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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

With the year 2019 drawing to a close, we look back at the year gone by and reflect on our learnings and growth as an organization. Through all of the changing seasons, Habitat India has worked at strengthening its mission and vision, building a better India one home at a time.

This quarter is always our busiest, and the one during which we find ourselves refocusing on the reason why Habitat India exists with more clarity, as we involve more individuals than ever before in the journey that we are on together.

I hope you enjoy reading through these pages and get a glimpse of the programs, campaigns and events that we have had the privilege of being able to hold this quarter. We hope you get a glimpse of the purpose for which we exist - a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Habitat India Family wishes you and your families a very Happy New Year!

In partnership,
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Habitat for Humanity India

 Families served
6,19,075

 Individuals served
30,12,522

 Homes built and repaired
4,41,253

 Sanitation units built
11,21,576

 People served through S2S coalition
3,06,67,903

 People served through DRRR
7,87,794

 Individuals trained under CBDRM
36,478

 Volunteers
80,10,145

 Number of States
26



BREAKING NEW GROUND IN ODISHA FOR DISASTER RESILIENT HOMES

Habitat India is building disaster resilient homes for 150 families severely affected by Cyclone Fani in Bada Bhoi Sahi, Uttar Bhoi Sahi and Dhaudi Adiwasi Colony in Sadar Block of Puri District, Odisha.

Cyclone Fani stormed through the coastal region of India battering Odisha and Andhra Pradesh on 3rd May 2019. Odisha bore the worst brunt with widespread damage across the state with 1.1 million people evacuated from their homes. Puri, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and other towns like Khurda, Jajpur, Bhadrak and Balasore were devastated. Though the casualty rate during the cyclone was very low due to the proactive steps taken by the Government, several thousands of kutchra houses were completely destroyed.

In a tripartite partnership with L&T Technology Services Limited and the District Collector's Office of Puri (Government of Odisha), Habitat India is building disaster resilient homes for 150 families severely affected by Cyclone Fani in Bada Bhoi Sahi, Uttar Bhoi Sahi and Dhaudi Adiwasi Colony in Sadar Block of Puri District, Odisha.

The ground-breaking ceremony for this project known as Project Neelachala was held on 10th December 2019 in Puri. In addition to the disaster resilient homes,

the families in all the 3 villages will also undergo community based disaster risk management training to help them mitigate the impact of disasters through collective action and preparedness.

The event was attended by Balwant Singh, District Collector – Puri, Dr. Keshab Panda, CEO – L&T Technical Global, Paresh Mallick, Sarpanch – Baliguali, Rama Panda, Sarpanch – Bira Hare Krishanapur and Rajan Samuel, Managing Director – Habitat India.

TEE OFF TO A BETTER FUTURE!



S. Badrinath and Ajit Agarkar - former Indian cricketers with Rashid Khan – professional golfer and Brian Lara – former international cricketer (left to right).

Extending the spirit of sportsmanship and magnanimity he shows in the sports field to areas of social responsibility, legendary international cricketer Brian Lara urged sportspersons to support community development initiatives, as he inaugurated the second edition of Habitat for Humanity India's Charity Golf Tournament. The second edition of Habitat for Humanity India Charity Golf Tournament played at Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai saw Brian Lara tee off on 6th December 2019.



Brian Lara – former international cricketer tees off the second edition of the Habitat India Charity Golf Tournament.

“I have been associated with Habitat for Humanity’s work in the past and I firmly believe in their vision of building a world where everyone has a decent place to live, because housing is foundational for families to thrive. I am glad Habitat for Humanity India is using the power of sports to transform people’s lives, and is helping them achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build a better future for themselves,” said Brian Lara, Former International Cricketer.



Rajeev Menon, Member – Board of Trustees, Habitat India; R. Gopal, Managing Director – Goodrich Maritime Pvt.Ltd; R. Ramakrishnan, CEO - Polycab; Rustom Jeejeebhoy, Chairman – Board of Trustees, Habitat India, Ajith Sundaresh, Retd. Senior Finance Professional; Arjun Nohwar, Director and Regional GM Asia Pacific – Uber for Business and Rajan Samuel, Managing Director – Habitat India.

The tournament received an overwhelming response with 66 business leaders playing golf to support Habitat for Humanity India along with professional golfers Rashid Khan, Anil Mane and former Indian cricketers S. Badrinath and Ajit Agarkar. Shariq Kajiji won the tournament overall with the best overall net score, with Riaz Batliwala scoring the best gross score in the golf tournament.

As Habitat for Humanity is the sustainable development partner of the Asian Tour - the official regional sanctioning body for professional golf in Asia – golfer Varun Mohta, won the opportunity to play an Asian Tour Pro-Am in 2020. Akshay Kilachand also won a spot in the Golf Amour Egypt Challenge in February. Both DC Patel and Amit Nigam will get an opportunity to play a round of golf with Asian Tour

champion Shiv Kapur.

