



COUNTRY STRATEGY 2024-2027



Introduction

An estimated 1.5 million families, representing approximately 25 percent of Nepal's households, face landlessness, with one million belonging to Dalit communities. Nepal's annual housing demand stands at 136,000 units, yet current production only meets 102,000 units annually, resulting in a deficit of 34,000 units. Urban areas require 40,000 housing units per year, highlighting a critical shortage. Nepal Census 2021 data reveals that nearly half of Nepal's population resides in inadequate housing conditions, with approximately 10% of urban dwellers being "landless squatters". Despite comprehensive policy provisions outlined in Nepal's Constitution and various policies, implementation gaps pertaining to housing and land rights persist. As a response to this, Habitat Nepal has developed an integrated country strategy that entails solidarity actions with stakeholders ranging across civil society, market system actors and governments to ensure adequate housing, implement innovative and sustainable housing technologies to contribute towards climate justice and drive evidence-based policy advocacy and financial inclusion initiatives to address systemic challenges and advance sustainable and resilient housing for marginalized communities and low-income families in Nepal.

Established in 1997, Habitat for Humanity International Nepal has partnered with 200,000+ families in the Central, Eastern and Western regions to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. This has been possible through partnerships and collaboration with a network of local, national, regional and global partners who support our focused initiatives on secure land and housing rights; disaster risk reduction and response and development of housing market systems.

In the Strategic Period of 2024- 2027, we will build on these achievements with a focus on three primary program priorities, complemented by four cross-cutting priorities, with a strong emphasis on effectively integrating Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), Environmental and Social Governance (ESG), conflict sensitivity, and Volunteering for Development (V4D) across our programs.

Key Strategic Program Priorities and Sub-Priorities for 2024-2027



Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.



Our Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.



Our Goal

By 2027, Habitat will contribute to increased access to sustainable, inclusive, resilient and adequate housing for half a million people in Nepal.



KEY PROGRAM PRIORITIES

LAND AND HOUSING

- Land Governance
- Inclusive, Resilient and Adequate Housing
- WASH and Other Basic Services
- Policy Advocacy

DR3 (DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND RESPONSE) & CLIMATE JUSTICE

- Innovative, Green and Sustainable Housing Technology
- Urban and Community DRR
- Response, Recovery and Reconstruction
- Green Financing

MARKET SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

- Market Research and Assessment
- Financial Inclusion
- Technology and Innovations
- Private Sectors Engagement

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- Talent Management
- Culture and Well-Being
- Diversified Partnerships
- Robust MEAL
- Systems Strengthening
- Strategic Communication and Brand Visibility

CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES

- Volunteering for Development (V4D)
- Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI)
- Conflict Sensitivity
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

Build and Influence: Key approaches

Habitat Nepal distinguishes itself within Nepal's housing and land rights sectors as a prominent thought leader and influential participant within the ecosystem. The organization serves as a catalyst for change, bolstering the housing and land rights for the marginalized communities in Nepal by prioritizing following key approaches:

Integrated Programming for Community Resilience

- Evidence-based integrated project designs
- Collaborative and credible knowledge on broader impacts of housing
- Evidence-based policy advocacy for constitutional rights to housing and land
- Leverage on validated approaches of GRID (Green, Resilient & Inclusive Development), Pathways to permanence and Human-centered approach

Transformative Partnerships Approach

- Complementary Partnerships with donors, peer organizations, academic institutions, and youth-led organizations
- Localization approach emphasizing on People, Public, and Private Partnership (P4)
- Shifting power to youth, communities and volunteers



1.5 million families, constituting around 25% of Nepal's households, are landless, with one million belonging to the Dalit and lower caste communities. Concerningly, over 53% of Nepal's farmers possess only 18% of the total cultivable land. The overall annual housing need for Nepal stands at 136,000 units, with current production reaching only 102,000 units, resulting in an annual shortfall of 34,000 units. There is a specific demand for 40,000 urban housing units each year, underscoring a critical need for housing in urban areas. The Census 2021 highlights that nearly 49% of the population resides in substandard housing conditions, and around 10% of the urban population comprises "landless squatters." Only 23.8% of the total households have ownership of land or a housing unit or both (land & housing unit) in the name of woman household member.

Madhesh Province: Endowed with abundant natural resources, yet it grapples with a housing deficit amidst wider issues encompassing poverty, disasters, gender- based violence, and high unemployment rate. With a total population of 6.12 million, the province is inhabited by 1.05 million Dalits, comprising 14-16% of the total population.

Sudurpashchim Province: The demand for housing and land rights is urgent, particularly among marginalized communities. With approximately 13% of the population identifying as Dalits, access to adequate housing and land tenure security is a critical issue.

Theory of Change

Sector	Vision	A world where everyone has a decent place to live		
		By 2030, Habitat will contribute to increased access to adequate, affordable housing for 18 million people in Asia and the Pacific.		
2027	Goal	By 2027, Habitat Nepal will contribute to increased access to sustainable, inclusive, resilient and adequate housing for half a million people in Nepal.		
		<div> <div> Build: Improve access to sustainable, inclusive, resilient and adequate housing </div> <div> Influence: Improve the systems and policies that affect access to sustainable, inclusive, resilient and adequate housing </div> </div>		
Integrated Initiatives		LAND & HOUSING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable homes inclusive of basic services in partnership with local governments, communities and private sectors Land tenure security for all, including joint land titles to promote women's access to productive assets People centered land governance, including land education, land use planning, access to land data and information Evidence-based policy advocacy for ensuring access to constitutional rights of land and housing for all 		
		DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, RESPONSE & CLIMATE JUSTICE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative, Green and Sustainable housing technologies, driving progress towards climate justice Pathway to permanence to build resilient and sustainable communities Evidence-based policy advocacy to leverage green finance for climate smart housing initiatives 		
		MARKET SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative technology, private sector collaborations, and empowering MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) to drive housing solutions. Financial inclusion via increased financial literacy, expanded access to affordable loans and micro-insurance products, and the adoption of financial services, including digital financial services 		
		Habitat Nepal works with indigenous communities and marginalized Dalits, women headed households as well as ethnic, gender and religious minorities, and individuals affected by injustice and systemic marginalization.		
Target Populations		Landless, informal settlers, and people living in substandard housing	Communities affected by disasters and climate crisis	Women, youth, low-income families and marginalized populations
Deficit Drivers		Habitat responds to various challenges related to land and housing, contributing to a significant deficit in these areas.		
		Systemic barriers to the housing ecosystem	Climate crisis and Disasters	Rapid and unplanned urbanization



Key Geographical Locations



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