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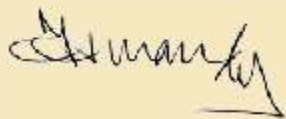
MD's Quill

We have completed another successful quarter helping more than 1000 families build or repair their own homes. We continue to build capacity to expand our program in the country.

This quarter we will be celebrating some major events of Habitat in India.

We are celebrating Habitat's silver jubilee in the country and also completion of 25,000 houses. Soon we would also have assisted 10,000 Tsunami affected families to build or repair their homes.

God bless all who have helped us make this happen



Housing : A Status Quotient

Lakshmi says, "I was in search for a bridegroom for my daughter Meenakshi for the past 4 years. But I did not find a suitable one. Few months after moving into this house I was able to get my daughter married".

Lakshmi, a widow along with her three children lived in a rented house in Madurai. After her husband's death she sold clothes on the roadside footpath to earn a living. With the petite income she was unable to manage her family in Madurai. She managed to buy a small piece of land in Ayyenkottai, a small village near Madurai.

It was 10 years since Lakshmi settled in Ayyenkottai. The family grew as her son married and had two children. They still lived in a small rented house. The monthly income of Rs. 3000 (approx. US \$73) did not permit her to construct her own house. It was very difficult for four adults and two children to live in a small house. Lakshmi came to know of Habitat for Humanity and Maha Semam (local NGO partner) are involved in helping people to



Lakshmi in front of her house along with her grand daughter

construct houses. She approached Maha Semam staff and requested them to help her construct a house. After the selection process, her application was taken into consideration.

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Today Lakshmi comfortably lives in a tiled house with a plinth area of 320 square feet comprising of a hall, kitchen and bathroom.

Few months after moving into this house I was able to get my daughter married. The marriage took place because of this house. My status has increased and people know that I have a house and have the capacity to get my daughter married.

Now we have a bathroom and my daughter-in-law can use it. Earlier she was finding very difficult to have an open bath.

As a single woman, I was able to settle my family and build a house on my own. I want to thank Habitat for helping me to achieve my dream of a House.

Families Served

Location	Core Houses	Repairs	Rehab
Bangalore	12	-	-
Chennai	457	145	-
Delhi	62	-	48
Mumbai	154	-	-
Bapatla	8	-	23
Khammam	-	-	20
Kanyakumari	-	-	14
Cuttack	-	-	73
TOTAL	693	145	105

During this quarter Habitat for Humanity Chennai worked in communities which included fishing families, agricultural laborers, daily wage workers in coir industry, construction industry, coolies in agriculture fields and sugarcane plantations, agricultural industry, rubber factories, cashew nut factories and fishing industry.



▲ House built in partnership with KODI, HRC Chennai



▲ Habitat house in partnership with Kanyakumari Habitat for Humanity



▲ One of the houses in Kalyan, Mumbai HRC



▲ Homeowners working on their new house, Kalyan, Mumbai HRC

Tribal families, families working as agricultural & daily wage labourers were served through HRC Mumbai in Amravati & Kalyan in partnership with APEKSHA Homoeo Society and Karunya Trust respectively.

HRC Delhi partnered with SCRIA in Haryana, Chetanalaya in Delhi and LUPIN in Rajasthan. The rural communities in Haryana & Rajasthan rely on agriculture & cattle rearing as their prime source of livelihood. The families in Delhi are displaced families from the city moved to resettlement colonies in the outskirts of the city.



