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deserves a decent  
place to live

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**A world  
where everyone  
has a decent  
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## Message from the national director

The year 2018 marked our third consecutive fiscal year of focusing on disaster reconstruction in response to the 2015 earthquakes, followed by severe flooding in 2017. Thanks to generous contributions from our dedicated partners and volunteers who steadfastly support our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live, we have been able to expand our impact in Nepal. In 2018 we served more than 3,000 Nepali families with housing solutions through direct intervention and market development initiatives. Furthermore, over 2,700 individuals were trained in disaster-resilient house construction techniques.

In late August, we forged stronger partnerships with both local and state governments in eastern and western Nepal during the emergency flood response. Building on these partnerships to achieve long-term shelter solutions, we are now leveraging government resources to resettle landless flood-affected families and constructing permanent homes for them in both Morang and Banke districts.

Towards the end of the 2018 fiscal year Habitat Nepal developed a new strategic business plan to expand housing impact in Nepal by pursuing growth through housing microfinance and market development initiatives. As we look to the future, we will strengthen our relationships with local partners, leverage government resources and focus on low-cost housing solutions for economically vulnerable families.

The accomplishments over the past year were made possible thanks to our donors, supporters and volunteers. Our goal going forward is to achieve even more, by leveraging Habitat's expertise and funding to unlock government subsidies, private sector capital, and the energy and passion of local youth to create a better future for Nepali families in need of safe and affordable housing.

I am immensely grateful for your generosity and partnership, which directly enable and encourage us in this ambitious venture.

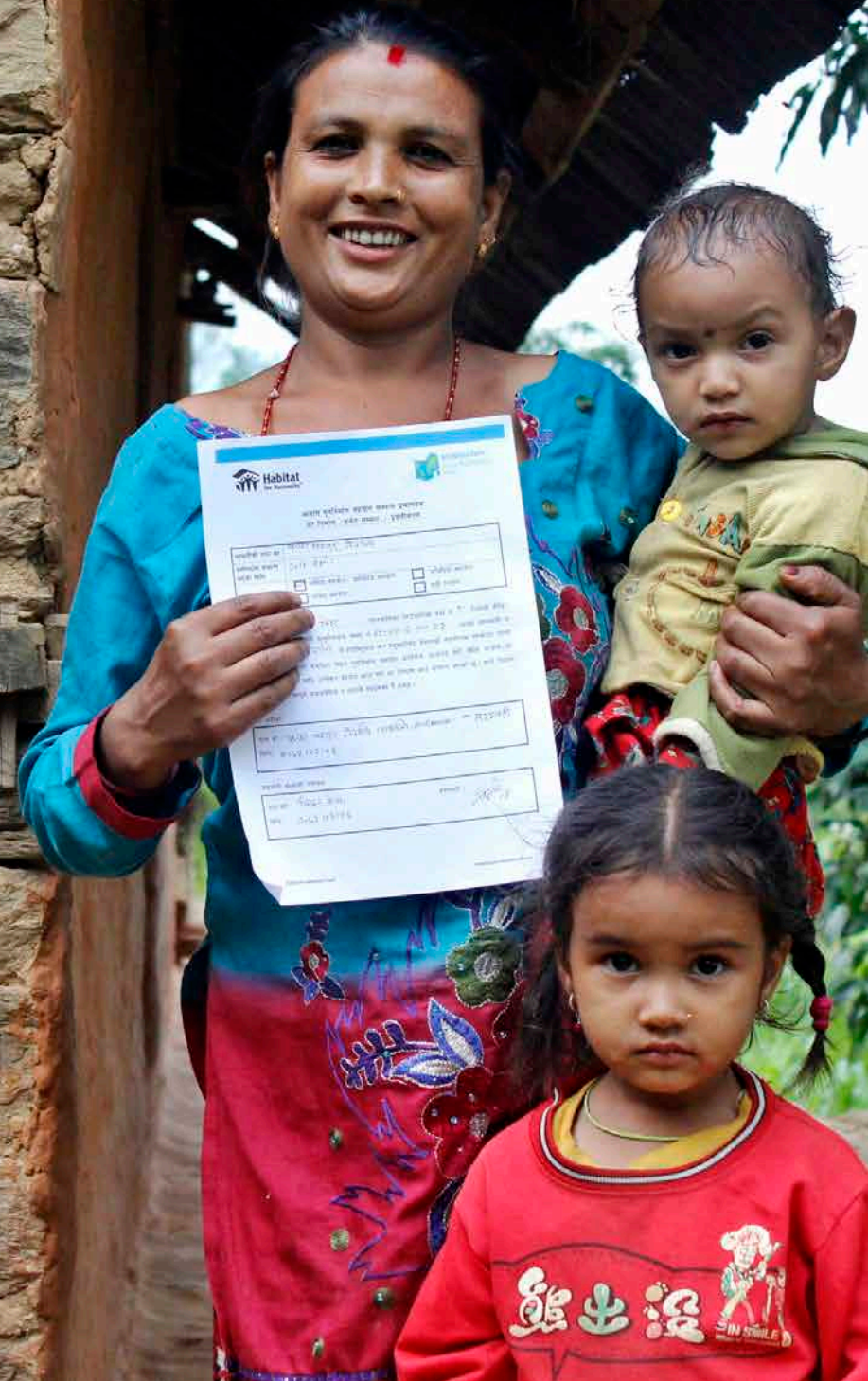
With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christy Stickney".

