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From the Managing Director's Desk

It is true that many drops form an ocean and many small steps can cover as much ground as a giant leap. At Habitat India, we are of the firm belief that every small effort we take will certainly lead to making a huge impact in the lives of many. We are pleased to tell you that Habitat for Humanity India has reached the milestone of serving 1 million individuals across 20 states in India, providing safe homes and clean sanitation amenities to them. You have played an integral role in enabling us to bring about this positive change. Thank you!

This quarter we look forward to helping many more families who are in need of quality living conditions. The discussions

and deliberations at the recently conducted Asia Pacific Housing Forum 6 in New Delhi have given us further impetus to provide vital and sustainable solutions to poverty housing. We are grateful to all those who attended the forum and shared their valuable expertise and insights.

As we move ahead to work towards our vision of creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live, we count on your constant support and anticipate many more achievements in the year.

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Contributing to Open Defecation Free Uttarakhand!



The Habitat for Humanity India team and United Way India team at the handover ceremony

Habitat for Humanity India in partnership with United Way India has constructed 500 sanitation units in 13 villages of Uttarkashi district in Uttarakhand. A symbolic handover of these 500 toilets took place in Barshali village in the presence of the community, district administration, Swajal department (a World Bank funded project dedicated for the cause of water supply and environmental sanitation), officials from Habitat for Humanity India and United Way India on May 29th, 2017.

500 families in Uttarkashi district will now have access to safe sanitation. The

residents of the 13 villages selected for this intervention were significantly affected by the devastating floods of 2013. Due to poor road connectivity and the difficult terrain, these areas have been highly underdeveloped. The hilly terrain of Uttarakhand posed numerous challenges for the construction work but due to great support from the local government and the community, this mammoth project was completed successfully.

In addition to the construction of the individual sanitation units, Behavioural Change Communication (BCC) training



was also imparted to the local communities to promote improved health and hygiene practices. Around 1,900 people have been sensitized through this training.



A round up of the 6th Asia Pacific Housing Forum



Housing for All Coalition of India was launched at the forum by Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra (left), Mr. Rajan Samuel (centre) and Ms. Renu Sud Karnad (right)

Held on 6th and 7th July in New Delhi, the 6th Asia Pacific Housing Forum (APHF6) saw over 350 experts from the Government, micro-finance, housing sector, urban planning, research, the NGO world and corporates engaged in seeking solutions to inadequate housing and sanitation. Over 70 speakers came together to discuss housing, sanitation, urban development and disaster response. With its theme, 'Housing at the Center', the forum was aligned with the 'Housing for All

by 2022' and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, launched by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

The Chief Guest of APHF6 was Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Additional Secretary, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and the Guests of Honour were Ms. Renu Sud Karnad, Managing Director, HDFC Ltd. and Mr. Sanjay Nayar, CEO, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. Eminent leaders like Mr. Sriram Kalyanaraman, Chairman and

Managing Director, National Housing Bank, Mr. Rakesh Israni, Director, Aavaas by Nebula and Mr. Richard Northcote, Chief Sustainability Officer, Covestro were also part of the event. 'The Housing for All Coalition of India' was launched at the forum by Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Ms. Renu Sud Karnad and Mr. Rajan Samuel, Managing Director, Habitat for Humanity India. The Coalition's mandate is to promote scalable, affordable housing solutions.

Recommendations:

- Intensified engagement with the government
- Raising resources at least cost
- Adopt inclusivity during planning and implementing
- Explore convergence of master and sectoral planning
- Promote in-situ development of slums
- Create a National Affordable Housing Equity Fund
- Promote apt technology acceptable by the community

The Wharton - Habitat for Humanity International Housing Finance Course

Drs. Marja Hoek-Smit - the Director of the International Housing Finance Program of the Wharton School Zell/ Lurie Real Estate Center was the main faculty for the course with other well-known speakers from the housing finance and micro-finance sectors in India. Over 85 participants from banks, micro finance institutions and home finance companies, NGOs, educational institutions and members of Habitat for Humanity's

Terwilliger Centre for Innovation in Shelter attended the course that was held on 4th and 5th July, 2017.

Worldwide innovations in financial markets and comparative education and analysis in housing finance were discussed along with how these elements can all together meet the demand for quality housing in India.

High Tea – Beyond Housing Microfinance

A High Tea meeting was organized on the 5th of July, 2017 as part of APHF6 to stress on the importance of housing microfinance encompassing livelihood, housing and sanitation. This gathering was attended by some of the distinguished leaders in the housing microfinance sector such as Mr. Vasudevan Suresh, Former Chairman and Managing Director, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), Mr. R. V. Varma, Former Chairman and Managing Director, National Housing Bank, Mr. Madhusudhan Menon, Executive Chairman, Micro

Housing Finance Corporation Ltd, Mr. Anand Rao, Managing Director, Chaitanya Finance, Mr. Deepak Kundu, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sambandh Finserve Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Ramchandra Vaidya, CEO of Micro Build and many others.

