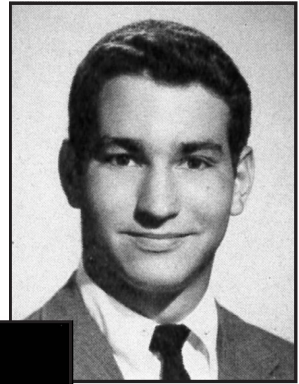


# Earl Kessler

With a bachelor's degree in architecture, Earl Kessler took his early observations and experiences in the Peace Corps and parlayed them into a professional career devoted to housing and sustaining communities in some of the most vulnerable places in the world. Kessler received his bachelor's degree in architecture from Washington University. He then spent three years in the Peace Corps in Colombia, creating and working on projects to upgrade rural school construction and improving slum conditions in Cartagena.

From this experience, he realized there were many underserved parts of the developing world in need of such projects. He returned

to the U.S. and went to graduate school at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he earned the degree Master of Architecture: Planning for Developing Countries. He took his expertise around the world to help with housing and urban planning in places such as Haiti, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, South Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan and the Philippines. He was called to help countries during some of the bleakest times, including Haiti after a devastating earthquake in 2010 and southern Thailand after the 2004 tsunami. His expertise spans critical areas regarding human basic needs, including disaster risk management, shelter improvements and affordable design for some of the world's most problematic slums, urban environmental improvement, community infrastructure, and climate change impacts and consequences.



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