Christy Stickney  
National Director  
Habitat for Humanity Nepal



building  
self-reliance





# Empowering earthquake-affected communities through PASSA

Through training in the Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA), local communities are able to identify hazards and mitigating measures. They can go on to make informed choices on house construction, water, sanitation and other shared community resources, while promoting gender equality and social inclusion.

In earthquake-affected Kavrepalachok and Nuwakot districts, PASSA groups have identified 12 community projects in collaboration with local community members who have contributed their own labor known as “sweat equity” and raised additional funds to complete the projects.

The projects included the construction of communal facilities for safe drinking water, one in each of the four wards and a community hall in one of the wards in Panchkhal municipality, Kavrepalanchok district.

In Salme, Nuwakot district, 183 PASSA members from nine wards implemented different community projects to address their communal need. Community members in five wards decided to construct two permanent culvert bridges in their community. The existing temporary bridges are washed away by heavy rainfall during the annual monsoon season, forcing the locals to take a longer and potentially dangerous route. In another two wards, 50 sets of gabion walls were installed, and 1,800 culms of bamboo were planted to prevent landslides and soil erosion. In another two wards, PASSA groups agreed to complete two existing community structures by building walls and installing windows and doors. These halls will be used for PASSA meetings, trainings and other communal activities.

“Our communal meetings used to be held under a huge tree. We hardly have any communal activities during the monsoon season while the winter chill makes it difficult to attend meetings. Unlike neighboring communities, my community of 25 households does not have a school to serve as a meeting place. As a PASSA member, I feel proud to have contributed my 15 days of labor to construct the community building.”

Sanotshi, 22, PASSA member and a school teacher, Bidur 8, Tuche municipality



Top: Community members constructing a water storage facility in ward 4 of Panchkal municipality, Kavre.



Below: A communal drinking water facility built in ward 3 of Panchkal municipality in Kavre district.





# building strength

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PASSA members of ward 8, Bidur municipality with a key in front of the newly built community building.



# Completion of Nepal earthquake response in Tupche

Habitat for Humanity continues to build the self-reliance of local communities in earthquake-affected areas. Groups formed after receiving training in the Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) played an important role in identifying vulnerable families and community needs. The PASSA groups identified 161 families to receive a top-up grants in addition to the established government reconstruction subsidies, while another 31 families were provided with donated building materials. In addition, 47 families were assisted by local masons to rebuild their homes.

By the completion of the two-year earthquake response, Habitat Nepal and partner organization Architecture Sans Frontieres built a total of 217 permanent homes and two community buildings in Tupche, Nuwakot district. On June 30, a ceremony was organized to mark the closing of the Nepal Earthquake Assistance Program and handing over of the two community buildings in Tupche municipality.

