

Low-cost Disaster Resilient Housing

Build up Nepal Engineering

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The Housing Challenge

Millions without safe homes...
No money, no roads

Fired bricks – A dirty industry

37% of CO² emissions from combustion in Nepal ([World Bank](#))

Child labour and poor working conditions ([UNICEF, ILO](#))

Massive air pollution

Unsustainable & Unacceptable



A woman in a patterned sari is working in a brick kiln, using a tool to shape a brick. The background shows rows of bricks and the structure of the kiln. The entire image has a blue tint.

Our Mission

Making bricks **eco-friendly** and
affordable for all

CSEB Interlocking Bricks

Made from local sand and soil with just 10% cement



Scalable micro enterprise model

Entrepreneurs investing their own *money, sweat and tears.*

The result

Disaster resistant, Eco-friendly
houses at 20-40% lower cost



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CSEB Bricks are stronger, cheaper and greener than fired bricks.

I have already built 100 houses and demand is growing. It is hard work, but I enjoy it...

- Raj Kumar Khadka, 27-year-old entrepreneur in Dhading, Nepal



Social business model



Selling machines & training
to entrepreneurs



Implementation partner

Practical
ACTION



**Australian
Aid** 





How it works

The entrepreneur

- Buys a machine & hire local people
- Produce bricks & build houses
- Houses are paid by families
- Builds 10-20 houses per year

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A man in a blue patterned shirt and a brown headband is carrying a large, light-colored wooden beam across his shoulders. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a rural setting with banana trees and a wooden structure. The overall scene is bright and natural.

Helping each enterprise succeed

Training, quality control and business support



NGOs / INGOs

- Houses for most vulnerable
- Masons training and quality control
- Support poor women and youth entrepreneurs
- Replicate in new areas

The result

Financially sustainable enterprises

Building affordable earthquake resistant houses

Impact until date



300

Entrepreneuers



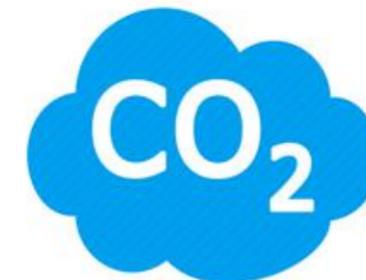
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Houses built



2,900

Jobs created



57,085

Tons CO2 saved

Scale across Nepal and South Asia



The opportunity

Nepal: 5 billion bricks

2025 goal: Replace 10% of fired bricks

India: 250 billion bricks

Bangladesh: 27 billion bricks

(World Bank, 2020)