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Editorial

The seed for building a world where everyone has a decent place to live was planted in India, 35 years ago in 1983.

In India, Habitat for Humanity has empowered the lives of over 15,39,839 individuals through housing, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) and disaster response. We could not have done this without you. Our long term strategic goal for 2022 is to impact the lives of 60 million individuals in their dream of living in a safe and a decent home.

2018 presents a window of opportunities that we can only take advantage of if we stay committed to our vision together.

With the belief that we are constantly backed by your encouragement and support, we wish you all a very exciting and prosperous New Year!

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John Abraham Applauds Habitat India's Impact Assam Initiative



John Abraham pledged his support to Habitat India's Impact Assam initiative

On 15th February 2018, acclaimed Indian film actor, national award winning producer and Bollywood superstar John Abraham honored Habitat India's **'Impact Assam'** initiative that focuses on rebuilding the lives of families affected by the devastating Assam floods of 2017. The event witnessed the presence of over 65 esteemed representatives from various walks of life including government bodies, corporates, schools and the media. Impact Assam initiative is supported by the North East United Football Club.

Speaking at the event **John Abraham** said, *"North East is close to my heart. Along with me, all the players of North East United Football Club are committed to the cause of rebuilding lives of those affected by the floods in Assam."*

Till date Habitat India has distributed Household Kits to 3,332 families and Emergency Shelter Kits to 1,200 families. Habitat India aims to build disaster resilient homes for 2,000 families.

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Building Strength for Visually Impaired Families



The families were invited for a handing over ceremony

After living in dilapidated makeshift houses, overcrowded conditions and apartments with escalating rents for years, 16 visually impaired families from Vangani now have realized their dream of living in a safe and a decent home. In partnership with BA Continuum India Pvt. Ltd, Habitat has built a multi-storied building providing affordable homes to these 16 families in Vangani.

On 23rd February 2018 the houses were handed over to all the Habitat home partners by Rajan Samuel,

Managing Director, Habitat for Humanity India and Bandana Jha, Vice President, Environment Social and Governance, BA Continuum India Pvt. Ltd.

This housing project is part of Habitat India's 'Maha-Impact' initiative which aims at building homes for underprivileged families in need of decent and affordable homes in Maharashtra. Habitat's Maha-Impact initiative is in partnership with the State Government of Maharashtra.

"There are times when I wish that if I had vision, I would have a better job and a better life. But we are happy with what God has given us. I sell trinkets in the local train. The money is not much but I try to survive. My dream is to give quality education to my children and make them independent. In our new home, I am able to say that I can see my future," said one of the home partners, Balasaheb Shinde, Vangani (Maharashtra).

Water Wheels for Families in Palghar (Maharashtra)



Fractal Analytics and Lubrizol Corporation distributed water wheels to families in Shilonda

Water wheels were distributed to families in the village of Shilonda, Palghar district (Maharashtra) with support from Lubrizol Corporation and Fractal Analytics on 10th and 12th March 2018 by the two organizations respectively.

The water wheels will act a source of

relief to these families with the upcoming summer season and water cuts. While Fractal Analytics supported 634 waterwheels, Lubrizol Corporation supported 108 waterwheels.

Chetana Kumar, Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, Fractal

Analytics said, *“Water is an essential resource for life. The water wheels could be a very useful resource towards ensuring a healthy living for the many families navigating long distances to collect water. Fractal Analytics is happy to be able to support Habitat India in this noble cause.”*

Asian Tour Golf Stars Partner with Habitat to Support Families in Need of Decent housing



Inauguration of the Asian Tour Golfers Build



Shiv Kapur and his wife Maya at the build site

On 12th March, 2018 Asian Tour champions Shiv Kapur, Chiragh Kumar along with their wives partnered with Habitat India to assist Munna Devi build a home for her family in Begumpur (New Delhi).

They were joined by 2015 Asian Development Tour Merit champion Casey O'Toole of the United States, Rajeev Menon, Member – Board of

Directors, Habitat for Humanity India and Rajan Samuel, Managing Director, Habitat for Humanity India. *"We were touched by the support of our New Delhi and international visitors who helped build our home. We are eager to complete our new home and cannot wait to move in,"* said Munna Devi with a smile on her face. Munna Devi is a mother of two daughters and one son.

