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In mountain regions of Ethiopia women and children walk every day for several hours to collect water from sources often unsafe that they share with animals and are at risk of contamination. To offer an alternative to this dramatic situation, Architecture and Vision has designed Warka Water, a tower of 9 m height that has a special fabric hanging inside to collect drinking water from the air by condensation. The triangular mesh structure is made of local natural materials like junco and can be built by the village inhabitants without the aid of machinery. The structure, which weighs only 60 kg, consists of 5 modules that are installed from the bottom to the top and can be lifted and assembled by 4 people without the need of scaffolding. The tower can collect up to 100 liters of drinking water per day. By 2015 Warka Water will be realized in Ethiopia.

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