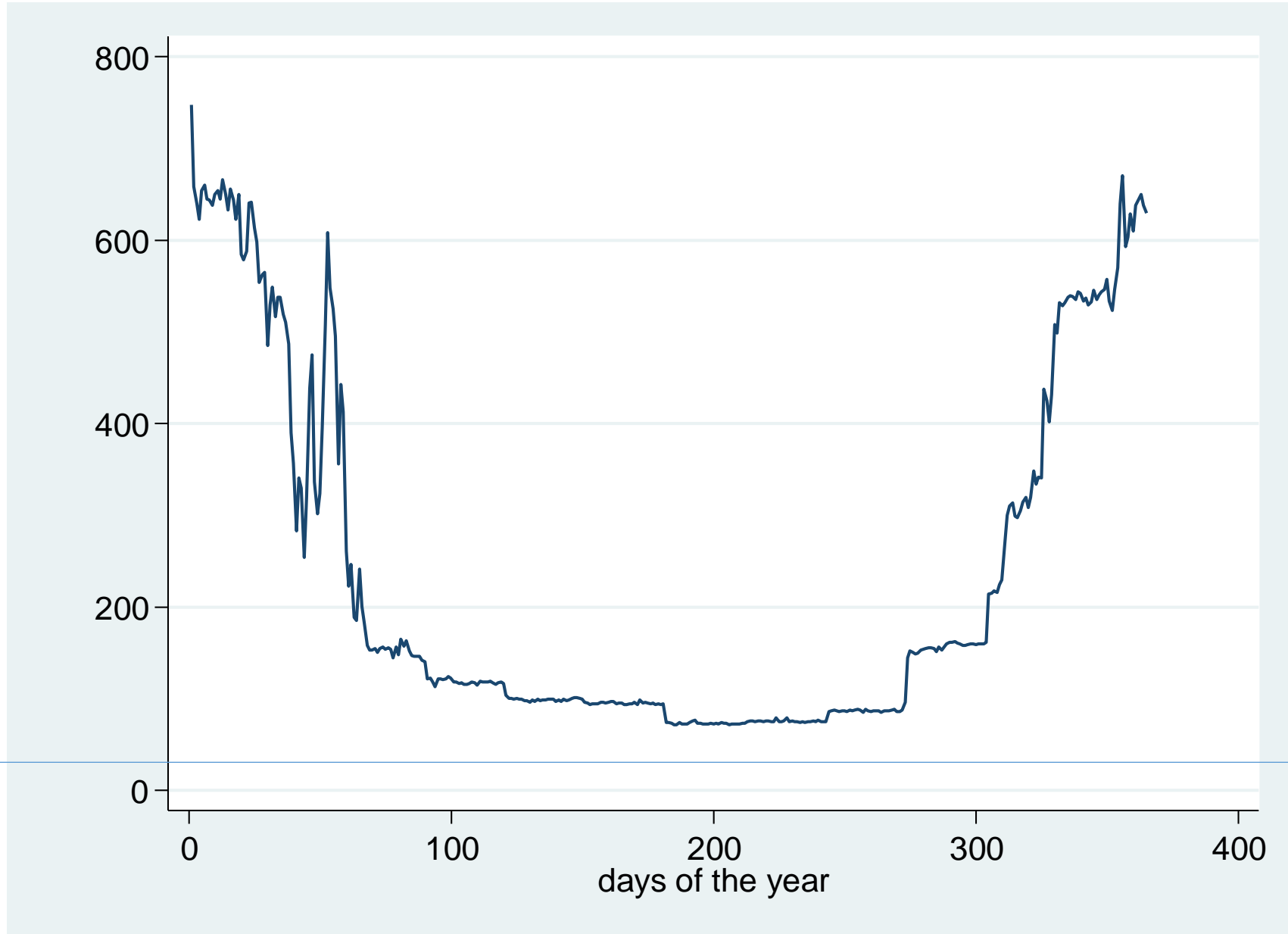


Measurements of indoor temperature: Savda Gehvra dwelling

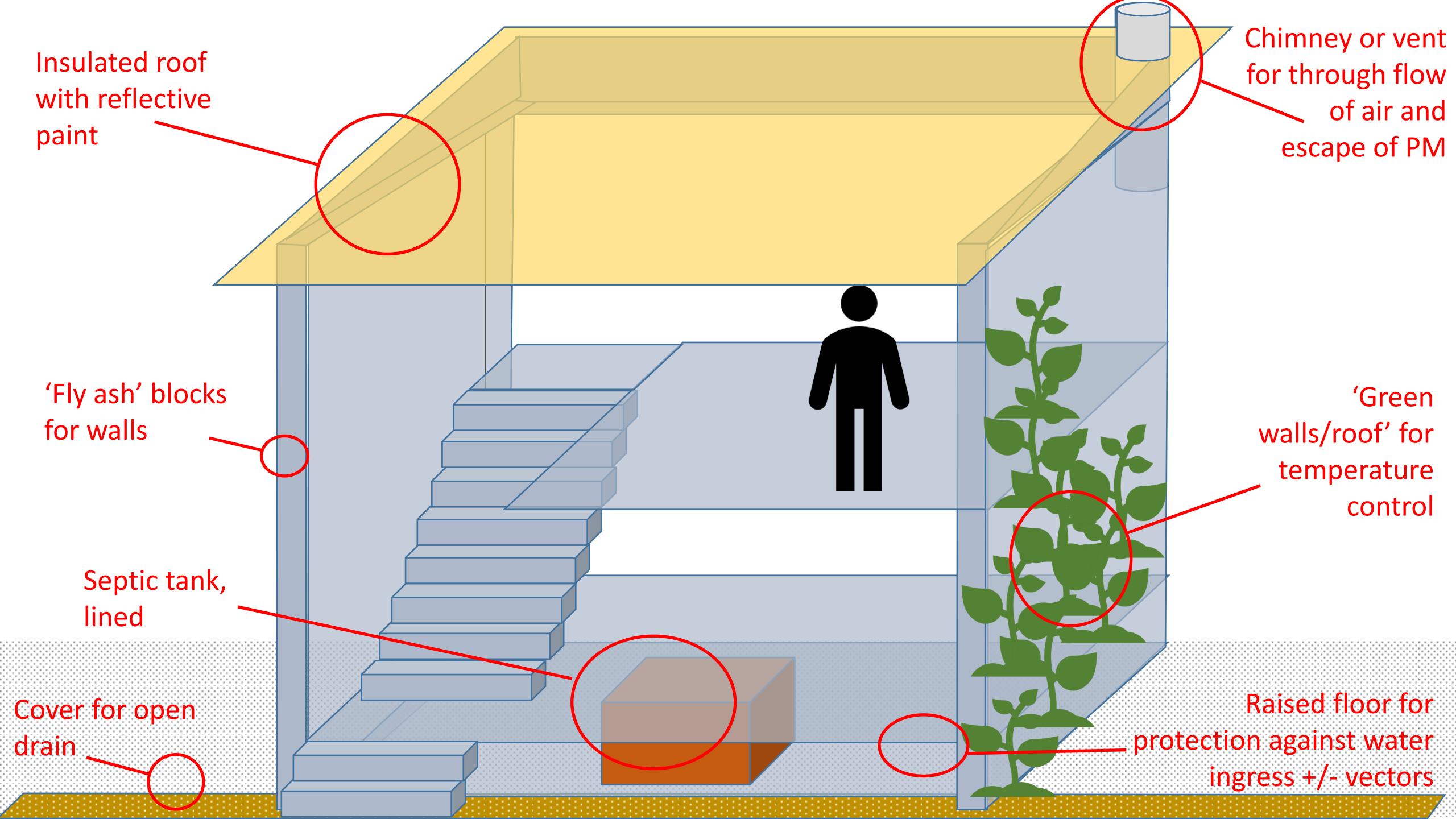


Heat threshold
29 °C

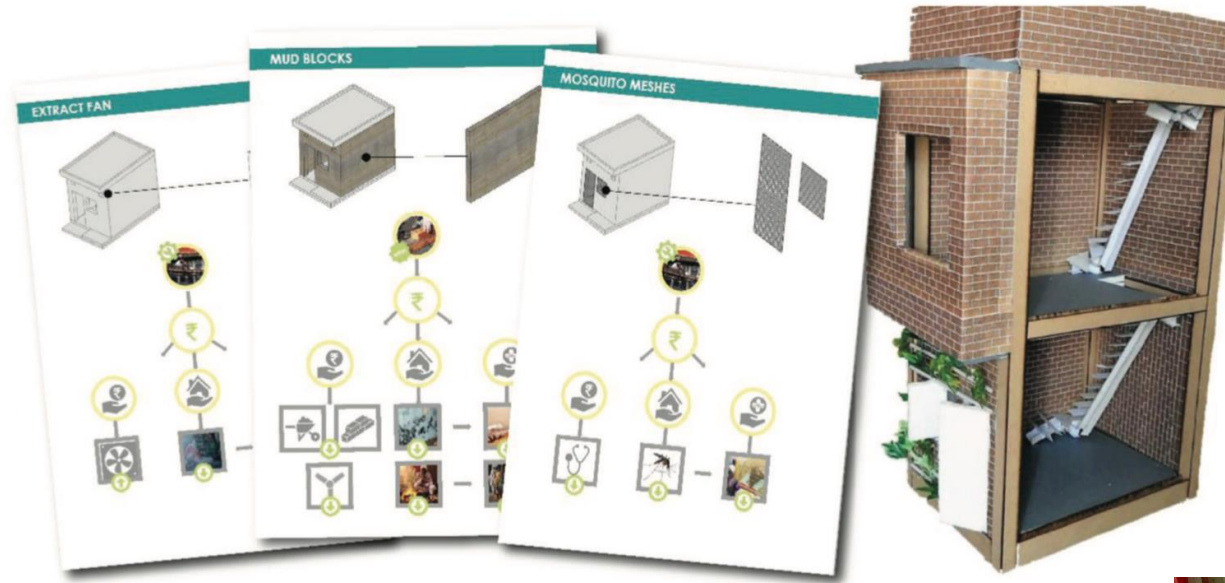
Indoor air pollution: Savda Gevra dwelling



WHO guideline
 $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
(for 24h mean)



Better quality dwellings: Design advice guides



Methods:

- Design workshops
- Building simulation
- Health impact modelling
- Focus groups
- Expert workshops
- Intervention fact sheets and physical models

Fact sheets and model prototypes of solutions, as used in community workshops.



Implementing housing solutions

- Supported by SELAVIP foundation
- 10 new builds
- 10+ retrofits
- Capacity building by using local contractors and masons
- Households contributing 20%+



Evaluating the impact of interventions (on-going)

Methods:

- Occupant interviews
- Indoor environmental monitoring
- Mosquito counts

