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## From the Managing Director's Desk

It is widely recognized that lack of a home and a sanitation unit is a global issue. Absence of these two vital entities has a huge impact on the world we live in. As we approach the next quarter, Habitat for Humanity India has a specific contribution to make in terms of raising the profile of housing and sanitation, especially in India. It is trusted that Habitat's current activities will provide the impetus to bring about the much needed change. Currently, Habitat through its entities and strategic alliances is serving 7% of the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) of the country. We are delighted to inform you that Habitat India has been empanelled as a Key Resource Centre by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India. We will

endeavour to fill the knowledge and capacity gap amongst the sector professionals through capacity building programs.

We could not have reached here were it not for your continued support. We look forward to creating lasting impact in the community we serve together.

While you share wonderful moments with your loved ones, do continue to shine a light of hope with us in the lives of many more families. We wish you a very Happy Diwali!

In partnership

**Rajan Samuel**  
Managing Director  
Habitat for Humanity India

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## Disaster Resilient Homes for Flood Affected Families in Tamil Nadu



*"The new house has given me an identity and respect in my community."*

Anjalakshmi Ramu

Anjalakshmi Ramu (centre) receives her Habitat home

*"We lost everything in the floods, our house was destroyed. My husband and I took our kids on our shoulders and walked away leaving everything behind only to save our lives. We settled in a temporary shelter for nearly four days and had no money."* said Anjalakshmi Ramu, about what her family went through during the devastating floods in Tamil Nadu in 2015.

With an aim to improve the living conditions of the families affected during the massive floods, Wells Fargo India

partnered with Habitat India to build disaster resilient homes in Erumaiyur, Kancheepuram district (Tamil Nadu). The partnership will help serve 20 people. The homes were handed over to the families in a dedication ceremony on 28th August, 2017. Sanjula Bai, CSR Lead, EGS Wells Fargo India, Vinod Mannattil, Site Leader, EGS Wells Fargo, Chennai, Joe Francis, Property Manager, EGS Wells Fargo India and Samuel Peter, Director, Disaster Response, Program and Operations, Habitat for Humanity India handed over these homes and

interacted with the local community. Vinod Mannattil said, *"Community Development and environmental sustainability have always been a long-standing Wells Fargo vision. We wish the families a happy and healthy future."*

*"God heard our prayers when Habitat India and Wells Fargo rebuilt our home and our hope to live a normal life all over again. The new house has given me an identity and respect in my community."* says Anjalakshmi with gratitude.

Families served  
**2,40,512**

Individuals served  
**11,61,296**

Homes built & repaired  
**2,08,402**

Sanitation units built  
**2,39,971**

People served through S2S coalition  
**1,75,68,112**

People served through DRRR  
**1,96,317**

Individuals trained under CBDRM  
**35,000**

Volunteers  
**37,94,253**

Number of States  
**20**

## School Sanitation Units for a Better Tomorrow



700 tribal girls will benefit through the sanitation complex in Silvassa

Volkswagen Finance Pvt Ltd and Habitat for Humanity India have built a sanitation complex for the girl students of the Government Sarvottam Higher Secondary School in Silvassa. The 1,500 square feet sanitation complex consists of 20 urinals and 13 lavatories. It will cater to nearly 700 female students and 25 female teachers. The students belong to tribal families and travel from far off places to attend school. Prerna Sopandev Patil, from class 11 said “We faced lot of problems earlier as there was only one toilet in the school and water

shortage too. It was even more difficult during our menstrual period. We are very happy that such a big toilet facility has been built for us.” The sanitation complex also houses a changing room equipped with an incinerator and a sanitary napkin vending machine.

The dedication ceremony of the sanitation complex took place on 5th August, 2017 in the presence of Paritosh Shukla, Assistant Secretary, Education, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Gokhan Cinar, Managing Director and Chief Financial

*“We are hopeful that this toilet facility will reduce the dropout rate among girls.”*

P. K. Patel,  
Principal, Government  
Sarvottam Higher  
Secondary School, Silvassa

## School Sanitation Units for a Better Tomorrow



Over 2000 students across 4 schools will now have access to a toilet in Bengaluru

Officer, Volkswagen Finance Pvt. Ltd. and Janet Serrao Aggarwal, Chief Financial Officer, Habitat for Humanity India. The Principal of the school, P.K. Patel said, “Many girls drop out of school because of lack of facilities. We are hopeful that this toilet facility will reduce the dropout rate among girls.”

In yet another intervention Volkswagen Finance Pvt. Ltd. supported the construction of sanitation units in 4 government schools in Bengaluru. Over 2,000 students will benefit through these units. The inauguration ceremony was

attended by Maheen Lampwala, Head Accounts, Volkswagen Finance Pvt. Ltd., Rahul Prasad, Head Human Resources, Volkswagen Finance Pvt. Ltd. and Rajan Samuel, Managing Director, Habitat for Humanity India.

Gokhan Cinar,  
MD and CFO,  
Volkswagen Finance Pvt Ltd  
with the students in Silvassa



## Habitat's Flood Response in Assam



Post the devastating floods in Assam, families were reached out as an immediate response

Owing to the heavy rains and consequent flooding in Assam this year, Habitat India has been on ground reaching out to affected families in various flood-hit districts.

