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Build Change CEO to Address Government Partnerships during UN General Assembly Week
Award-Winning Social Entrepreneur Asked to Highlight Build Change's Experience Working with Governments on Three Continents to Build Safe, Sustainable Housing

NEW YORK (September 25, 2018) Build Change CEO Elizabeth Hausler will join an esteemed group of social entrepreneurs, policymakers, and donors in a panel discussion to explore how best to harness the power of partnerships between nonprofits and government agencies.

The Sept. 26 event marks the launch of the new Scaling Pathways initiative, a partnership of the World Economic Forum (WEF), the Skoll Foundation, the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Mercy Corps, and Duke University's Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship (CASE).

The two-hour panel program, "Scaling Impact Through Government Partnerships," will take place at the WEF's US headquarters in New York as part of the events planned around the opening of the 73rd annual session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Joining Dr. Hausler in conversation will be Emily Bancroft, President of the health care access organization VillageReach, Gonzalo Muñoz, CEO of the Chilean waste reduction and recycling group Triciclos, and Diane Gashumba, Rwanda's Health Minister. The panel will be moderated by Erin Worsham, Executive Director of the CASE program at Duke.

Build Change has wide experience partnering with governments, other non-profits, as well as the private sector to deliver safe, sustainable housing to regions of the developing world affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Since its founding in 2004, Build Change, in partnership with national, regional and local governments in Colombia, Indonesia, the Philippines, China, and Nepal, has rebuilt and retrofitted thousands of homes to modern, resilient standards designed to survive the next disaster event.

These efforts have saved lives, property, and helped put the issue of resilient reconstruction and retrofitting on the radar of the global development community. On October 3, Build Change and the



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World Bank are launching the Global Program for Resilient Housing in Washington, D.C., just one example of the impact the organization has achieved to raise awareness of the dangers posed by substandard housing in disaster prone regions.

About Build Change

Build Change saves lives in earthquakes and windstorms by working with 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 by improving local construction practice and building long-term resilience. More than 25,000 people have been trained in disaster-resistant design and construction techniques and have built over 48,000 safer homes, impacting more than 250,000 people. Visit www.buildchange.org and follow us on Twitter [@BuildChange](https://twitter.com/BuildChange) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BuildChange).