

A photograph of a young boy sitting on a log in front of a Structure emergency shelter. The shelter is made of a translucent material with a corrugated metal roof. A man in a plaid shirt and dark pants stands to the left of the shelter. The background shows a forest with tall trees. The entire image has a blue tint.

PROJECT UPDATE

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Image: a boy in front of his *Structure* emergency shelter in Uttarakhand, India. Nov 2021

LIFE SAVING EFFORTS AND A SPACE TO CALL HOME.

With the generous donation of *Structures* by Fondazione Marcegaglia, Heléns Rör and Van Leeuwen Pipe and Tube Group, the NGO SEEDS strengthens resilience within vulnerable communities across India.

APPLICATIONS

In several regions across India, SEEDS use *Structures* to build:

Emergency shelters for communities displaced by disasters

Mobile Covid-19 vaccination centres

IMPACT

These two projects will have an immense impact on peoples lives:

- Families who have lost their homes in disasters will regain access to a space to call home, where they can start to recover from the trauma of displacement and restore hope for the future.
- In the *Structure* mobile vaccination centres, lives will be saved thanks to the distribution of Covid-19 vaccine.

India suffered an aggressive Covid-wave in the spring of 2021, when hospitals were full and critical medical equipment was in short supply.

As of 17 Nov 2021, India had had 34,456,401 confirmed cases and 463,852 deaths. In many regions, the number of cases are currently growing ([WHO, 2021](#)).

SEEDS is an NGO based in India with the mission to build the resilience of people exposed to disasters and climate change impacts.

BETTER SHELTER is a Sweden-based social enterprise founded in partnership with the IKEA Foundation and UNHCR. Our mission is to improve the lives of displaced families by developing and providing safe, dignified shelters.

SEEDS expects to complete the set up of the *Structures* during the month of December 2021. More information about these and other projects benefiting from the donations will follow as they unfold in the coming months.



Structure assembly in Uttarakhand, India. Nov 2021

STRUCTURE: A SHELTER THAT LASTS THE DURATION OF DISPLACEMENT AND BEYOND



DEPLOY

Structure offers low-cost, transitional sheltering, capable of lasting the duration of displacement through upgrading with local materials.

The modular framework can be deployed with a tarpaulin cover and serve as an emergency shelter in the immediate aftermath of a disaster or conflict.

UPGRADE

Over time, as communities and supply chains recover, *Structure* can be upgraded with local materials by NGOs, government and civil society, and/or residents.

Hereby, *Structure* enables incremental upgrading and can be adapted to different climates, contexts, building traditions and cultural norms.

UPCYCLE

Once a *Structure* is no longer needed as a temporary shelter or the initial application, it can be partially or completely repurposed, parts can be reused, recycled or resold.