Community members worked with Habitat Nepal to construct two community buildings that were proposed by the PASSA groups. Each community building, measuring an average of 452 square feet in size, will serve as a meeting place for PASSA groups as well as for community functions. There is now a safe space to store construction tools and in times of emergency or disaster, people can take refuge in these buildings.

“Habitat Nepal has done remarkable work by supporting the government reconstruction initiative and earthquake-affected families. The limited number of engineers in Bidur municipality did not meet the demand for houses that needed to be inspected. The backlog of homes needing inspection meant that people in Bidur were delayed accessing the government grant disbursements. Unlike other wards, ward 6 and 8 are fortunate to have received direct technical support and supervision from Habitat’s Housing Support Service Center, located within their community which enable families to receive grants on time. The 217 houses were built without compromising the housing standard. On behalf of my government, I would like to thank Habitat Nepal for their rebuilding effort in these wards,” said Sanju, mayor of Bidur municipality, Nuwakot district.



PASSA members from ward 8, Bidur municipality receiving a construction tool box from (fourth from right) Apsara Thapa, vice-chairperson of district coordination committee, Sanju Pandit, mayor of Bidur municipality and Fai Singh Tamang, chairperson of ward 8, Bidur municipality.



(From second right) Apsara Thapa, vice-chairperson of district coordination committee, Sanju Pandit, mayor of Bidur municipality and Fai Singh Tamang, chairperson of ward 8, Bidur municipality handing over a key of the community building to PASSA members of ward 6, Bidur municipality with Yuban Malla, Program Director, Habitat Nepal (left) looking on.







# Earthquake response facts at a glance

2018 earthquake reconstruction achievements in Kavrepalanchok and Nuwakot districts.



**985**

new houses  
constructed



**152**

individuals received  
vocational training



**5,871**

households received technical  
support through Habitat's  
Housing Support Service Centers

## Areas of work







**building  
stability**



# Reaching out to flood-hit families

Habitat Nepal distributed 400 relief kits containing items such as water backpacks, tarpaulin sheets, water purifiers and mosquito nets during the emergency phase that began in September 2017. The kits were sent to the flood affected families in five project areas in Jhapa, Sunsari, Morang, Saptari and Banke districts.

Following a three-phased flood response, Habitat Nepal and its partner organizations Sahara Nepal and Jeevan Bikas Samaj marked the completion of 1,124 temporary shelters for affected families in the terai districts of the far east. Likewise, 238 temporary shelters were also handed over to families in Banke district in western Nepal. These families were displaced during the August 2017 floods that ravaged 26 districts in what was reportedly the country's worst flooding in 15 years. According to government data, more than 41,000 houses were destroyed and an additional 150,000 homes were damaged.

After the emergency phase ended, Habitat Nepal conducted baseline surveys in five project areas to measure key conditions before the flood assistance program began. Community groups were formed and trained in PASSA to raise awareness of disaster-related vulnerabilities and foster locally appropriate safe shelter practices in their community. Through the PASSA process, individuals gained insights into safe building techniques and practical skills. As a community they were strengthened with better informed leadership.

During the reconstruction phase, Habitat Nepal will rebuild 60 permanent homes in Biratnagar city in Morang district and 40 homes in Rapti Sonari municipality in Banke district with the support of pharmaceutical group Roche and local governments.