Asia Pacific Housing Forum 6 was supported by the Aditya Birla Group, Aavaas by Nebula, Covestro (India) Private Limited, HDFC Ltd and National Housing Bank in partnership with Dasra, Real Estate Management Institute (REMI) and UN Global Compact Network India.



Participants of the Wharton - Habitat for Humanity International Housing Finance Course



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The inauguration of APHF6 in New Delhi with the dignitaries and Habitat for Humanity's home partners.

Altisource Builds a Secure School Wall



The Altisource team at Manori

On 10th June, 2017 Habitat for Humanity India and Altisource Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd. collaborated for a build activity at Dnyansadhana School, Manori. 109 volunteers from Altisource came together for the build and raised the school compound wall by three feet. The team also painted the compound wall of the school.

Sandeep Bhalla, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Altisource said “Companies like Altisource have a lot to offer to NGOs like Habitat. Volunteering with an NGO in the housing sector, which Altisource is also a stakeholder in, since we are a real estate housing

finance company, is only logical for us. The build activity is also in line with the Altisource ‘Connect Objective’ which seeks to engage employees and make them feel that they are working amongst friends. Such initiatives bring value and make our employees more capable.”

Rocky Enas Koli, the Head Administrator at Dnyansadhana School said “Two years ago the school was in a very pathetic condition. Since the school is near the shore, the walls and the playground would get damaged. The school did not have functional toilets. With Habitat’s intervention the school infrastructure has improved

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*- Sandeep Bhalla,
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Altisource*

tremendously. It is essential for students to study in a healthy environment. Thank you Habitat and Altisource for contributing to our school.”

Rajan Samuel, Managing Director, Habitat for Humanity India added “What we have done with the school is to bring in different stakeholders so that at the end of the day we are able to build a functional school so that the students can get educated, because they are the leaders of tomorrow. I want to thank our friends from Altisource who have come forward, invested their time, labour and money in helping the school in rebuilding the wall.”

Ensuring Lives of Dignity



The community sanitation complex built in association with the Thane Municipal Corporation is a huge relief to Jeeja

65 year old Jeeja Borade who lives in Sathewadi, Thane (Maharashtra) met with an accident six years ago. She had to get a rod fitted into her shoulder and her right leg, which restricted her mobility. Gradually Jeeja started walking with the help of a walker but was unable to use the old toilets. She was completely dependent on her family and was given a chair that helped her defecate into a plastic bag. This embarrassed her to no end and left her helpless.

Many other families in Sathewadi did not have access to safe and clean sanitation. To address the issue Habitat India joined hands with the

Thane Municipal Corporation to build a community sanitation complex with improved sanitation facilities in the vicinity. The project has been partly funded by SBI Capital. The complex will positively impact 500 individuals by creating access to 11 toilets for men, 6 toilets for women, 2 toilets for children and 2 for differently abled individuals.

As Jeeja and her family live in this area, she received some respite after the toilets were built. The toilets built for the differently abled have proved to be a boon for her. Now she doesn’t use the chair. She says “The previous sanitation facility was very unhygienic. With this new facility, I

use the toilet on my own. Now it’s our responsibility to continue to maintain this facility for our benefit. A clean society cannot be achieved unless everyone takes the responsibility to do their bit.”

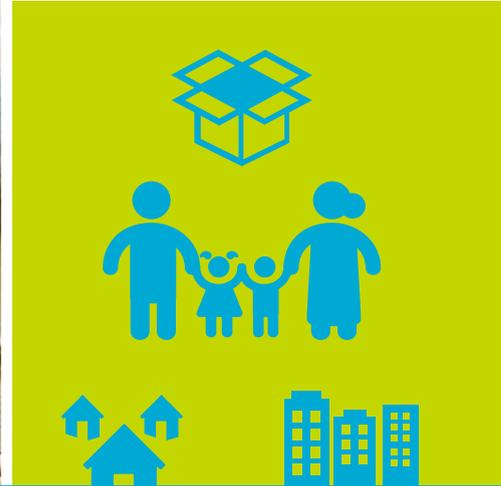
Thane, now a part of Government of India’s Smart Cities Mission, needs many such interventions to become Open Defecation Free. To achieve this, Habitat for Humanity India has committed to build 9 more sanitation complexes.

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You Can Give Them Hope

Gallery



The floods triggered by the heavy rainfall in Gujarat, Rajasthan and the North East over the last few weeks have led to immense loss of lives, properties and incomes leaving thousands of people homeless and displaced. Over 15,00,000 people have been affected in the North East. In Gujarat and Rajasthan more than 50,000 individuals have been affected. They all need our help.

Habitat's Disaster Risk Reduction and Response Program aims to support 9,000 families in Assam and Manipur and 10,000 families along with 30 schools in the worst affected districts of Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Gujarat and Rajasthan Flood Response

Phase 1: 6,000 families will be provided with Humanitarian Aid Kits and Family Essential Kits

Phase 2: 3,000 families and 30 schools will be supported with repairs and infrastructure improvement

Phase 3: New disaster resilient homes for 1,000 families

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North East Flood Response

Phase 1: 9,000 families to be provided with Humanitarian Aid Kits In the next phase, Habitat India will build permanent homes and sanitation units for the families in need.