R. Gopal, Ajith Sundaresh, Arjun Nowhar, Rajeev Menon and R. Ramakrishnan used crowdfunding campaigns to raise over INR 16 lakhs for Habitat India, in support of low-income families in need of affordable housing, sanitation and access to water. The tournament was supported by HDFC Ergo and Louis Philippe.

ASIA-PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEET 2019



The Asia-Pacific Development Council meeting on 21st November 2019 in Mumbai.



Smt. Rajashree Birla speaking at the Habitat India Gala Dinner on 21st November 2019 at the Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai.

Habitat for Humanity's Asia-Pacific Development Council (APDC) is a group of prominent leaders who incite passion and enthusiasm in their individual industries, to build decent shelter across the Asia-Pacific region.

The APDC Meet 2019 was hosted by Mrs. Rajashree Birla (Aditya Birla Group, Chairperson – IndiaBuilds Advisory Committee, Council Member – Asia Pacific Development Council) and Habitat for Humanity India on 20th and 21st November 2019. The focus was on global and regional youth engagement strategy, and updates regarding the Terwiliger Center for Innovation and Shelter

in India, along with plans for Asia-Pacific countries.

The National Directors Meet was also held on 20th November, with representatives from other Habitat countries such as Nepal, Hong Kong, Philippines and United Kingdom.

The meetings culminated in a Gala Dinner celebrating 35 years of Habitat India's work and 15 years of the IndiaBuilds Advisory Committee - with a Coffee Table Book and film unveiled. 101 supporters of Habitat India attended the dinner. They were joined by 23 Habitat staff from the Asia-Pacific offices and 43 Habitat India staff from across the country.



THE DRIVE TO RUN FOR A BETTER WORLD

AIRTEL DELHI HALF MARATHON

Over 200 people ran the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon 2019 on 20th October 2019 in support of Habitat for Humanity India. 34 employees from Plasser India, 60 employees from Perfetti Van Melle India, 29 employees from Sony Pictures Network and 79 employees from Li and Fung ran the marathon in support of Habitat's Stay at School campaign. Aditi Someshwar, a student of Pathways School, Gurgaon, was the highest fundraiser in the Millennial Champions category raising over INR 2 lakhs for the floods in Karnataka.



TATA STEEL KOLKATA (TSK) 25K RUN

A team of 19 individuals from Senco Gold ran the Tata Steel Kolkata (TSK) 25K for Habitat India on 15th December 2019. Their support will help us provide water wheels for families in India.

DELHI BIKERS BREAKFAST RUN

Delhi Bikers Breakfast Run hosted the first 'Ride For Habitat' 2019 with Two Wheeled Expeditions. Ride For Habitat raised awareness for the cause of decent shelter, and invited bikers to donate and volunteer for Habitat India. Over 50 bikers joined together to ride for Habitat on 12th October 2019.

MAHINDRA OPEN DRIVE

Habitat for Humanity India was one of the 20 non-profits invited as charity partners at the Mahindra Open Drive. Habitat India's Brand Ambassador Pooja Bedi led the fundraising effort.

Habitat India rallied supporters to advocate for girl's education, menstrual hygiene and access to water through its 'Stay at School' campaign and the 'Water Wheels' campaign. The team raised INR 9,74,669 through the Mahindra Open Drive.

We thank all those who participated through these events – Habitat India continues to work because of supporters like you!

VOICES FROM THE FIELD



Vidhya's father Moorthi (41), mother Vanitha (30), Vidhya (13) and brother Sundaramoorthy (10) with their new Habitat home.

“Because of Habitat India, I see a glimpse of the new world I have always longed for - a world where a girl like me is no longer worthless, a liability or a burden. Instead I am a person of use, of value, of worthiness. You have provided me with wings, all I need to do now is take flight,” says Vidhya with a radiant smile.

The need for progress and compassion drives Vidhya (13), daughter of Moorthi and Vanitha, a part of the Irula tribal community in Keelalinjipattu, Tamil Nadu.

“From the time I was born in the Irula community, I lived in what one would call a dilapidated hut, not too different from being homeless. My parents tried their best to provide my brother Sundaramoorthy and me with three square meals a day, even if that meant skipping some meals

in the day themselves,” said Vidhya, remembering the past.

Habitat for Humanity India worked to help 22 families in Keelalinjipattu secure land with support from the district administration. Post this, Habitat India worked to build homes with these families to help them live in decent shelter.

“I believe in the power of hope as I have seen our houses transform from a 150 square feet thatched

hut that was always damp, dark and dingy without electricity, to a brick and mortar structure that is safe for dwelling. If such changes are possible, why not work hard and make everything you dream of, a reality?” says a beaming Vidhya.

Vidhya dreams of being a nurse, hoping that her caring nature and healing skills will benefit her community. Her new Habitat home helps her to study in a safe and secure space.

EQUIP. ENGAGE. EMPOWER.

