

# HÜSAME KÖKLÜ WOMEN'S COMMUNITY AND PRODUCTION CENTER

Empowering women through communal production

Bayburt, a rural province of 60.000, located in the north-east of Turkey is known for its harsh weather. Pioneered by the BAKSI Foundation of Arts and Culture, on a plot that has been donated by a teacher, many generations of women will come together under one roof. A dynamic communal space is designed as a gathering point and a place where experiences and practices are shared. The building responds to the climatic and geographical conditions of the region and concretely puts them into a humble, functional and harmonious monolithic entity. The spaces in their simplicity and openness, provide a configurable 'place', customised by the users and the needs. The steep roof, a mandatory grammar due to the heavy snowfall is stylistically embedded and acts as an agent to divide the overall structure into smaller volumes in harmony with the built enviroment.



Vernacular Yağmurdere Houses of neighboring Gümüşhane.