



CASE STUDY

The German Federal Government manages the largest economy in Europe. The 80 million have built a comprehensive system of health and welfare benefits that make life in Germany comfortable and predictable. Consequently, Germany is a "Mecca" for political and economic refugees from international "hot spots," as well as economic migrants who seek a radical improvement in their standard of living.

REFUGEE HOUSING - BAD SODEN, GERMANY

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Less expensive than local building

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Designed to meet all German housing codes

Designed to reflect the lifestyles and customs of Moslem people

Built faster than conventional, on-site building

Built to withstand trans-Atlantic travel

The disintegration of Yugoslavia in the early 1990s, and especially the Bosnian War, led to a flood of refugees into Germany. The country lacked surplus housing and was faced with hundreds, sometimes thousands of refugees arriving each day. Additionally, most of the refugees were Moslems arriving in Christian Germany and required housing that would reflect their lifestyles and customs.

Time and money were tight in a country strained already by the ongoing integration of an impoverished East Germany into the Greater German economy. Whitley built and shipped four housing complexes to Germany for less money and at a faster rate than local construction companies in Germany! Whitley was also able to ship housing that respected the Moslem origins of the future inhabitants and met or exceeded complex German housing codes. Whitley was also able to package the units to withstand a potentially turbulent trans-Atlantic crossing.