As a part of our Disaster Risk Reduction and Response Programme, over 1,000 Family Shelter Kits have been distributed to the flood affected families in various

districts such as Morigaon, Lakhimpur, Narayanpur, Dhemaji through the support from Mahindra Finance and Amazon India.

You too can support our efforts to rebuild the lives of families who have lost their homes and livelihoods because of the floods.

To donate visit [www.habitatindia.in](http://www.habitatindia.in)

To contribute to our flood response contact

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## Building Enhanced Lives for Tribal Families



The teams from Samsung C&T and Habitat India at the handover ceremony

Samsung C&T has joined hands with Habitat India with the aim to build a better future for tribal families residing in the hamlets of Karjat through the Samsung C&T Village 5 project. The partnership will support 55 families to construct a safe and decent house. These families will additionally receive a water wheel device that will ease their effort in fetching water and storing it. The project extends to help a school in one of the villages in Karjat with smart classrooms. This will impact the lives of over 400 children in the community who

attend the school. The Samsung C&T Village 5 project, in turn, is targeting holistic improvements for the families impacting over 600 individuals.

The local community will also undergo Behavior Change Communication (BCC) sessions conducted by Habitat on the importance of hygiene and sanitation. Samsung C&T has been Habitat India's supporter since 2013. In 2015, the organization partnered with Habitat India to improve the lives of 131 families in

Ambarnath through various housing and sanitation initiatives. The project in Karjat will act as a significant step towards further strengthening this partnership.

Speaking about the initiative, Rajan Samuel, Managing Director of Habitat for Humanity India said, "No matter where you come from, everyone deserves better opportunities in life. We thank Samsung C&T for supporting many underprivileged families with us."

## Global Village Volunteer Programmes



Happy Move with the Hyundai Motors Group was a huge success

### Happy Move by Hyundai Motors Group

Happy Move is Habitat's volunteer movement in partnership with Hyundai Motors Group. Every year, Hyundai Motors brings hundreds of volunteers to support the communities in need. This year Hyundai Motors Group mobilized their employees from South Korea and 112 students from Korea University for the Happy Move campaign to build five new homes and to repair one student hostel in

Sengadu, Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.

*"India is one among the few countries where apart from building homes and extending volunteers support, one can also learn about its rich culture, colourful art of Indian Heritage. Hyundai Motors is always happy to bring Korean university students for this volunteering activity as well as for inter cultural exchange*

*program. We are happy to support Habitat for Humanity India for building more homes, sanitation and improving living facilities for the poor and needy in the country."* said Suksan Yoon, Senior Manager Hyundai Steel, Korea.

The Build was flagged off on 1st August, 2017 and concluded on 10th August, 2017.

## Global Village Volunteer Programmes



Whirlpool team in Pondicherry



The Whirlpool team in Delhi

### Whirlpool Corporation builds with Habitat India

On 5th September, 2017 Whirlpool Corporation and Habitat India came together to build homes for families in Keelalinjipattu, Cuddalore, (Pondicherry) and Savda Ghera, Bawana, (New Delhi). The build was organised to honour and recognize Whirlpool Corporation's CEO, Jeff Fettig's immense contribution to the organisation. Commenting on the event, K. Hariharan, Plant Director, Whirlpool in Pondicherry said

*"Whirlpool has been a part of Habitat's program for many years. I am very proud to be a part of this, building homes for the poor. Habitat India is doing an excellent work and we are happy to be a part of this social responsibility."*

The build activity was organized through Habitat India's Global Village Volunteer Programme. Ranjan Kumar, CSR Head, Whirlpool India

*added "Helping our own community is a great thing, that too building homes for needy families is definitely beyond any ordinary individual's capacity. Thanks to Habitat India for making the impossible, possible."*

# The True Value of a Home



When asked what her new home has given her, Mannabi responds “*Sukoon*” (Peace)

Over the last few years, Maharashtra has unfortunately witnessed a high number of farmer suicides. As per reports the state recorded 3,063 farmer suicides in 2016 alone.\* In the Osmanabad district of Maharashtra, Habitat India works extensively for the widows and children of farmers who are left in vulnerable conditions. The widows of the farmers are given possession of their Habitat home with a view to make them independent and self-confident.

45 year old, Mannabi Shaikh lost her husband nearly 10 years ago. Ridden with debt and extreme stress, he

decided to end his life and left behind his family. Distraught and forsaken Mannabi was left to fend for her little children – a daughter and two sons. Since then she has struggled to eke out a living for her family. She worked as a labourer and raised her children singlehandedly.

Through all her trials and tribulations, Mannabi and her family lived in a dilapidated house. However, today as a Habitat home-owner she walks around in her house with a newfound self-confidence. When asked what her new home has given her, she responds instantaneously “*Sukoon*”

meaning peace. The home is a matter of pride for Mannabi as she runs a tailoring business in the house with her sewing machine. It has given her family stability and an opportunity to build a better future. A Habitat home does not only provide a roof over a family but also ends up becoming a reason for joy and stability for the individuals living in it.

