



Uttarakhand Disaster Response

Habitat for Humanity India Shelter Interventions
Interim Report - June 2014

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INTRODUCTION

The devastating floods and landslides of June 2013 in Uttarakhand represented the worst ‘natural disaster’ in India since the Tsunami of 2004. Sudden floods and landslides devastated 9 districts of the State and caused immense loss to human lives, extensive damage to shelter, infrastructure and livelihood. The disaster left thousands of families deprived of all their belongings and sources of livelihood.

Immediately after the floods, Habitat for Humanity India conducted a rapid assessment to identify the shelter needs of the affected people and developed a three-pronged Shelter Intervention plan known as “Pathways to Permanency” to rebuild the lives of people affected by floods. Habitat’s Uttarakhand Disaster Response plan included provision of emergency shelter kits, repair of partially damaged houses, construction of transitional shelters, reconstruction (new houses), repairs (damaged homes), reconstruction of schools and construction of community centers.

This interim report explains Habitat India’s shelter intervention projects in the region and the future plans.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Total 570 families to be supported at the end of current projects
- 388 flood affected families reached through emergency shelter materials, household support items, transitional shelters and new houses.
- Approximately 3000 school going children to benefit from the repair and reconstruction of class rooms and school infrastructure
- 300 families to benefit from the community center

Sr.	Intervention Details	Location	# Units (Original Plan)	# Units Completed	# Units in Progress	Total Units
1	Emergency Shelter Intervention (ESK)					
	ESK	Uttarkashi, Tehri	80	91	0	91
	Non Food Item (NFI) Winter Kits	Pithoragarh	100	101	0	101
	Repairs	Tehri	50	50	0	50
2	Transitional Shelters	Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Tehri, Pithoragarh,	225	146	79	225
3	New Houses	Uttarkashi, Tehri & Pithoragarh	103	0	25	103
	Total: ESKs, NFI, Transitional Shelters and New Houses		558	388	104	570
4	Reconstruction/ Repair of schools		12	-	3	12
5	Construction of Community Hall		1	-	1	1

LOCATIONS & INTERVENTIONS

Uttarakhand Districts

Uttarkashi

Families Served through:
ESKs/ Non Food Items = 50
Transitional Shelter = 25
Permanent Shelters = 27 *
School Repairs = 5

Chamoli

Families Served through:
Transitional Shelter = 50

Tehri Garhwal

Families Served through:
ESKs / Non Food Items = 41
Repairs = 50
Permanent shelters = 51*
School Repairs = 1*
Community Hall = 1

Pithoragarh

Families Served through:
ESKs / Non Food Items = 101
Transitional Shelter = 150
Permanent Shelters = 25*
School Repairs = 4*

*Note: The white symbols do not indicate exact project locations.
The map is simply showing the broad spread of projects across the Districts of Uttarakhand.
Figures includes only those plans finalised, in progress or completed. *Projects started*

INTERVENTION UPDATE

The report is structured by the type of intervention employed.

Habitat for Humanity India has undertaken, and is currently involved in implementing 4 types of shelter interventions as described below:

1. The distribution of Emergency Shelter Kits (ESKs) – e.g. canvas tents, tarpaulins. These are officially called Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- 91 ESK (NFIs)
- 101 Winter Kits



Beneficiary, Basudev Bhatt receiving an ESK from Pastor Steven, Director of Mission for Anath Development & Welfare Society (MFA), an implementing partner agency working with Habitat India in the region.

Beneficiary, Govind Rawat who received an ESK. Mr. Rawat lost both his shop and home during the Uttarakhand disaster.

INTERVENTION UPDATE

2. The construction of Transitional Shelters (TS) – e.g. basic shelters constructed from Galvanized Iron (GI) sheets.

- 225 Transitional Shelters



(Top) Beneficiary, Mr. Padam Singh Rawat and his wife standing in front of their transitional shelter in Kyark village, Uttarkashi.



(Top) Beneficiary, Mr. Hari Singh Gusain and his family standing in front of their transitional shelter in Asthal village, Uttarkashi.



Staff from HDFC Life visiting the project site in Dharchula Block, Pithoragarh

INTERVENTION UPDATE



(Top) Transitional shelters in the village of Gattabagad, Dharchula Block, Pithoragarh District



(Top) Toilets provided in the village of Gattabagad, Dharchula Block, Pithoragarh District.