## By the numbers



# 6,905

individuals served

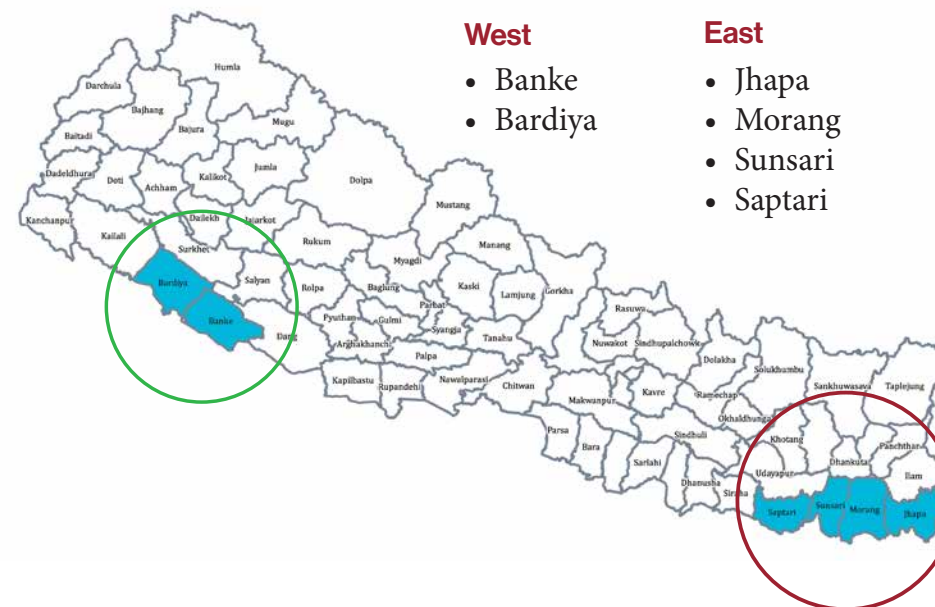
### Emergency flood response areas

#### West

- Banke
- Bardiya

#### East

- Jhapa
- Morang
- Sunsari
- Saptari



## Implementing partners

Jeevan Bikas Samaj, Mahila Upkar Manch, Mahuli Community Development Center, Sahara Nepal and United Youth Community Nepal.



# Promoting bamboo as appropriate building material

With over two decades working in Nepal, Habitat recognizes the value of tapping into appropriate construction materials and technology. Since June 2009, Habitat Nepal has been collaborating with the Soil Conservation Office, District Forest Office and District Development Committee for bamboo cultivation in 150 hectares of unused land and along river banks in Jhapa, Ilam, Saptari, Sunsari and Morang districts.

Bamboo plays a vital role in meeting the affordable housing needs of low-income families, particularly in Habitat's program in the eastern districts of Jhapa, Morang, Saptari and Sunsari.

In addition to promoting the use of bamboo in housing construction, Habitat Nepal has sought to increase the supply of bamboo, particularly treated bamboo, through the establishment of community cultivation initiatives. Habitat Nepal supported four partners — Abhiyan Nepal, Jeevan Bikas Samaj, Sahara Nepal and Mahuli Community Development Center to establish four bamboo treatment centers in three eastern districts of Nepal. The partner agencies were also trained in bamboo treatment techniques, drying bamboo poles and bamboo storage to maintain quality.

Habitat supports bamboo cultivation on land owned by the governments and managed by community forest user groups. The bamboo cultivation has not only created income opportunities for local communities, but the culms planted also serve as a natural barrier to prevent soil erosion and mitigate the effects of seasonal flooding.

Bamboo's low carbon footprint and aesthetic qualities can also be appreciated through the architectural designs and technical assistance provided by Habitat Nepal. Local masons put their construction learning into practice by building 16 model houses in low-income communities in five districts of eastern Nepal.



Treated bamboo stored at Jhapa treatment center.





Bamboo plantation managed by Community Forest User Group in Jhapa district.



## Engaging youth to raise awareness

Over the four-month Habitat Young Leaders Build, launched in late December 2017 in Biratnagar, more than 1,400 volunteers cleaned up waterlogged houses, distributed relief kits and set up temporary shelters in five heavily flooded districts in the east and the west of Nepal.

Habitat Nepal also raised awareness of families in need of decent housing through Jeevan Bikas Samaj, Sahara Nepal, Mahuli Community Development Center and other local partner organizations. During the campaign, Habitat supporters helped to build or repair houses, cleaned up neighborhoods and conducted water, sanitation and hygiene trainings. Youths who were trained were sent to schools and colleges to engage other youths in realizing the Sustainable Development Goal 11: making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Over 500 students were reached through this initiative.

