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**Build Change launches The Build Change Guide to Resilient Housing: An Essential Handbook for Governments and Practitioners**

*Experts in resilient housing mobilize action to improve housing stock*

**DENVER, October 4, 2021-** Build Change releases its flagship publication, *The Build Change Guide to Resilient Housing: An Essential Handbook for Governments and Practitioners*, which consolidates Build Change’s experience developing home improvement programs in 24 countries since 2004. It is designed to support governments, funders, and practitioners with comprehensive guidance and practical tools to carry out successful resilient housing programs at scale.

Build Change’s work has proven that resilient housing initiatives can be transformative and produce permanent change: they can save lives, protect the vulnerable, create jobs, spur local economies, and provide a cost-effective and long-term solution to the qualitative housing deficit that countries throughout the world are experiencing today. Through methodologies and tools provided throughout the Guide, including an operational manual and numerous case studies, Build Change demonstrates that there is a path to successful housing improvement programs, and that resilient housing can be achieved worldwide.

This publication of the Guide is being celebrated with a virtual launch event gathering experts in housing from diverse sectors to discuss the critical issues affecting the sector today and mobilize action and investment towards preventing housing loss and strengthening housing worldwide. Build Change’s dynamic panel of esteemed speakers includes: Dr. Elizabeth Hausler, Founder & CEO, Build Change; Sameh Wahba, Global Director, World Bank Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience and Land Global Practice; Janiele Maffei, P.E., S.E., Chief Mitigation Officer, California Earthquake Authority; Juan Caballero, Vice President, Programs, Latin America & Caribbean, Build Change; Lizzie Collins, P.E., S.E., Vice President, Engineering, Build Change; and Camilo Zapata, Risk Reduction & Emergency Support Executive, Corporación Antioquia Presente.

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Speakers discussed the need to drive demand for housing through effective policy formulation and grassroots efforts, how global investments and effective programming can drive overall urban resilience, and technological solutions for efficient delivery, scaling, and innovation, among other topics. The event culminated in a call to action by Dr. Elizabeth Hausler to build better before the next disaster occurs.

*The Build Change Guide to Resilient Housing: An Essential Handbook for Governments and Practitioners* can be downloaded at [www.buildchange.org/guide-to-resilient-housing](http://www.buildchange.org/guide-to-resilient-housing).

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