▶ **American Independence Day**

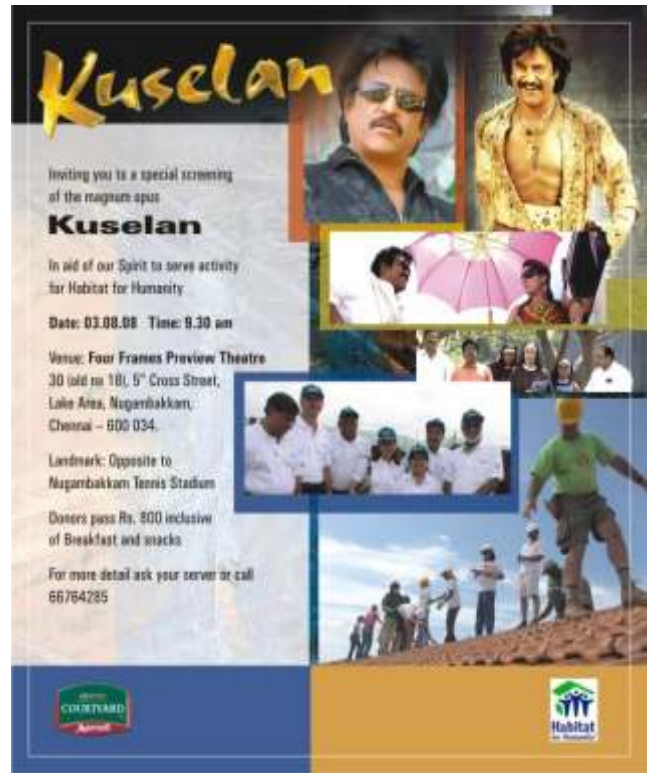
The American Consulate at Chennai organized a special function in commemoration of the US Independence day at the Consul General’s residence. Habitat for Humanity was one of the few Non governmental organizations invited to exhibit their work. The event was attended by Corporate/ Institutional Heads, Consulate Officials and prominent people from different walks of life. The Consul General in his Independence Day message made special mention about Habitat for Humanity and confirmed the participation of their staff in a build.

▶ JW Marriot Chennai organized a premiere show of the film ‘Kuselan’, starring the South Indian superstar Rajnikant, to mobilize funds for Habitat for Humanity.

▶ **International Volunteer Program**

“I am honored to be the first participant in the HFH International Volunteer Program to work in India . My time here so far has been challenging and rewarding. It was very exciting to be a part of the *GlobalBUILD*, meeting all of the international volunteers and working with the staff from around India . Working in the resettlement colonies here has been an amazing experience. The people have so little, yet they are rich in community. I am thankful that we can work with them to improve their living conditions and build a better future for their families.”

Katie Shuman, International Volunteer



▲ 70 homeowners along with REAL Staff (NGO partner) join hands to participate in the Home Partner's Build at Periyathachur village



▲ College students volunteer for a day to participate in the Students Build on 20th September'08 in Kammappatti, Chennai.

► International Day of Prayer 21st September 2008

Prayer for Shelter on 21st September was offered in 2450 churches across India and across different Christian denominations. All the Habitat Resource Centres played a vital role in contacting different churches. Also special builds were organized faith build in Bangalore, Students build in Madurai, Women's Build and Home Partner's Build in Kanyakumari.

DASHBOARD

GLOBAL VILLAGE (GV) VOLUNTEER TEAMS				
	Chennai	Bangalore	Delhi	TOTAL
GV Teams	3	1	1	6
# of Vol.	25	11	73	109

CORPORATE TEAMS		SCHOOL TEAMS	
	Bangalore		Bangalore
Teams	4	Teams	1
# of Vol.	98	# of Vol.	26

HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS: AN ETA STAR PROPERTIES INITIATIVE

ETA Star, a leading property developer in the United Arab Emirates announced its partnership with the Habitat for Humanity under its "Homes for the Homeless" campaign.

UAE-based organizations Dubai Lifestyle City, Homes for us and Star Cement are also partnering with ETA Star to be part of this noble venture. The MOU signing and press conference was held at Dubai on August 31, 2008.

ETA Star and its partners will donate a percentage of their total sales during the Holy month of Ramadan towards building homes for the poor in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Ethiopia.

Speaking at the occasion Mr. Abid Junaid, Executive Director, ETA Star said, "We are pleased to be associated with Habitat for Humanity International, to be able to make a contribution towards building homes for the homeless.



▲ Abid Junaid, Executive Director of ETA & Rick Hathway, Area Vice President for Asia Pacific, Habitat for Humanity

In Habitat, we have found a proven organization that provides the right synergy in our mission to provide homes for the underprivileged. We are happy that Dubai Lifestyle City, Homes r Us and Star Cement have joined us in this endeavour to provide assistance to the less fortunate."

Commenting on the partnership with ETA Star and its partners, Mr. Rick Hathway, Area Vice President, Asia-Pacific Region, Habitat for Humanity International, said: "It is an established fact that a decent home opens the door to improved health, better performance in school, greater economic opportunities, and increased community cohesion. For more than 30 years, Habitat for Humanity has been a catalyst for such transformations, achieving great success by working with like-minded partners.

We are pleased that ETA Star and its partners have come forward to help us make more such social transformations."