The campaign culminated on April 23 with the planting of tree saplings, hand-washing activities and hygiene training in 12 schools. On April 25, a candlelight vigil was organized in the famous Hindu temple, Pashupatinath, to mark the third anniversary of the devastating earthquakes.

### By the numbers



**2,795**

volunteers mobilized to build and repair homes



**86,178**

participants in awareness-raising activities



**2,209**

homes built or repaired with volunteer support



**6,430**

individuals reached through social media



**4 million +**

media impressions



Community members volunteered to support Habitat's flood relief program.





Volunteers and Habitat staff cleaning up debris in flood affected community in Jhapa district.





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Participants of Train the Trainers - HYL B leadership training in Aug 2018.



# HYLB Leadership Academy

A new initiative under the 2018 Habitat Young Leaders Build, the Leadership Academy aims to strengthen the capacity and skills of Nepalese youths. In October 2017, Habitat Nepal rolled out a leadership toolkit, developed in partnership with the Center for Creative Leadership, for youths in various colleges, youth clubs and organizations. The youth were introduced to the concept of sustainable development in communities and the need for decent housing. They also have to identify specific community actions and projects they can do to support community sustainability.

## Number of individuals trained

**Train-the-Trainers  
(4 days)**

**Leadership  
Training (2 days)**

## Training sessions

3



24

## Participants

88



697

Robin Smith from Center for Creative Leadership facilitating a four-day train-the-trainers training session in October 2017.

“We are the future leaders of our country so we, the youths of our nation, should work together to bring about a positive change. Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land. Together, we can make a difference!”

Supriya Maskey, country trainer for Habitat Young Leaders Build's Leadership Academy

Supriya Maskey, country trainer for Habitat Young Leaders Build's Leadership Academy facilitating a training session in August 2018.



# Rebuilding after the earthquake





## Impact Asia Build

Since Habitat began working in the Asia-Pacific region 35 years ago, we have seen the tremendous impact of safe, affordable housing in many families' lives. For others like Lataman and Sita Maya, they have only just begun building a better life. Lataman, 55, who has limited hearing and speech, and Sita Maya, 44, a single mother of four, worked with Habitat volunteers to lay the foundation for their homes during the Impact Asia Build in earthquake-affected Kavrepalanchok district. For five days from February 12 to 16, they worked alongside 66 local volunteers who came from Standard Chartered Bank Nepal, Nepal Scouts, Y-Peers Nepal and Aims International College.

Volunteers from Standard Chartered Bank moving soil to build a foundation.



## Scout Build

Another team of 148 scouts from America Far Eastern Council lived up to their moto, “Be prepared” when they helped rebuild nine houses in Kavrepalanchok district from August 4 to 5. The volunteers tried their hand at making compressed stabilized earth bricks, mixed cement mortar, moved rocks and dug the foundation. The event also saw the active participation of 11 Nepal Scouts and 20 local scouts from Kavrepalanchok district.

Michael Gonzales, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Nepal, visited the build site on August 4 and commended the volunteers for their contribution in building hope, homes and communities in Nepal.



Scouts from America Far Eastern Council making mortar to build a permanent house.











# Habitat Nepal's hands and hearts

A Global Village trip is a great way to learn first-hand about Habitat Nepal and its projects. During an approximately one-week visit, international volunteers experience Nepali culture while serving communities that are in need of safe and affordable housing. During the 2018 fiscal year, Habitat Nepal hosted volunteers from Japan, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Australia, Great Britain, Korea, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Germany and Hong Kong. Regardless of their faith, language or background, volunteers and future Habitat homeowners work together, side by side, building not only homes but also understanding and self-reliance.

The 483 Global Village volunteers partnered with families to build 34 homes in central and eastern Nepal. Each brick house typically has two rooms, a kitchen and small verandah with corrugated tin roofing. Although the work was physically challenging, many hands made light work. Through their generous giving of their time, labor and talent, the volunteers have made a lasting difference in the lives of Habitat families.