With the support from Willis Towers Watson, over 50 new homes have been provided to farmer widows and their families in Osmanabad thus impacting the lives of 250 individuals.

\*Source: [www.hindustantimes.com](http://www.hindustantimes.com)

# Gallery



Habitat India's Sanitation Champion Sharada Kamble was felicitated on 26th July, 2017 in New Delhi at the launch of 'We Are Water' foundation by Roca Bathroom Products Pvt. Ltd. Families in need of a sanitation unit can call on a hotline number. Habitat India and Roca will help such families.



In a handover ceremony held on 8 August 2017, Habitat India in partnership with Rajputana Society of Natural History provided 50 water wheels to underprivileged families in Bharatpur.

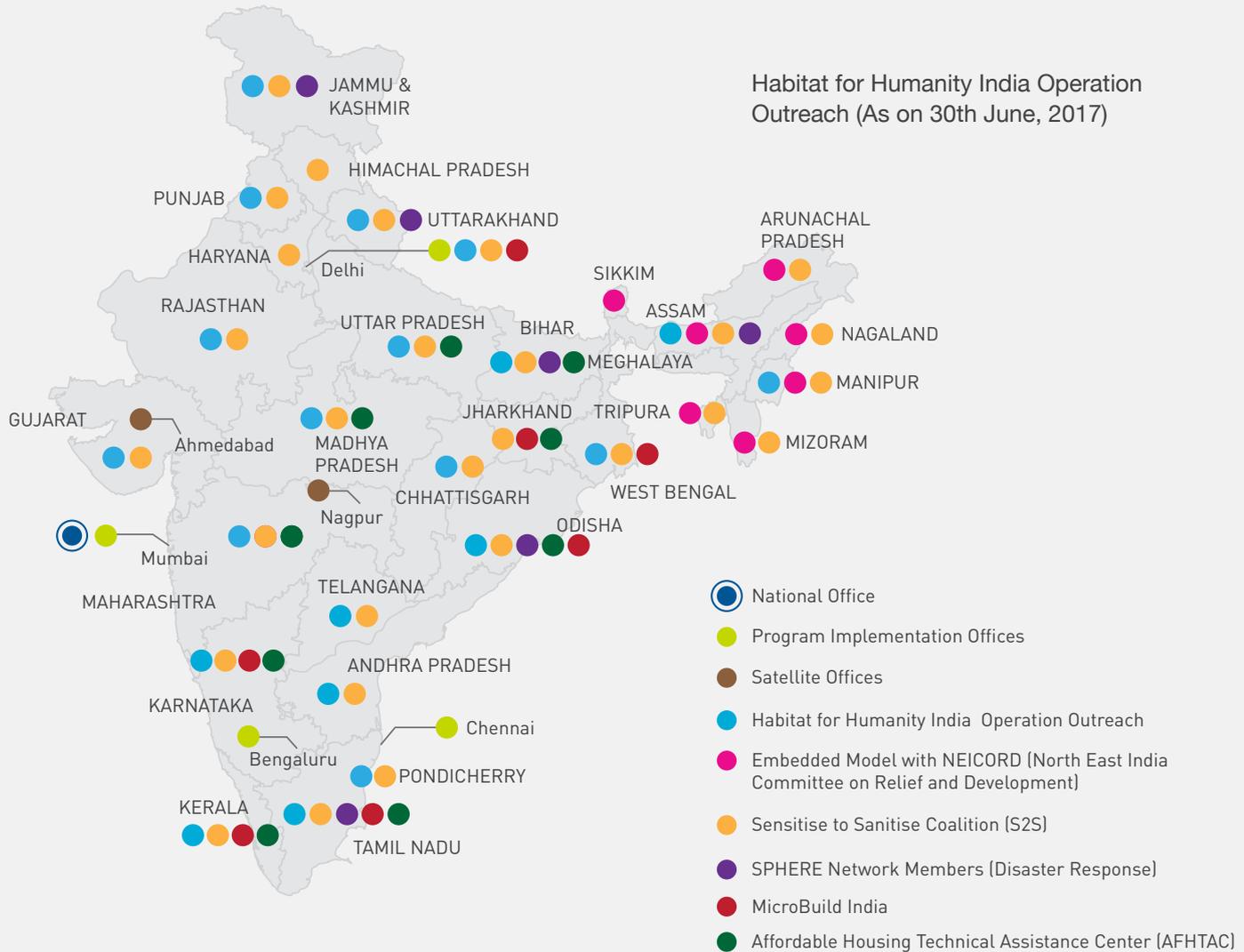


On 15th June, 2017 Willis Towers Watson handed over 50 new homes to farmer widows and their families in Osmanabad thus impacting the lives of 250 individuals.



An orientation on Community Approach to Sanitation was conducted by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation for newly appointed Key Resource Centres. 5 members from Habitat India participated in this at Gorakhpur from 19th to 23rd August, 2017.

Habitat for Humanity India Operation Outreach (As on 30th June, 2017)



Habitat for Humanity India has been empanelled as a Key Resource Centre with the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India

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