



# Habitat

Our goal in this sector is to strengthen access to basic services and dignified shelter in order to break the cycle of poverty.

This is mainly accomplished by increasing access to safe and secure habitable environments and community infrastructure.

We believe that individual and collective asset ownership is instrumental in bridging social and economic disparity.

Many of the Habitat Sector's projects are developed along with the local government, or under existing public campaigns.

The main focus of this sector is divided into these key areas:

## 1. Rural infrastructure

We partner with communities to increase their asset base, by providing them with the infrastructure that they lack and/or the resources to build.

- **Construction of houses**, under the ownership of women and people with disabilities.
- Construction of **community assets** in the form of community halls-with-supplementary schools.
- **Electrification** of houses and other buildings of common use.
- **Responding to natural disaster** by undertaking relief and rehabilitation activities.

## 2. Water and sanitation

We facilitate access to basic services that are essential for the hygiene, health and overall well-being of individuals and communities even in the remotest of areas.

- **Infrastructural amenities** like water pipelines, storage tanks or cisterns.
- Construction of **water purification** systems and reverse osmosis plants to ensure clean water for all.
- Collaboration with the Government to construct toilets under the **Swachh Bharat Mission**.
- Conducting **awareness sessions** on the importance of hygiene and sanitation at the village level.



### 3. Public utility buildings

We assist the government in expanding public facilities available to people by undertaking repair works or construction of new structures.

- **Public utilities** such as libraries and *anganwadis* in villages.
- **Infrastructure support for government educational institutions**, such as classrooms, toilet blocks, laboratories and compound walls.
- **Village roads and causeways**, linking villages separated by water bodies.

### 4. Support for our infrastructure

The habitat sector ensures that infrastructural needs for all our programs are met, including:

- Construction of offices, field offices and staff quarters for effective functioning of projects at the grassroots level.
- Construction of hospital infrastructure, water bodies, residential centers, schools, sports amenities for various programs.