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# Rebuilding India

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## From the Managing Director's Desk

Dear All,

In the last three decades, Habitat for Humanity India has tirelessly worked to serve the underprivileged by giving them access to decent homes and sanitation. Through our recently introduced ImPact 50-50 strategy, Habitat envisions a long term partnership with the community for sustainable development with housing and sanitation at the centre of development. ImPact 50-50 is a multi-sector, multi-year and multi-donor approach and it calls for coming together of all stakeholders under the Public-Private-People's Partnership (4Ps) approach. The strategy is aligned with 'Housing for All by 2022' aimed at providing affordable homes for families in

need and 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' for eliminating open defecation in India by 2019.

We appeal to you to support our ImPact 50-50 strategy. Join us and serve the districts in need with a holistic approach for integrated growth and development through improved housing and sanitation.

Thank you for your continued, faithful support to Habitat for Humanity India.

Best Regards,

**Rajan Samuel**  
Managing Director  
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## Through Shelter We Empower



D Lakshmi (Hyderabad, Telangana) today is a proud homeowner and believes that her new home has been a life changing experience for her. Lakshmi earlier lived in a small one room house with her three daughters. The house was made of mud walls and had tin sheet roofs that often leaked during monsoons. To avoid the house from flooding, the family usually kept utensils to collect the dripping water. Due to this they had no space to sleep. "I used to sit in a corner looking after my children. I used to cry the whole night worrying about my children thinking who would look after them if something happens to me" recalls Lakshmi. On the

17th of August, 2016 Lakshmi's new house built in partnership with Habitat for Humanity India was completed. "My daughter today says that she wants to build homes for people in need like Habitat India when she grows up to be a big girl," beams Lakshmi with a smile on her face.

Habitat has built D Lakshmi's home with support from Bank of America. Together, Bank of America and Habitat have served over 8,600 families in India through shelter, sanitation and disaster response initiatives.

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D Lakshmi

Families served  
**1,95,127**

Individuals served  
**9,43,448**

Homes built & repaired  
**1,74,771**

Sanitation units built  
**1,44,540**

People served through S2S coalition  
**1,59,00,000**

People served through DRRR  
**1,78,314**

Individuals trained under CBDRM  
**35,000**

Volunteers  
**10,17,465**

Number of States  
**20**

# Women Leaders Build a Better India



Habitat India celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2017 in a unique way. Under the campaign 'WOMEN BUILD INDIA', international model and Bollywood actress Evelyn Sharma participated in a 'Habitat Build' along with other prominent women leaders. She volunteered to build a home for Changuna Sarai who lives in Karjat (Maharashtra) with her family of ten members. Evelyn spent time interacting with the families in the village and understanding the efforts Habitat India puts into creating safe and sustainable houses for those in need.

Speaking about the campaign, she said, "Every woman deserves a safe and decent place to live. Every mother needs to know her children have a safe place to call home. I am glad that Changuna will have a decent home. But it is tragic that even today majority of women in India are deprived of basic needs of a decent shelter or a safe sanitation unit. This is my contribution to raise awareness about the need for affordable housing and improved sanitation for women in need."

Supporting the cause by actively taking part in the build were Sheila Kripalani,

Chairperson – Board of Trustees, Habitat for Humanity India, Amy Sebes - wife of Thomas Vajda (Consul General of U.S), Tanuja Mullick - wife of Summit Mullick (Chief Secretary of Maharashtra), Vanessa Ciarlatani – wife of Mr. Ugo Ciarlatani (Consul General of Italy) along with many other influential figures. WOMEN BUILD INDIA is a part of Habitat's Impact 50-50 strategy that aims to achieve holistic community development with shelter and sanitation at its core. 1,171 volunteers took part in the Women Build events across the country and worked on 17 homes and 35 sanitation units.



# ASIA PACIFIC HOUSING FORUM 6

## 6th – 7th July 2017 | New Delhi, India



The Asia-Pacific Housing Forum is a sector platform that gathers under one roof major stakeholders engaged in seeking solutions to poverty housing issues and promoting affordable housing as a driver of sustainable, social and economic growth. It brings together policy-makers, academicians, urban planners, architects, housing sector developers, NGOs, donor agencies, researchers and others experts. Since its inception in 2007, the Asia Pacific Housing Forum has brought

together more than 3,400 people from over 52 countries.

Asia-Pacific Housing Forum 6 (APHF6) is being held in India, Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines. These conversations and ideas will then culminate in the regional forum scheduled to take place in Hong Kong from 4th to 7th September, 2017. In India, the forum will take place on 6th and 7th July 2017.

Theme:

*Housing at the Centre*

Forum Objectives:

- Promote scalable, affordable, housing solutions in India
- Build a sector-wide platform for sharing innovative technologies and practices
- Strengthen regional partnerships within and across sectors
- Showcase successful projects and support motivated individuals and organizations to improve housing conditions, so more people have a decent and affordable place to call home

## Wharton-Habitat for Humanity Housing Finance Course (4th – 5th July 2017)

Delivered by Drs. Marja Hoek-Smit, Director - International Housing Finance Program, Wharton School, the course provides much required education and analysis of financing

affordable housing; combining Wharton's world-class international housing finance expertise and Habitat for Humanity's local market knowledge.

