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Build Disaster-Resistant Buildings
Change Construction Practice Permanently

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BUILD CHANGE HONORED WITH SELECTION AS MEMBER OF SUSTAINIA100

Denver, CO (June 2015) – Build Change, an international non-profit social enterprise, is proud to announce that it is being honored as part of this year’s SUSTAINIA100 for its project “Learning to Build Towards Disaster Resilience”. The study is available free of charge at www.sustainia.me.

SUSTAINIA100 honors 100 leading sustainability innovations from around the world and gives investors, business leaders, policy makers and consumers insights into promising solutions within their fields. This year, Sustainia’s research team and advisory board screened over 1,500 innovations, from which the final 100 were selected, including Build Change’s project, “Learning to Build Towards Disaster Resilience”:

“With the Network, Build Change set out to create a marketplace where informal construction workers and formal service providers connect and develop business relationships. The ground rules are simple: by delivering quality construction services, local informal construction workers (Network members) gain access to an array of products and exclusive services from Network partners, including national education bodies, material suppliers, insurance providers, microfinance organizations, and other private service providers. As the Network scales up members and partners reduce their family’s and community’s vulnerability to natural disaster.

The increased number of disaster-resistant buildings generated by the safer construction practices of Network members leads to a reduction of the number of deaths after an earthquake or typhoon, and significantly contributes to keeping the economy running after a disaster by safeguarding the workplaces of shopkeepers, basic service providers, and local governmental institutions.”

ABOUT BUILD CHANGE

Build Change saves lives in earthquakes and windstorms by empowering people in emerging nations to build homes and schools that will protect their families and children. Build Change works to strengthen buildings before and after disasters strike in Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Nepal, and the Philippines. More than 23,000 people in Bhutan, China, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, and the Philippines have been trained in disaster-resistant design and construction techniques and, in turn, have built over 47,000 safer homes, impacting 235,000 people. Visit www.buildchange.org.

ABOUT SUSTAINIA100

SUSTAINIA100 is an annual study featuring 100 leading sustainability innovations from around the world. The study identifies innovations, projects and technologies, which must be readily available. This year, Sustainia’s research team and advisory board screened over 1,500 innovations from which the final 100 cases were selected. The SUSTAINIA100 gives investors, business leaders, policy makers and consumers insights into promising solutions within their respective fields. The 2015 innovations are deployed in 151 countries including both Western innovation hubs and emerging economies. The study is available free of charge at www.sustainia.me.

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