ETA Star arranged substantive radio, press and media coverage and will also be investing in extensive press, TV and public display coverage to run a John Abraham "Home for Homeless" campaign to generate awareness during the month of Ramadan.

Four members from ETA Star Dubai participated in a build with Habitat for Humanity, at Bangalore, on the 26th of Sept. 2008.

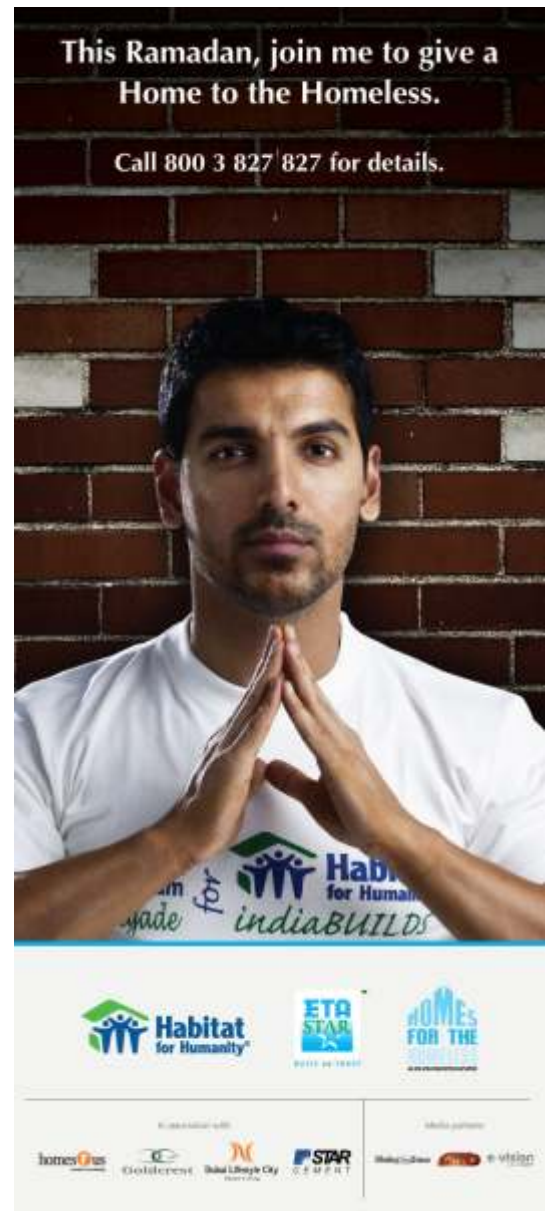
Global BUILD

"GlobalBUILD" brought Volunteers from around the World to help families in Delhi, India to build decent homes. 73 volunteers of all ages and walks of life from six different countries came to India to help build homes with people of Bhalaswa, a resettlement colony in Northwest Delhi from 29th Sept-06th Oct, 2008. The volunteers ranged in age from 20 years to more than 71 from USA, Canada, Korea, Japan, Australia and India.

The event aimed to draw global attention to the issues of inadequate housing, and what these mean for the people of Bhalaswa and India as a whole.

Habitat for Humanity India's *GlobalBUILD* was inaugurated by the Hon. Mr. Oscar Fernandes, Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Government of India.

United Colors of Benetton & Kellogg's India supported the event with their gifts in kind whereas Barista Coffee displayed *GlobalBUILD* posters in their outlets in Delhi.



▲ Mr. Ahmed Salahuddin, General Manager, ETA Star, Mr. Shamil - Manager (Commercial & Project Management), Mr. Abuthahir - Manager (HR & Admin) and Mr. Arshadh - HR Executive participated in a one-day build at Bangalore.



▲ The Archbishop of Delhi – Most Rev. Dr. Vincent Concessao



▲ Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment Mr Oscar Fernandes speaking at the inauguration ceremony of GlobalBUILD

GlobalBUILD Sponsors



UPCOMING EVENTS

Silver Jubilee Celebration of HFH India Trust, at Chennai on 5th Dec. 2008.

Completion and Dedication of 10,000 Tsunami Houses & 25,000 houses in India.



NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mr. John Thattil has joined Habitat for Humanity India, National Office as the National Director Resource Development.

Mr. Victor Chandran has joined Habitat Chennai as the HRC Director- Chennai.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance.

C. S. Lewis

Yes, I want to contribute towards safe and decent housing

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