

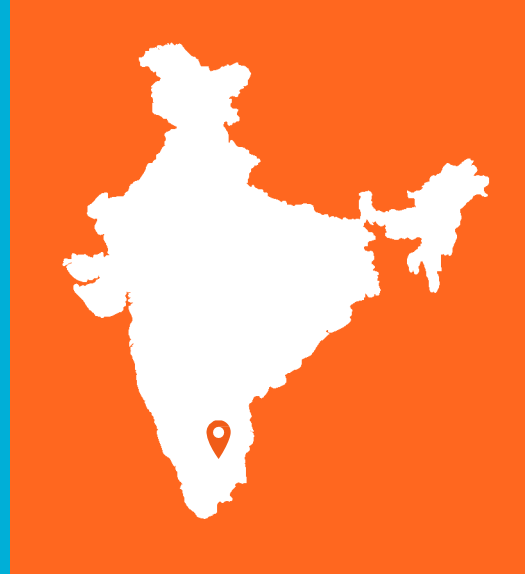
# INDIA



**Why we build:** Habitat India is committed to making safe and decent housing accessible for all, supporting tribal communities to build better homes, and partnering with families on the path to stability. Many marginalized families in India face inadequate housing, poor water access, and sanitation issues. Homes often deteriorate during heavy rains, creating unsafe conditions—especially for women and children—highlighting an urgent need for improved housing solutions. Habitat India prioritizes vulnerable families through detailed socioeconomic and vulnerability assessments.

**What to expect:** Volunteers arrive on Sunday. Monday through Friday teams will work on site with the families and learn more about the living conditions. A typical build day is 9:00am-4:00pm. Volunteers will be engaged in brick laying, moving materials, cement mortar mixing, cleaning the worksite, etc. A social learning exchange community meeting activity will be on Thursday. Closing ceremony will be at the worksite on Friday. Volunteers can depart for home or continue personal travel early Saturday morning.





## Palghar

**Project Description:** The proposed project aims to support marginalized families in Wada, Palghar, one of Maharashtra’s multi-hazards prone districts. Families live in inadequate homes that worsen during monsoons due to rain and dampness, especially affecting the safety of women and girls. Living conditions deteriorate during monsoon season due to incessant rain and dampness, while extreme summer heat adds further discomfort. Drinking water is mainly sourced from borewells or open wells, and most households lack proper sanitation facilities highlighting a critical need for improved housing, water, and sanitation infrastructure.

Volunteers fly into Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai. Travel to the worksite hotel is about 2.30 hours. (Optionally teams can stay at Mumbai city on arrival.)

## Karjat

**Project Description:** Tribal families in Karjat live in inadequate houses with weak roofs and poor sanitation, leaving them vulnerable during heavy monsoons. Water scarcity in summer and excessive rains further worsen their struggles year-round. Through secure housing, sanitation, and knowledge transfer, the project builds safer living conditions, better health, and lasting resilience.

The project addresses critical gaps in safety, hygiene, and dignity. By fostering resilience, dignity, and improved health, the project transforms living conditions while creating pathways for education, economic opportunities, and sustained community development.

Volunteers fly into Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai. Travel to worksite hotel is about 2.5 hours. (Optionally teams can stay at Mumbai city on arrival.)

## Anekal

**Project Description:** The Hakki Pikki are an indigenous tribe primarily found in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh. Traditionally hunters and gatherers, their name means "bird catcher," reflecting their history of trapping birds for sustenance and trade.

Over generations, they developed deep knowledge of forests, hunting, and herbal medicine. However, urbanization, deforestation, and land-use changes have disrupted their way of life, making them economically and culturally vulnerable. Their traditional knowledge and practices are at risk, especially as younger generations move away due to poverty. Families live in inadequate houses that deteriorate further during heavy rains. There is a pressing need to provide improved housing solutions to ensure safety and security, particularly for women and children.

Volunteers fly into Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru and travel directly to the worksite hotel, a 2 hour drive.

## Rewari

**Project Description:** Habitat India aims to uplift marginalized communities in Dharuhera Block, Rewari by improving housing, sanitation, education, and livelihoods. Dharuhera Block in Rewari district, Haryana, is a socio-economically diverse region of rural villages and urban industry, located near the Rajasthan border in the Aravalli foothills.

Through targeted interventions and community participation, we seek to enhance living conditions, promote health awareness, and create sustainable economic opportunities—breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering dignity and inclusion.

Volunteers fly into Indhra Gandhi International Airport, Delhi and travel directly to the worksite hotel in less than an hour.