*"My first build, my first overseas trip. I couldn't have asked for a better team to be with or a better country to visit. Nepal and its people are beautiful. I have fallen in love with both and will continue to help financially and personally; they are now my family and second home. I love Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program."*

— Michelle Christensen, volunteer from Australia



Michelle Christensen, an Australian volunteer receiving a khata-greeting scarf at the community event.

Create your own unique volunteer experience. For more information on our Global Village builds, please contact Rajesh at [rajeshrai@habitatnepal.org](mailto:rajeshrai@habitatnepal.org)

## Where and what our volunteers build



**Central-Karve and Nuwakot districts**  
Houses made of compressed stabilized earth bricks or burnt bricks; with earthquake-affected families.

**East-Jhapa and Sunsari districts**  
Houses made of burnt bricks and bamboo; with flood-affected and vulnerable families.



Number of team

25



Number of volunteers

412



Number of families served

29

4

71

5



# Increasing housing impact

Habitat Nepal has created a four-year new strategic business plan to significantly increase its housing impact in Nepal. The new plan will focus on leveraging local partners, microfinance institutions and government resources as well as contextualize appropriate low-cost housing solutions for Nepalese families in need of decent and affordable housing.

**Disaster-resilient shelter solutions for the most vulnerable and disaster-affected families**

- 1. Disaster response and reconstruction**  
Earthquake and flood response  
Disaster-resilient house constructions
- 2. Shelter solutions**  
Full house construction  
House improvement and repair  
WaSH initiatives
- 4. Direct housing subsidies/ grants**
- 5. Technical assistance**
- 6. Community level disaster preparedness planning**

**Increased access to affordable housing solutions through microfinance and market systems**

- 1. Provide housing microfinance products through partners**
- 2. Market development**  
Promote the use of bamboo in low-cost house construction

**Targeted growth of GV and local youth engagement to increase awareness and mobilize resources**

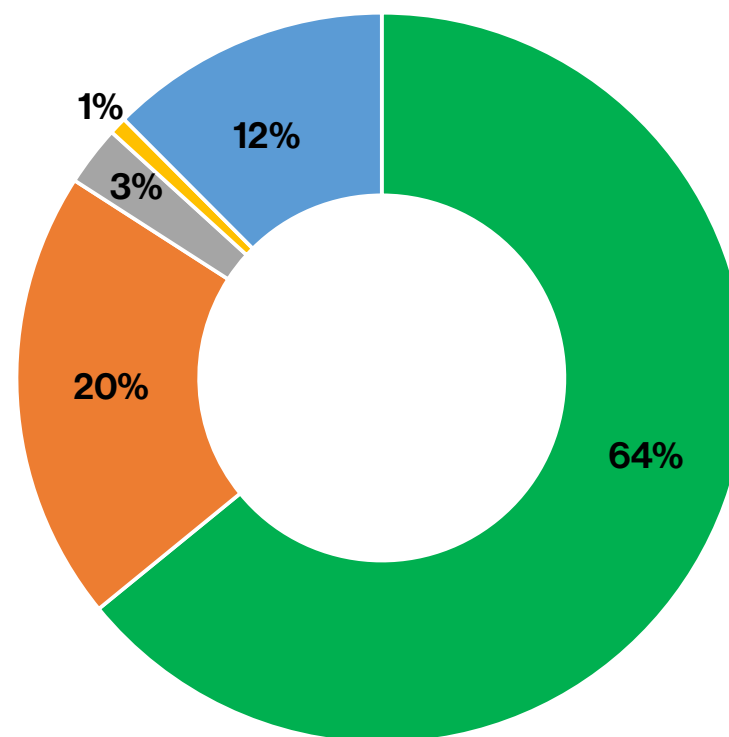
- 1. Global Village program**
- 2. Provide leadership training to Nepali youth through HYL B Leadership Academy**



# FY 2018 financial statement

## Expenses in USD

Construction Costs	1,979,000
Personnel	617,000
Professional Service	82,000
Travel expenses	24,000
Operating expenses	385,000
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<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>3,087,000</b>





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