

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. The image shows a grid of streets with numerous houses of various colors (blue, red, grey roofs). In the center, there is a large, light-colored building with a flat roof, surrounded by a parking lot filled with cars. The overall scene is a typical suburban or urban residential area.

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# Global Innovation Challenge: Addressing Homelessness

*Meet the Grantees*



# Global Innovation Challenge:

## *Homelessness*

Housing insecurity is a pressing global concern, with the United Nations estimating that 1.8 billion people around the world lack adequate housing and roughly 150 million people worldwide are homeless.\*

Citi and the Citi Foundation recognize that safe, affordable and stable housing is a key contributor to the economic and social well-being of individuals and communities around the world. We are committed to using our global network and resources to find and fund lasting solutions for this pressing issue.

This is why we have made homelessness the focus of the 2024 Global Innovation Challenge. Through this initiative, the Citi Foundation is supporting 50 community organizations around the world who are advancing solutions to the complex issue of homelessness.

Over two years grantees will also have access to a learning community facilitated by IDEO.org, a nonprofit focused on designing products and services in the social impact sector. Through the learning community, grantees will have the opportunity to build deeper connections, share lessons learned and exchange best practices.

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Since launching the inaugural Global Innovation Challenge in early 2023, we've continued to see how community-based solutions are poised to accelerate impact on the ground. We call this grant support 'catalytic' given the multiplier effect it can have on low-income communities. Each organization will not only directly impact the lives of people in crisis today, but also create models that can be replicated in other communities around the world tomorrow.

**Brandee McHale**

President of the Citi Foundation

### Highlights



**50** community organizations



**\$25MM** committed

\*"Housing Rights," UN-Habitat <https://unhabitat.org/programme/housing-rights>

# Meet Our Grantees Working in Asia Pacific



**Bangkok Community Help Foundation Thailand** is launching a homeless shelter to provide adequate temporary housing and wraparound services, including mental health guidance, vocational training and work opportunities to help individuals experiencing homelessness build sustainable livelihoods and re-enter society.



**Blue Dragon Children's Foundation** is providing safe emergency housing and long-term case management support for youth experiencing homelessness in Vietnam, helping them reunite with their families where appropriate and build positive futures.



**Epic Society** is integrating local, sustainable materials such as bamboo into a rapid home building project for Indigenous families in Malaysia that is managed by local rural and urban communities.



**Gawad Kalinga Community Development Foundation** is addressing factors driving homelessness due to extreme poverty in the Philippines by providing secure housing, health care, financial literacy training, community engagement and pathways to homeownership.



**Global Sisters** is creating an affordable, permanent housing solution, paired with community support and financial pathways for home finance, for low-income women at risk of homelessness in Australia.







**Habitat for Humanity Korea** is helping low-income families manage challenges associated with housing insecurity by providing vital home repairs, mental health support and financial education training.



**Human Initiative** is supporting refugees in Indonesia by providing cash voucher assistance for housing needs and by providing skills training to enhance their employment opportunities.



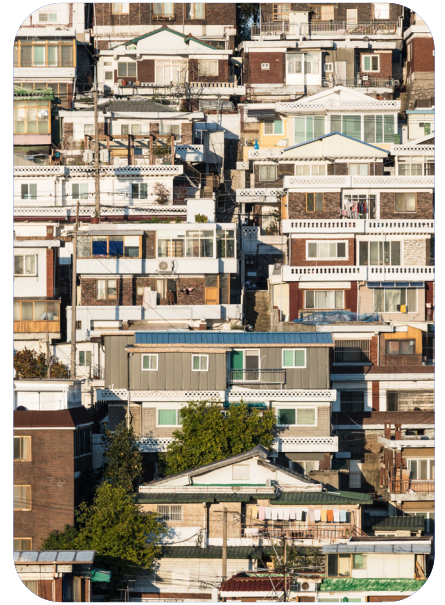
**PathFinders** is providing migrant mothers and children in crisis in Hong Kong with access to shelter and other vital services.



**SAJIDA Foundation** is offering community-based supportive living services and livelihood training for individuals in Bangladesh facing homelessness and chronic mental health conditions to enable sustainable re-entry into society.



