

# 10 houses project

**SMW & Build up Nepal**



A photograph of a woman and a young girl standing in front of a makeshift shelter. The shelter is constructed from corrugated metal sheets and wooden planks, with a roof made of dark plastic sheeting and wooden poles. Several items of clothing, including a white jacket, a pink jacket, and a black jacket, are hanging on the side of the shelter. In the foreground, there are several potted plants with yellow flowers. The background shows a hilly landscape with mountains under a hazy sky.

**Years in a temporary shelter.  
Through monsoon, cold  
winters and COVID lockdowns.**

# Background

SMW has a long history of supporting projects around the world to help people recover after natural disasters working with local partners.

In 2015 Nepal was hit by the most devastating earthquake in over 80 years. In 2017 and 2019 devastating floods hit Nepal, making the housing and poverty situation worse. Build up Nepal is working to rebuild houses in poor villages by empowering local people and using local materials.

SMW and Build up Nepal are working together in this project with goal of supporting 10 poor families build safe, new homes. The houses will be built in partnership with micro-entrepreneurs who will produce the Earth Bricks for the houses. At the time of building the houses we will train local people in disaster resistant construction, enabling more families in the area to build houses for themselves in future.



# Progress summary



**10 houses rebuilt**  
for poor families



**67 poor people trained**  
In disaster resistant  
construction



**95 tons CO<sup>2</sup>**  
Saved compared to  
fired bricks





**Family 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Shrestha**





## Family 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Shrestha

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Ratnagar-14, Chitwan, earthquake affected

Mr. and Mrs. Shrestha's lives with their son and daughter. Their old house was destroyed by the devastating 2015 earthquake. At first, they lived in temporary shelter, but it became unbearable, so they have been renting a small room in nearby house while trying to save up enough to build a new home. The family comes from disadvantaged community and were selected for the project based on vulnerable status and recommendation from local government. With a new house the family has more energy and hope for the future! While building the house 5 local people have been trained in disaster resistant construction.





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## Family 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Karki

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Sunsari, flood affected

Mr. and Mrs. Karki have been living with their daughter in a temporary shelter in Itahari ward 4, Sunsari. Last year's massive floodings destroyed their old house which was made of bamboo and mud. Coming from background with very limited income they are very grateful for the support from the project which enabled them to build a new home which is already increasing stability in their lives. While building the house 5 local people have been trained in disaster resistant construction.





**6 local people were  
trained as masons**







## Family 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Katuwal

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Khandbari-8, Sankhuwasabha , earthquake affected

Mr. and Mrs. Karki have been living in a temporary shelter for 5 years in Khandbari-8, in Sankhuwasabha since the 2015 earthquake. The location is very remote so conventional materials such as fired bricks and cement is very expensive. Most houses have traditionally been built with stone and mud and many families in this area have not rebuilt new homes due to remoteness and poverty. Mr. and Mrs. Katuwal are very much looking forwards to moving into their new house that was recently completed! During construction 6 local people have been trained in disaster resistant construction.





**5 local people were  
trained as masons**



**Completed houses since last report**





## Family 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Sunar

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Naubise-7, Dhading earthquake affected

Mr. and Mrs. Sunar are living with their daughter and granddaughter. They have been unable to rebuild a house after the 2015 earthquake, living for 6 years in a shelter. Finally, they have a new house to call home!





4 local people were  
trained as masons



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## Family 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Baral

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Bardaghat-14, Nawalparasi – earthquake affected

Dev Bahadur Baral lives with his wife and baby son in a small mud shelter. They belong to disadvantaged community and due to very low income, they have not been able to rebuild a proper house until now.





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## Family 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Gurung

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Byas-6, Tanahun, Earthquake affected

Mr. and Mrs. Gurung is an elderly couple. Their house was destroyed by the 2015 earthquake and have been living in a broken building with their animals ever since. They are very happy for their new home!



A photograph showing four people at a construction site. In the foreground, a woman in a blue shirt and red headscarf stands looking down. Behind her, two men stand observing. In the foreground right, a man in a purple shirt and cap is crouching, working on a concrete foundation. To the right, there is a large stack of grey concrete blocks. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the bottom left.

**4 local people were  
trained as masons**





## Family 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Shrestha

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Chandragiri-9, Kathmandu, Earthquake affected

Mishri and his wife moved to Kathmandu from Dhading after the earthquake destroyed their house, to improve their income and children's education. They have rented a room before rebuilding a house with project support.





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## Family 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Gautam

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Butwal, Naharpur, Rupandehi – earthquake affected

Srijana lives with her husband and 16-year-old son in a temporary shed. With the support of the project they have finally built a new house to call home!





A photograph showing three individuals engaged in construction work. In the foreground, a woman wearing a red t-shirt and a red skirt with a yellow floral and butterfly pattern is pouring concrete from a grey bucket into a form. Behind her, a man in a brown long-sleeved shirt and blue pants is also working on the form. To the right, another man in a yellow t-shirt and a blue cap stands observing. They are working on a concrete foundation with circular holes, set against a large, grey, corrugated metal wall. The ground is covered with small stones.

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## Family 9 - Anita Magar Pariyar

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Hirapur, Chitwan – flood affected

Anita and her husband Kailash and daughter Aashika (5) lives in a temporary mud shelter. They are struggling for many years during floods in monsoon and cold during winter. They are very happy for their new house!