## INNOVATE.SHELTER and SANITATION Competition

APHF 6 will provide a platform for startups or smaller organizations to showcase innovative and impactful projects, focused on tackling the global housing challenge. Organizations are encouraged to submit projects for a chance to be in the spotlight during the two-day conference.

than 1,500 housing practitioners across five countries and hear from 200 expert speakers from housing and urban planning industries. To register for APHF 6, The Wharton – Habitat Course and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Christina Shaikh | [christinas@hfhindia.org](mailto:christinas@hfhindia.org) | 9920769056

Asia Pacific Housing Forum 6 is an opportunity to connect with more

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## A Voice of Hope in the Slums



*“Happiness begins and ends with a home.”*

Manju Devi

Habitat for Humanity India in association with Covestro, Industrial Foams and Cana embarked on a housing project, ‘Umeed ki Awaaz’ (A Voice of Hope) to offer homes to 3 families with special needs. On 5th April, 2017 Manju Devi (name withheld) with her son and three daughters was one such family that was given a home in Uttam Nagar, Delhi.

Manju Devi lost her husband, the

sole earning member, 13 years ago. Since then the family has been trying their best to cope with their loss and to make ends meet. For years, they lived in a house that lacked a stable foundation. It was about 7 feet lower than the road in front because of which the house would flood every monsoon. The family used mats to hold back the water and was forced to sleep on wet floors. Through Habitat India’s intervention, today Manju Devi and her children have a

secure home which has been built to be fire, weather and termite resistant.

The children are ecstatic about their new home. They feel that this will allow them to study better so that they can fulfil their dreams and take care of their mother who is suffering from a terminal disease. When asked about the new house, Manju Devi with tears in her eyes and a wide smile on her face said “Happiness begins and ends with a home.”

## Building Self-reliance



*“If not for the water wheel, I would have spent nearly INR 18,000 to get water from a tanker for a month to support the construction.”*  
Sunanda Kharate

Sunanda Kharate (Osmanabad, Maharashtra) got married when she was only thirteen. Just a few days after her marriage, her husband abandoned her and she was forced to go back to live with her parents. Although the incident affected her deeply, Sunanda was determined to stand on her own feet.

In January 2017, Sunanda partnered with Habitat India to build a permanent house for herself. The construction of her new home is in the last stage. The construction demands a regular water supply however being a drought prone area; scarcity of water is highly prevalent in Osmanabad. Water from the Gram Panchayat is received only twice a

week and Sunanda had to travel nearly 700 meters on the rest of the days to fetch water. Responding to the situation, Habitat India provided Sunanda with a water wheel. Instead of doing multiple tedious rounds of collecting water she now easily fetches 500 litres of water with the help of this water wheel. This has saved her a lot of time and relieved her from the stress she had to bear of carrying water in pots on her head.

“If not for the water wheel, I would have spent nearly INR 18,000 to get water from a tanker for a month to support the construction. I have managed to save that money by providing water for the construction of my new home all by myself with

this water wheel. I couldn’t be more thankful to Habitat India for my new home and this water wheel.” – said Sunanda.

Habitat for Humanity India has provided 1,621 Water Wheels in Aurangabad, Latur, Nanded, Osmanabad and Karjat regions of Maharashtra. The intervention has impacted the lives of 1,621 families. Habitat has been supported by Almondz Insurance Brokers Private Limited, Credit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, Credit Suisse, GRP Limited, IDBI Bank Limited, Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Pvt. Limited, Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited and Prudential Process Management Services in its Water Wheels project.

## Gallery



Cycling for Charity: Willis Tower Watson Cycled from Mumbai to Goa to raise funds for Habitat India



Annual Meeting of Sensitise to Sanitise Coalition: Rick Hathaway (Vice President for Asia Pacific, Habitat for Humanity International) and Rajan Samuel (Managing Director, Habitat India) launched the Technical Manual on Construction Do's and Don'ts in Sanitation at the 2nd annual meeting of S2S Coalition in Bengaluru (Karnataka)



ImPact Vidarbha: Rajan Samuel (Managing Director, Habitat India) addressed the audience at the ImPact Vidarbha CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Dialogue held in Nagpur to call for support for Habitat's integrated developmental work in the region.



Habitat Young Leaders Build: 350 students from Sacred Heart School, Kalyan build with Habitat India in Karjat.



Rupee for Change: Actor Sagarika Ghatge felicitated the students of Sanjay Ghodawat International School, Kolhapur (Maharashtra) for their contribution to Habitat's Rupee for Change campaign.

