

# FOUNDATIONS

SUMMER 2015

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Dear Friend,

As our Spring newsletter went to print, Nepal was rocked by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. The scale of the devastation was vast. 2.8 million people were displaced; that's over 31 jam-packed Wembley arenas. It is a scale that simply cannot be imagined.

Habitat for Humanity have distributed over 1,600 temporary shelter kits. You can see a beneficiary below. It might not look like much to us but for them, for now, as monsoon season approaches, it is a home – a refuge from the elements.

Our primary skillset as a charity is building long-term shelter solutions so, as the dust settles, we are moving forward to focus on rebuilding Nepal permanently.

In this Summer edition of Foundations, you will find an update on how your incredibly generous support has and will continue to change lives in Nepal. You will also read about hundreds of thousands of lives that have been given new hope thanks to our advocacy projects in South America.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With warm wishes,

*Lani Charwood*

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Head of Communication, Habitat for Humanity Great Britain



The earthquake that hit Nepal on 25 April 2015 caused massive damage and high loss of life. Subsequent aftershocks flattened buildings damaged by the first earthquake. Families and communities, afraid to return home, set up camp in tent cities. The government of Nepal declared a state of emergency and requested international aid.

We are working in cooperation with the government of Nepal and as part of a network of humanitarian agencies focused on shelter provision, to ensure our response is as effective as possible. We have distributed temporary shelter kits, cleared rubble and debris, helped to train local communities on how to build for themselves and are planning how best to rebuild permanently.

Shelter is a critical need as monsoon season descends on Nepal. With your help, we can make a tangible and life-changing difference to families and communities who have lost everything.



A particular thank you to Standard Chartered Bank who, through their employees' generous donations and match funding, raised over £200,000 to support the Rebuild of Nepal.

- Over **8,800** people were killed
- Over **594,000** homes were destroyed
- Over **280,000** homes were damaged

## OUR RESPONSE SO FAR:

- Over **£350,000** raised by **HFH Great Britain** alone
- **20,000** water backpacks distributed to local communities, supported by over **60** volunteers
- Over **1,600** temporary shelter kits distributed across **4** districts including to over **160** families with members who are visually impaired
- **21** demonstration temporary shelters built to train local community members how to use the contents of shelter kits to build for themselves



### Global Village

If you are interested in building in Nepal, we have just **two places left** on our Re:Build Nepal Global Village trip from **22-29 November 2015**.

This is an incredible opportunity to make a lasting difference to this disaster-struck nation. Register your interest now: [globalvillage@habitatforhumanity.org.uk](mailto:globalvillage@habitatforhumanity.org.uk)

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 My own choice of £ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I enclose a cheque made payable to Habitat for Humanity Great Britain  
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 Please debit my:  MasterCard  VISA  Visa Debit  
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Please tick here if you would like us to send you information on remembering our work through a gift in your Will.

Habitat for Humanity Great Britain will use your donation where the need is greatest. Thank you.



# HABITAT UNPACKS: ADVOCACY

L to R: Training session as part of Land Rights project; Men and women from the Land Rights project in Brazil march about 'The Rights to the City' during Carnival; A woman holds a "Terra 'a vista'" booklet as she marches about 'The Rights to the City' during Carnival

Having the right to own land is something we can easily take for granted in Great Britain but it's not a right that is globally acknowledged. The right to own and use land and property allows people to live in their homes without the fear of eviction and provides a foundation from which they can build their livelihoods and access public and financial services.

Having this access is essential to release people from poverty, yet the majority of households in the developing world do not have legal land rights. Land administration systems in these areas need to recognise social, customary and informal rights and find viable mechanisms and systems to secure those rights.

The aim of our advocacy work is to bring about a change of attitudes, policies or laws through awareness-raising, rights education and lobbying. Habitat for Humanity have recently had critical successes in advocacy campaigns, delivered through two UKAID funded projects in South America.

## COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA

Through a project aimed at improving access to urban land and property rights for women and excluded groups, Habitat for Humanity helped establish the Women's Network and a school that educates women about the technical and legal aspects of land rights. The Women's Network developed a policy reform proposal for the Urban Property Owner Regularisation Law, which was adopted by President Evo Morales Ayma in 2012. Through the law, **1.8 million women in Bolivia now have the right to have their names listed on property deeds.**



## RECIFE, BRAZIL

A project aimed at empowering women to exercise their rights for secure land tenancy, has built a network of women from vulnerable communities who advocate for their rights to the land they occupy. The project worked with the judiciary and land administration offices to improve awareness of the challenges these communities face and to develop a model for a new public body, dedicated to improving access to secure land occupancy for four million families in the state of Pernambuco. This model has received great support at the Federal level and commitments have already been made to replicate it in all 26 states of Brazil.



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