INTERVENTION UPDATE

3. The repair of damaged houses / schools / community buildings

- 50 House Repairs
- 11 Schools (work under progress)



(Top) Government Inter-College School in Pithoragarh, an example of many schools in need of repair / rebuilding

4. The building of new (core) permanent housing / school buildings /community buildings

- 103 Permanent Shelters (work under progress)
- 1 Multi-Purpose Community Center



(Top Left) Start of foundation work for new permanent houses in Purola Block, Uttarkashi District.
(Top Right) A proposed model for the new house in Purola Block, Uttarkashi District.
Note: House models will vary depending on the partner organization and location.

INTERVENTIONS AS PER LOCATIONS

1. Emergency Shelter Kits (ESKs) / Non-Food Items

Location	Intervention
Bhatwari Block, Uttarkashi District	50 families served
Jaunpur & Bhilanga Blocks, Tehri Garhwal District	41 families served
Dharchula Block, Pithoragarh District	101 families served

2. Transitional Shelters (TS)/ House Repairs

Location	Intervention
Jaunpur Block, Tehri Garhwal District	50 House Repairs
Dharchula Block, Pithoragarh District	80 Transitional Shelters
Bhatwari Block, Uttarkashi District	25 Transitional Shelters
Toli Gattabagad Village, Dharchula Block, Pithoragarh District	70 Transitional Shelters
Narayambagar Block, Chamoli District	50 Transitional Shelters: Work due to be completed by end June 2014

3. School Repairs

Location	Intervention
Saindul Village, Jaunpur Block, Tehri Garhwal District	School Repair: Awaiting permissions
Budakedar Village, Jaunpur Block, Tehri Garhwal District	School Repair: Under review / Awaiting permissions
Project Locations identified	Repair of 10 schools. In the process of finalising the plans

INTERVENTIONS & FUNDING PARTNERS

4. The construction of new Houses / Community Buildings

Location	Intervention
Jaunpur & Bhilanga Blocks, Tehri Garhwal District	25 New Houses: Work underway, foundation started for 10 houses
Purola Block, Uttarkashi District	27 New Houses: Work underway on foundations
Dharchula Block, Pithoragarh District	25 New Houses: Work underway on 5 houses
Project location awaited	26 Core Houses

5. Community Hall

Location	Intervention
Project location awaited	1 Community Hall

FUNDING PARTNERS

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Dombivali International School, Dombivali.		

Habitat is also grateful to all the individuals who have contributed towards our disaster relief work in Uttarakhand

BENEFICIARY STORY



(Top) Maniram's home destroyed during flash floods following the Uttarakhand disaster

Maniram spent sixty years of his life in Ghattabagar village, Uttarakhand. Flash floods caused during the Uttarakhand disaster destroyed three-fourths of Maniram's land and as a result, his source of livelihood. His son who traveled to visit him on hearing about the disaster, met with a road accident on the way and Maniram's family was forced to spend a large majority of the compensation received from the government on his medical expenses. They were therefore unable to finance the reconstruction of their home. Fifty-eight other families from Maniram's village also lost their land, livestock and means of livelihood in the aftermath of the Uttarakhand disaster. They were forced to live in make-shift tents despite freezing temperatures and constant rainfall. Maniram shared how the damp and cold living conditions resulted in the spread of viral infections, especially amongst children.

BENEFICIARY STORY



(Left) Maniram and other families from Ghattabagar living in make-shift tents, post the Uttarakhand disaster. These tents didn't shelter the families sufficiently from rainfall and cold winds, resulting in the spread of viral infections, especially amongst children.

(Right) Maniram in front of a partially constructed transitional shelter provided by Habitat for Humanity, to aid families affected by the Uttarakhand disaster and provide them with temporary shelter solutions, until permanent housing could be constructed.



(Left) A row of transitional homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity in Ghattabagar village.

“We now have a solid roof over our heads, that keeps out cold winds and freezing rainfall and has improved health conditions in our village.”

**- Maniram, Habitat Beneficiary,
Uttarakhand Disaster**

CONCLUSION

This report has highlighted the significant contribution Habitat for Humanity India is making to the rebuilding of Uttarakhand following the disastrous floods of June 2013. One year on, good progress has been made and this has been possible through the generous support of various donors and the cooperation of partners in the field.

There is much more work that needs to be done. Projects that have started need to be completed to a good standard and to the satisfaction of the beneficiaries. In the next few weeks and months new projects will start, and the focus will be the provision of permanent housing as well as repair and rebuilding of schools.

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