Widowed six years ago, Munna Devi is determined to give her children a better future.

Habitat for Humanity is the 'Sustainable Development Partner' of the Asian Tour. In line with the new partnership, the Asian Tour's season-long ranking has been renamed as 'Habitat for Humanity Standings.'

“We are very honoured to be able to support Habitat for Humanity India. Maya and I have always admired the great work they do around the world and we wanted to contribute by helping build homes in a place that is very close to our hearts and make a difference in our own little way”, said Shiv Kapur.

Chiragh Kumar said, “I am happy to be part of this association with Habitat for Humanity India. I hope that one day all Indians will have a decent place to live.”

Casey O’Toole shared his thoughts too. “I am excited about being an advocate for Habitat for Humanity. I have been able to see first-hand the impact it is making on people’s lives, and it is something I am very humbled to represent and be a part of,” he said.



Chiragh Kumar and his wife Namrata partook in the build activity



Casey O'Toole laid the bricks for the house

Habitat Young Leaders Build (HYLB) 2018



HYLB Big Build saw over 200 volunteers working on building decent homes

HYLB Big Build

On 20th January 2018 over 200 employees from Altisource Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Samsung Construction and Technologies and Willis Towers Watson Mumbai helped build houses for 9 families at Bangarwadi, Karjat (Maharashtra).



Participants at the Happy Move build

Happy Move Campaign

Over 150 volunteers from Hyundai Motors, Habitat Korea and students from Korea and Madras Christian College worked together on 5 homes and a government school community hall in Chennai (Tamil Nadu) from 23rd January 2018 to 31st January 2018.



Stacy Allison with her team

Stacy Allison Builds with Habitat India

Stacy Allison, the first American woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1988 built with Habitat India in Keelalinjipattu village in Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu). Stacy was joined by 12 other volunteers and worked on 3 houses.

Habitat India celebrates International Women's Week



International women's week was celebrated with enthusiasm and excitement by Habitat India volunteers

To commemorate Women's Day which is observed every year on 8th March, over 1,700 women across the country were reached out to in a week-long celebration through advocacy and awareness initiatives as well as Habitat builds. 13 women from United Kingdom and 7 women from Northern Ireland along with 110 students from Japan celebrated the

week with women and children across Delhi, Karjat, Bengaluru and Kolkata. The team from Northern Ireland also led a campaign to educate 5,000 women and children across all the cities on the importance of maintaining health and hygiene by disseminating hand-wash stickers to them.

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Building Healthier Schools with support from NetApp



Kavya's efforts towards promoting healthy habits make her a perfect change agent

14 year old Kavya's parents work as daily wage labourers in a glass factory and were unable to afford her fees at the private school she was in plus her medical bills owing to her diabetes. Her parents thus enrolled her in Dodbanahalli Government High School in Bengaluru. Despite her challenges, she performs exceedingly well in studies and in extra-curricular activities. She is a part of the children's parliament in her school where she is a Health Minister. She says, *"Being a diabetic I want to educate my peers to enjoy a healthy life through healthy habits."*

With support from NetApp India, Habitat India constructed a sanitation facility with hand-wash units at the school. This facility has individual toilets for girls and boys. Earlier the school had a common toilet which posed many difficulties owing to the high number of students.

As the school's Health Minister, Kavya takes her role very seriously and is thrilled about the sanitation facility. Her peers see her as a young leader and a role model. She wishes

to further inspire her school-mates and aspires to build a Swachh Bharat.

Additionally, NetApp and Habitat have built sanitation units in three other government schools in Bengaluru. A total of 1,143 students have been impacted through these interventions.

Gallery



Harvard Club of Mumbai with Habitat's Women Build India organised a fund raiser at The Quarter, Mumbai on 27th February 2018. Well-known pianist Dhanwanti Rajwade performed a master class. 70 people attended to support housing for farmers' widows in India.



The sanitation complex built by Habitat India in Sathewadi was awarded the 'Swachhatam Mohalla Award' by Thane Municipal Corporation for keeping the surrounding clean and hygienic.



