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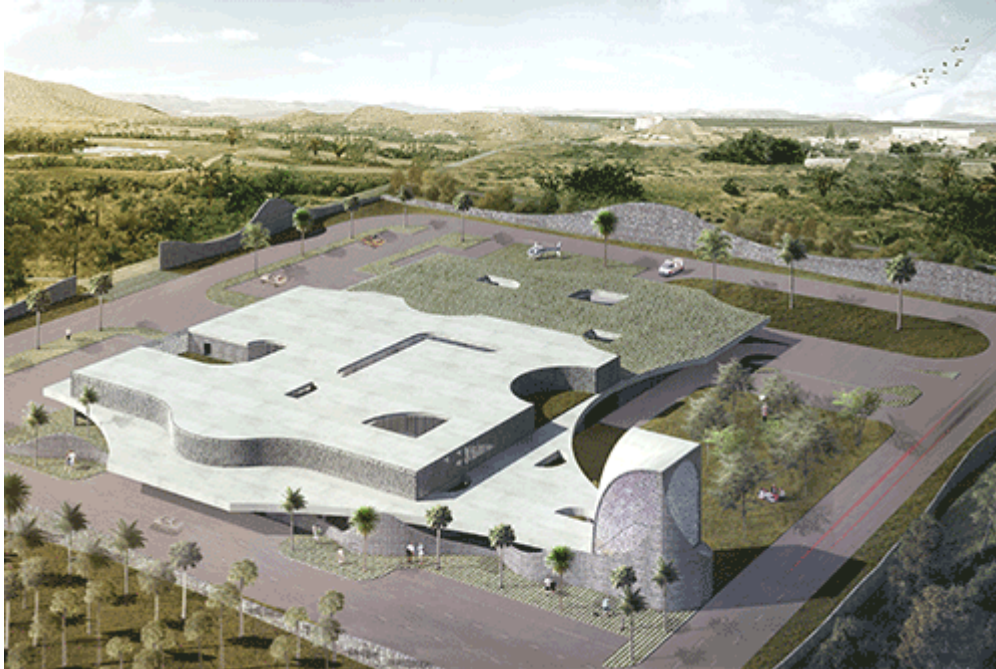
CAZA Designs Hospital–Trauma Center Hybrid for Rural Filipino Community

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The modular prototype will be prefabricated in order to be replicated for other isolated, rural communities. All images courtesy of CAZA Architects.

Brooklyn-based firm Carlos Arnaiz Architects (CAZA) has revealed plans for the Ospital Pacifica de Juan and Juana Angara in Baler, Philippines. The \$8 million project, a hospital–trauma center hybrid, is slated to begin construction next month and open in March 2018.



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The design was conceived and funded by Dr. Ed Corpus, Jr. and Balernative Senator Edgardo Javier Angara as a means to address growing healthcare and trauma needs in the remote community. The 65,875-square-foot plan will have a daily capacity of 75 people, and house an abundance of medical services from maternity wards to operating and imaging rooms to a chapel and café. The structure will also therapeutically reinforce the natural setting with undulating canopies that take on an architectural form in the open field. A series of courtyard gardens will be located within each of the hospital's four main zones, perpetuating the connection with nature while also infusing natural light.



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Staff will be circulated zealously through an integrated spine that will create a centralized service delivery mechanism, complemented by a prominent portico along the perimeter. The modular prototype will be prefabricated in order to be replicated for other rural communities in similar need.