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## mohalla clinics

**Design and architecture firm:** Architecture Discipline, New Delhi

**The details:** Multidisciplinary practice Architecture Discipline first introduced an adaptive reuse of shipping containers at the 2021 London Design Biennale with the Life Community Medical Facility (LifeCMF). "We have been experimenting with the use of shipping containers as a building material for a long time in typologies ranging from hotels to workspaces," says principal architect Akshat Bhatt. "This experience has made us fairly proficient in the art of converting repurposed shipping containers into high-quality, usable spaces." Enter Mohalla Clinics, developed by Architecture Discipline as part of the Indian government's affordable healthcare initiative. Thermally insulated with sustainable birchwood to protect against external heat and maintain internal temperatures with air conditioning, containers are also fixed upon small concrete pile footings to minimize Mohalla's impact on the earth. So far, two Mohalla Clinics are open in urban settlements in Delhi, but 18,000 clinics will soon be deployed across each constituency in Punjab. Additionally, the firm is in talks with Nepalese and Australian governments to expand the concept.



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