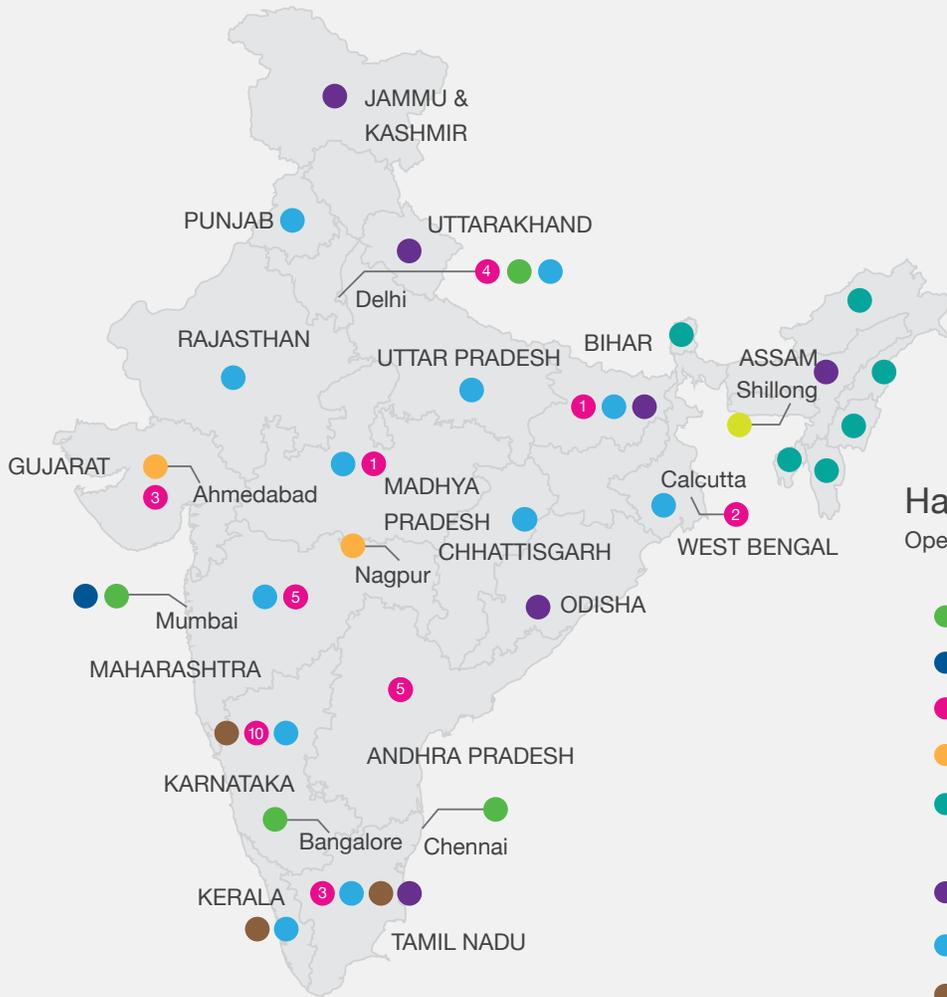
## By The Numbers

### Overview of Habitat's Work | Year 2016-17

States	New House	House repair	IHHL	School sanitation	Community facility	NFI-Water Wheels	ESK	Total families impacted	Individuals impacted
Andhra Pradesh	325	-	100	-	-	-	-	425	2040
Assam	-	-	97	-	-	-	500	597	2866
Delhi	26	-	85	4	-	-	-	115	552
Gujarat	60	100	283	1	-	-	-	444	2131
Haryana	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	15	72
Jammu & Kashmir	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	182
Karnataka	27	-	295	5	-	-	-	327	1570
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	123	-	-	-	-	123	590
Maharashtra	301	45	934	31	4	1608	-	2923	14030
Manipur	-	51	-	-	-	-	-	51	245
Odisha	350	-	250	-	-	-	-	600	2880
Punjab	-	-	406	-	-	-	-	406	1949
Rajasthan	6	0	610	-	4	-	-	620	2976
Tamil Nadu	160	542	1045	9	2	-	-	1758	8438
Telangana	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	1200
Uttar Pradesh	-	-	350	6	-	-	-	356	1709
Uttarakhand	-	-	500	4	-	-	-	504	2419
<b>Total</b>	<b>1543</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>5078</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1608</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>9552</b>	<b>45849</b>

IHHL - Individual Household Latrines, NFI - Non-Food Items, ESK - Emergency Shelter Kits





## Habitat for Humanity India

Operation Outreach (As on December 2015)

- Programme Implementation Office
- National Office
- Coalition Members (Organizations)
- Satellite Offices
- Embedded Model: NEICORD
- NEICORD Head Office
- SPHERE Network Members (Disaster Response)
- AFHTAC (Affordable Housing and Technical Assistance Centre)
- MicroBuild (Operations)

Habitat for Humanity India's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, Habitat India works with low-income, marginalized families to build homes, provide housing-related services and to raise awareness for adequate housing and sanitation. Since its inception in 1983, Habitat for Humanity India has touched the lives of 9,43,448 individuals across 20 states and aims to support 25,00,000 people by 2020. The core area of our work is: Decent Shelter, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) and Disaster Risk Reduction and Response.

To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit [www.habitatindia.in](http://www.habitatindia.in)



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