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BUILD CHANGE ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC 10 IN 10 INITIATIVE



Denver, CO (September 2014) – Build Change, an international non-profit social enterprise, is proud to celebrate its 10th anniversary of saving lives in earthquakes and typhoons. To commemorate this great accomplishment and to continue this high impact work, Build Change has announced its 10 in 10 initiative to empower 10 million people in emerging nations to live and learn in safer homes and schools in the next 10 years.

Since 2004, Build Change has worked in emerging nations that are particularly susceptible to earthquakes, typhoons and other natural disasters. Build Change has trained nearly 23,000 people in the basics of safe engineering and construction and created more than 10,000 jobs. Over 230,000 people are living in safer buildings because of Build Change’s work. Build Change has developed 10 internationally-used guides to safer construction and distributed hundreds of thousands of posters and flyers about safe design and construction.

Build Change’s contributions to saving lives and creating jobs would not have been possible without numerous partnerships with corporations, foundations, NGOs, donors and host country governments. Build Change is seeking to expand these partnerships and develop new ones to achieve this ambitious goal. Please join us to enable 10 million people in emerging nations to live and learn in safer homes and schools in the next 10 years. Build Change is currently working in Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia and the Philippines, with plans for continued expansion in Latin America and Asia. Build Change is a partner of the World Bank Global Program for Safer Schools.

ABOUT BUILD CHANGE

Build Change is an international non-profit social enterprise that designs disaster-resistant houses and schools in emerging nations and trains homeowners, engineers, builders and government officials how to build them. Build Change’s mission is to greatly reduce deaths, injuries and economic losses caused by housing and school collapses due to earthquakes and typhoons in emerging nations. Build Change is a five-time Clinton Global Initiative commitment maker and has been a member of the CGI since 2010.

About the Clinton Global Initiative

Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), an initiative of the Clinton Foundation, convenes global leaders to create and implement solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges. CGI Annual Meetings have brought together more than 180 heads of state, 20 Nobel Prize laureates, and hundreds of leading CEOs, heads of foundations and NGOs, major philanthropists, and members of the media. To date, members of the CGI community have made more than 2,900 commitments, which are already improving the lives of more than 430 million people in over 180 countries.

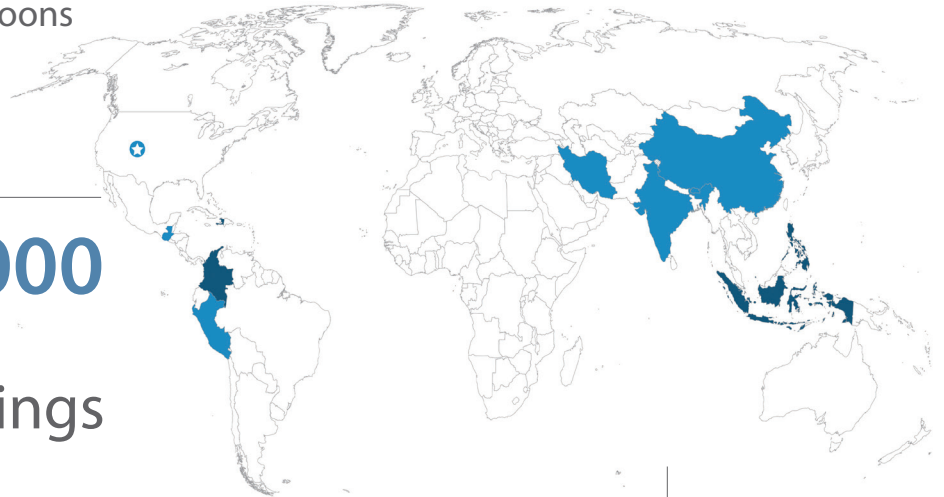
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10 years of Build Change



Saving lives in earthquakes, typhoons and hurricanes since 2004.

10 countries



22,900

people trained in the basics of safe construction

46,000 safer buildings

people living and learning in safer homes and schools

230,000

248

staff from 13 countries

10,500 jobs created

hundreds of thousands of posters & flyers about safe construction distributed in 8 languages

10 internationally-used guides to safer construction

hundreds of thousands of hours of instruction

20

organizations using homeowner-driven model due to Build Change



67 NGO partners

17 government partners

250 individual donors



Build Change marriages & babies



bricks and blocks laid by Build Change trained masons

millions and millions