HABITAT YOUNG LEADERS BUILD (HYLB) 2020 LAUNCH

The 2020 edition of Habitat Young Leaders Build was launched successfully on International Volunteers Day - 5th December 2019. The campaign is primarily directed towards promoting Sustainable Development Goal 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation. From 5th to 7th December, the campaign included the following events across the country:

NEW DELHI:

1185 individuals participated in a series of interactive street plays and rallies that were conducted to create awareness about conserving water.



CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU:

629 students from St. Joseph's School and Government High School attended handwash awareness sessions.



SHILONDA, MAHARASHTRA:

69 employees from ASK Group volunteered to build and paint with 4 families in the village of Kaspada.



BENGALURU, KARNATAKA:

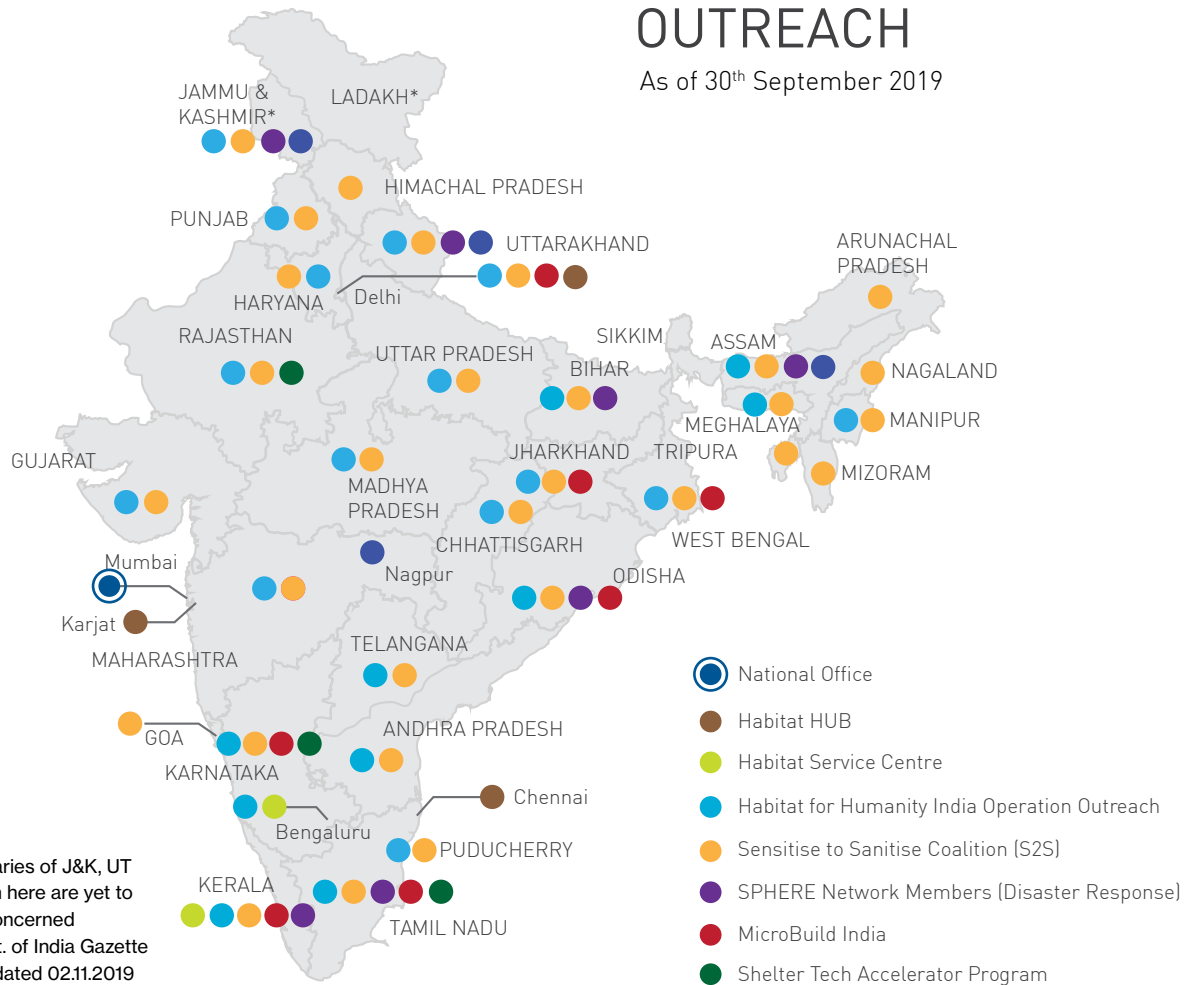
14 employees from First American International (FAI) Foundation volunteered to build and paint homes with families.



Thank you to KidsAge Newspaper for sharing Habitat India stories and spreading awareness for our cause.

OUTREACH

As of 30th September 2019



*Administrative boundaries of J&K, UT and Ladakh, UT shown here are yet to be authenticated by concerned authorities as per Govt. of India Gazette Notification No. 3585 dated 02.11.2019

Cover Photo: Habitat homeowners Samikanu (left) and Shanthi (right) with their daughter-in-law Anjali (middle) in front of their new Habitat home.



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