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**Government of Colombia to Negotiate \$100 Million Loan for Resilient Housing Initiative**  
*Casa Digna, Vida Digna Program to extend by five years, improve more than 246,000 homes*

**DENVER, April 7, 2021-** Build Change congratulates the Ministerio de Vivienda (Colombian Ministry of Housing) on the approval of credit of USD \$100 million to finance resilient housing initiatives in Colombia as a critical step in institutionalizing resilient housing and ensuring safer homes for all Colombians. Once negotiated, this financing will extend the [\*Casa Digna, Vida Digna\*](#) program by five years and expand resilient housing initiatives to improve over 246,000 homes.

Build Change has provided technical assistance and expertise in resilient housing to the *Casa Digna, Vida Digna* program in Colombia for the past two years in partnership with the Ministry of Housing. Build Change has enabled the Ministry of Housing to successfully conduct structural evaluations and classifications, as well as to advance several policy measures to strengthen resilient housing, including reforms to housing law and subsidy programs.

“The Colombian government’s progress in funding a long-term investment in resilient housing serves as an example of how other countries can demonstrate a commitment to their citizens for safer homes,” notes Build Change’s Founder & CEO Dr. Elizabeth Hausler. “The *Casa Digna, Vida Digna* program has shown that national-level investments and institutional commitment coupled with strong technical expertise in resilient housing make an effective model for scaling resilient housing measures worldwide.”

Build Change looks forward to its continued work with the Government of Colombia on *Casa Digna, Vida Digna* and in building resilient houses, strengthening vulnerable buildings, and finding solutions to ensure resilient housing initiatives improve the safety of all Colombians.

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