Over the years, Lari’s experience of working in mud, lime and bamboo in disaster areas has enabled her to hone her skills to an art form. ‘It is not as if these techniques didn’t already exist in our country, or that I have introduced something entirely new’, Lari admits. ‘It is just that they were not being used to their potential and interventions were needed to make traditional techniques safe.’ With the original residents whose places of work were in the vicinity.

By 2014, 40,000 zero-carbon shelters had been constructed. The result was that, in the floods of 2012 and 2013, there was no loss of life, livestock or property in the areas in which she had worked. Similarly, when earthquakes hit Pakistan – in the Balochistan province in 2013 and then in Shangla in the north in 2015 – Lari designed earthquake-resistant shelters using earth, lime and bamboo, tested to resist without any damage or harm to those sheltered within.

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