Janet Serrao Agarwal



Sagar Sehgal



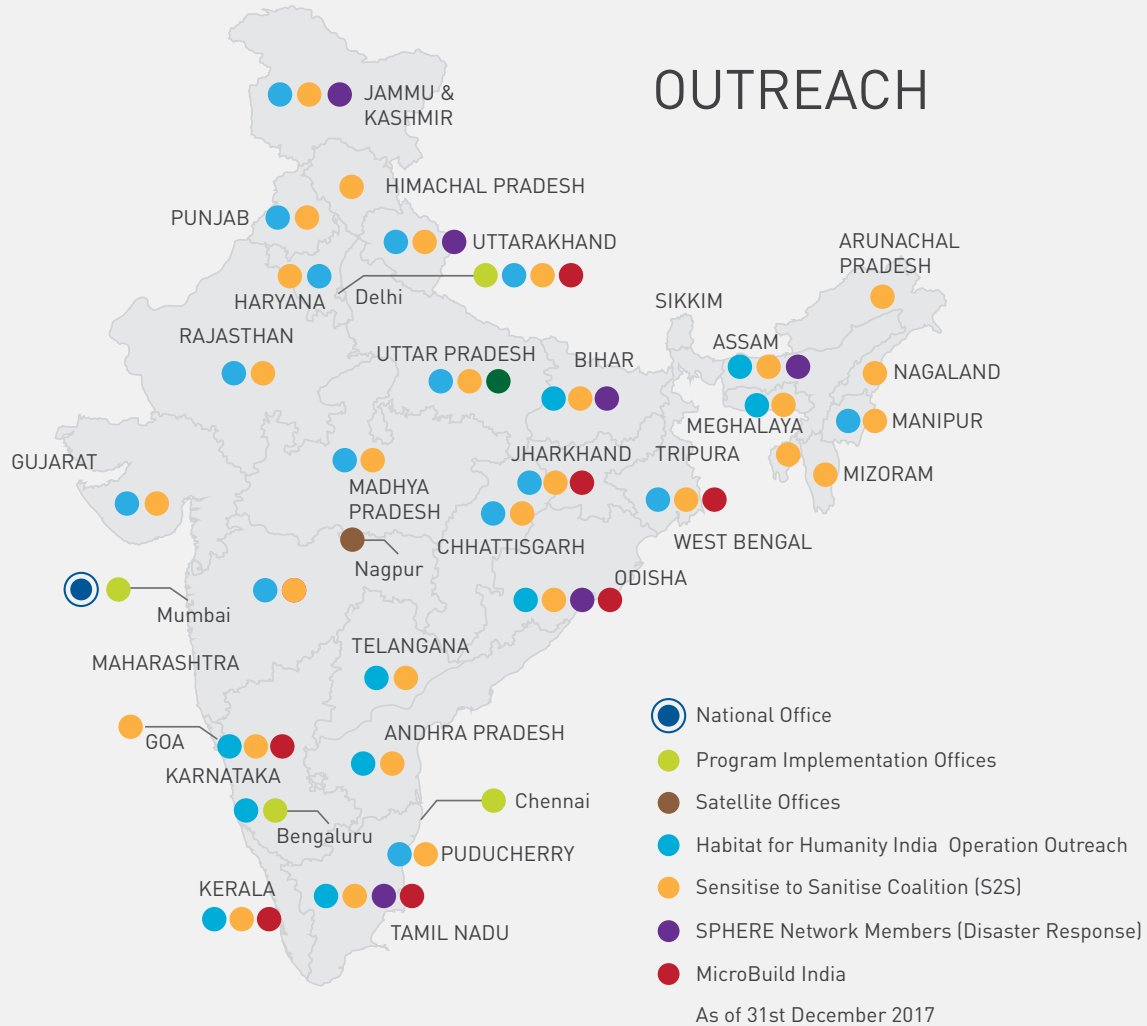
Ramesh Pittala

Thank you Janet Serrao Agarwal, Ramesh Pittala, Abhishek Agrawal, Sagar Sehgal, Kanisk Nayan for running the Tata Mumbai Marathon on 21st January 2018 and supporting Habitat India. 19 students from 6 schools also participated in the Dream Run.



With the support from Altisoure, Habitat India has built 6 toilets, a multi-facility auditorium and a 6 feet high wall at Dnyansadhana Madyamik Vidyalaya in Manori.

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