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trained as masons**





## Family 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Shrestha

**Progress:** House completed!

**Location:** Pragatinagar, Nawalpur – earthquake affected

Bikash and Sangita are living with their sons Bises and Sambhab in a a small temporary house that they built after the earthquake. Due to poor financial condition, they have not been able to rebuild a house until now.





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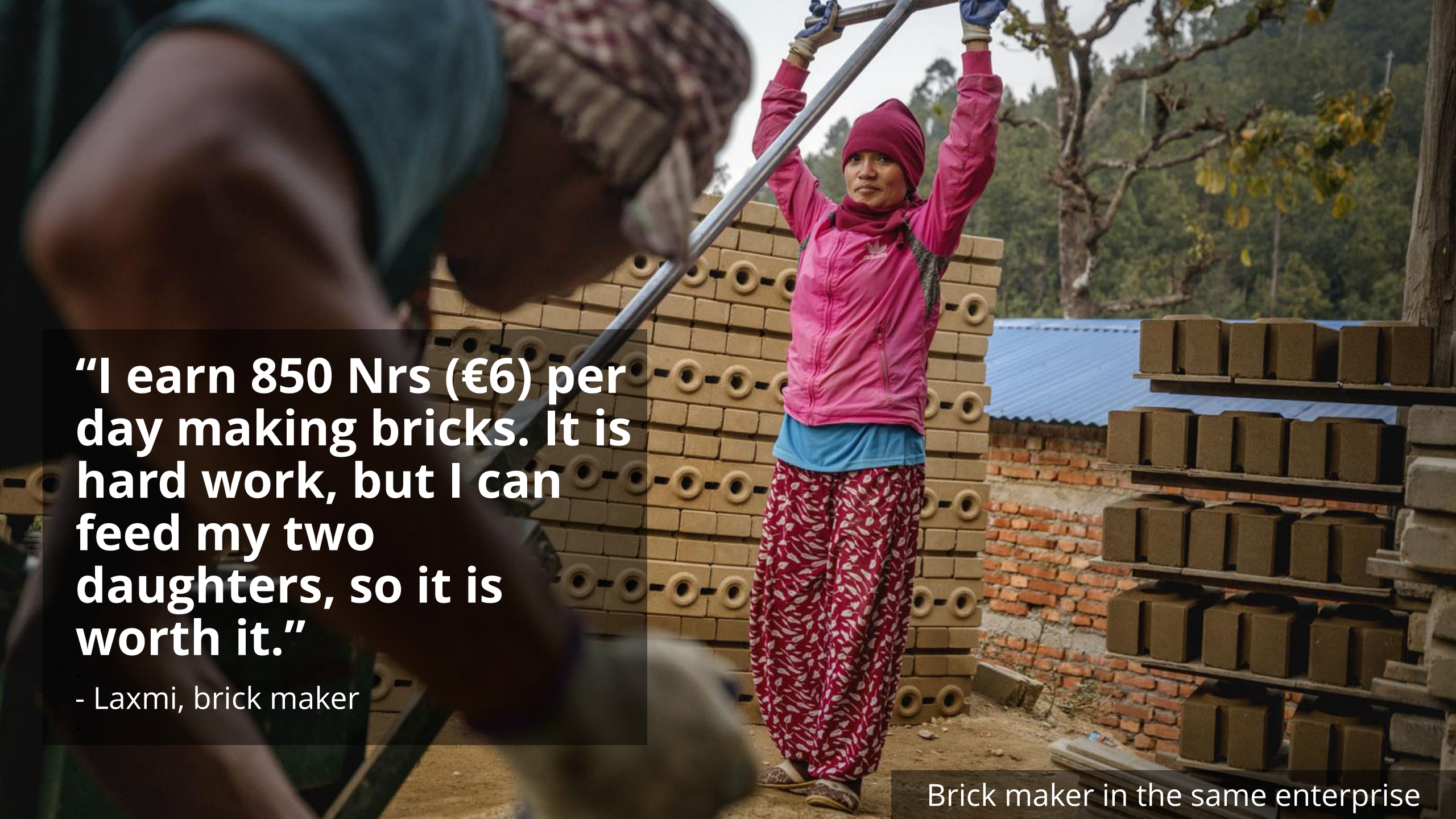
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**I have built 30 houses.  
Demand is growing in  
this area. Many women  
ask me how to become  
independent earners  
like me**

- Saraswati, entrepreneur

One of the enterprises the project has collaborated with




A woman wearing a bright pink jacket, a matching beanie, and red patterned pants is standing in a brick-making area. She is holding a long metal rod vertically with both hands. In the background, there are stacks of bricks and a blue corrugated metal roof. The foreground is slightly blurred, showing parts of other people and equipment.

**"I earn 850 Nrs (€6) per day making bricks. It is hard work, but I can feed my two daughters, so it is worth it."**

- Laxmi, brick maker

Brick maker in the same enterprise



A photograph of two young children, a girl and a boy, hugging each other in front of a white brick wall. The girl on the left is wearing a red dress with white polka dots and green pants. The boy on the right is wearing a red vest over a striped shirt and pink pants. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a white brick wall and a dark wooden door to the left. To the right, there is a glimpse of another building with a blue roof and some greenery.

Due to COVID and lockdowns in Nepal the project has been quite challenging and took some more time than expected.

**However, now the the 10 houses are finally completed. Thank you SMW for your support!**