Your timely support will help the affected families to recover and become more resilient during this time.

Ms. Sheila Kripalani, Chairperson, Habitat for Humanity India (third from left) and Ms. Lara Shankar, Director, Strategic Management Unit (first from right) were honoured with the 'Iconic Leaders Creating a Better World for All' award by the All Ladies League International at the International Women Economic Forum held in New Delhi on 13th May, 2017

Habitat India can now accept donations through Paytm, here's our Paytm QR code. Our mobile no. is 9004508454. Do share in your network and support our cause.



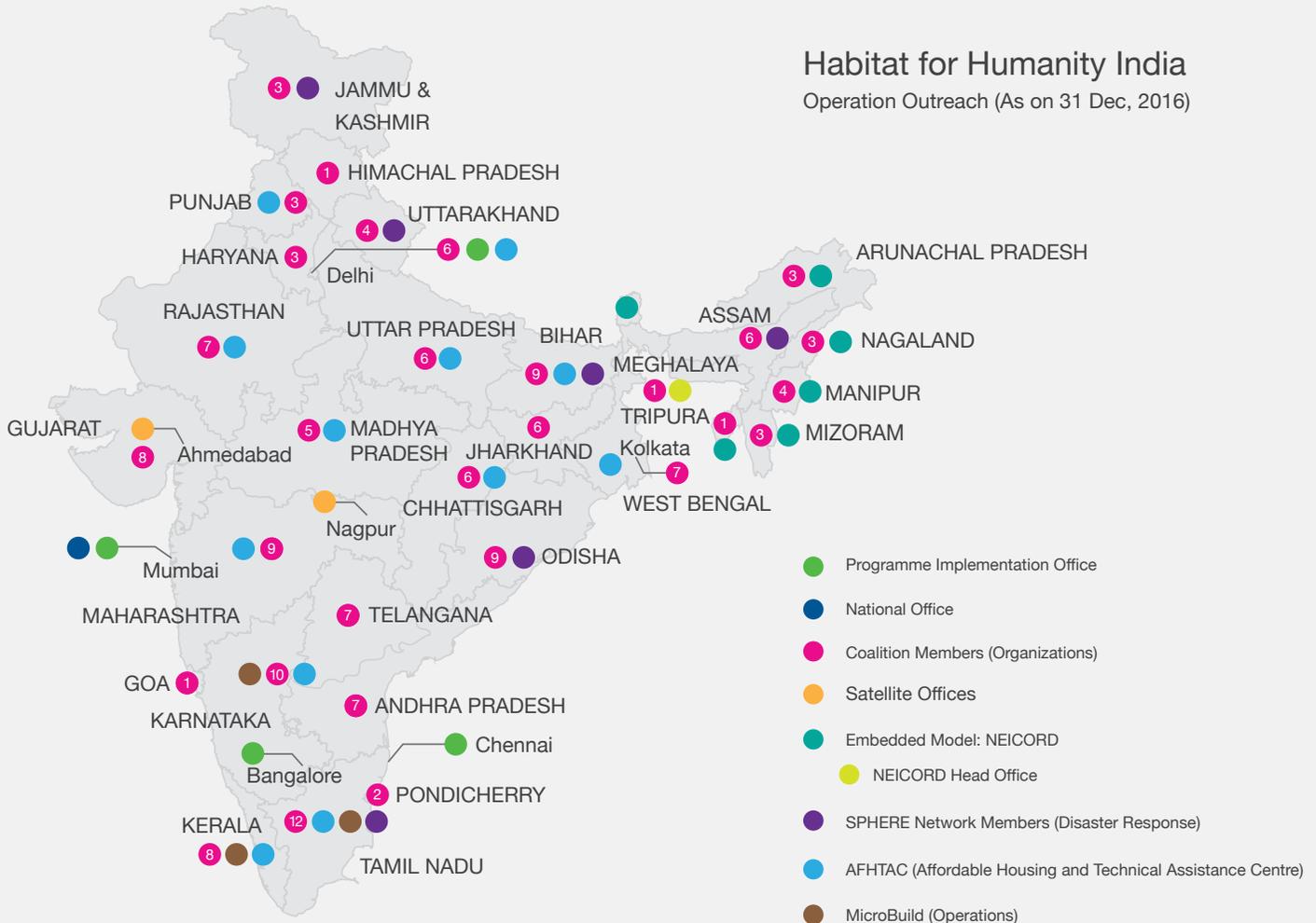
On 6th May, 2017 32 employees from Turner Construction Company participated in a Volunteer Build at Dyansadhana Madhyamik Vidyalaya in Manori, Mumbai.



Habitat India and Owens Corning have installed 4 toilets in Sayli village, Silvassa. In April 2017, the toilets were handed over by Mr. Don Rettig, Director of Community Relations, Owens Corning and President, Owens Corning Foundation (USA), along with the Owens Corning and InterWrap India leaders Mr. Opendar Singh and Mr. Sanjay Rao.

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