**YO-Wash Care Association** is enhancing stability for individuals experiencing homelessness in Taiwan by connecting them to professional development training, employment opportunities and mental health support.

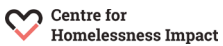




# Meet Our Grantees Working in Europe



**Asociación Realidades para la Integración Social** is developing a cohabitation model in Spain where individuals experiencing homelessness share housing and resources while receiving mental health support and other services to improve autonomous living options and participation in society.



**Centre for Homelessness Impact** is pioneering and studying the effects of one-time, unconditional cash transfers to individuals experiencing homelessness in the UK to build sustainable pathways to economic security.



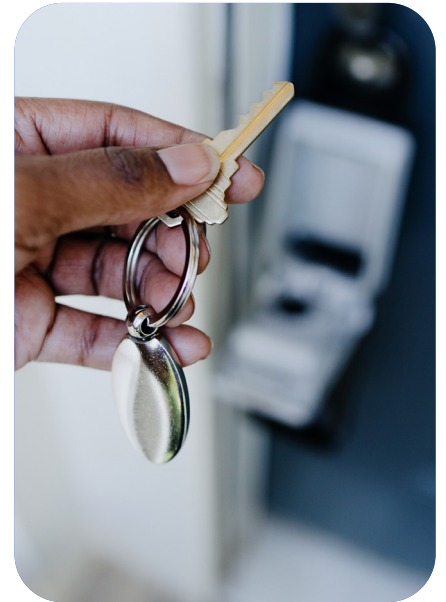
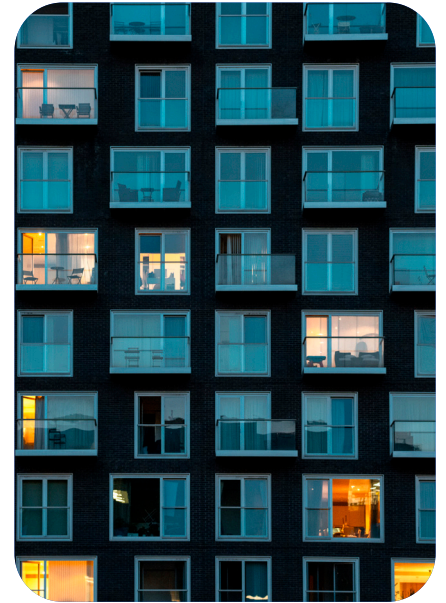
**Depaul Ireland** is providing specialist psychosocial support to individuals experiencing homelessness with complex needs, such as addiction, mental health or social integration post-incarceration.



**FEANTSA** is engaging with policymakers, service providers and other stakeholders at national, regional and local levels in Europe to end homelessness, focusing on development and deployment of the Housing First approach, which prioritizes permanent housing.



**Micro Rainbow International Foundation** is scaling safe housing, social inclusion and employability programming for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers and refugees in the UK.







**Polish Center for International Aid** is working to prevent homelessness among Ukrainian refugees upon arrival through a comprehensive service referral system to facilitate their long-term stay in Poland.



**PRAKSIS** is collaborating with New Agriculture New Generation to provide individuals experiencing homelessness in Greece with specialized training for employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in agriculture and tourism to help them achieve long-term self-sufficiency.



**Progetto Arca** is offering stable housing and access to supportive services, including financial education and job placement for low-income individuals and households in Milan, Italy.



**Romodrom** is providing housing solutions, such as assistance on rental applications, to Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic to reduce homelessness and enhance social cohesion.





# Meet Our Grantees Working in Latin America and the Caribbean



**Cooperación Comunitaria** is training Indigenous communities in Mexico on traditional housing methods using sustainable construction techniques that incorporate cultural methods.



**Corazón Urbano** is using galvanized steel panels to rebuild roofs for low-income families in Acapulco, Mexico whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Otis in 2023.



**Fundação Tide Setubal** is improving housing security for vulnerable families in the neighborhood of Jardim Lapena in São Paulo, Brazil by providing emergency housing, developing personalized socioeconomic improvement plans and designing permanent housing units through community engagement.



**Fundación Raíz** is building bamboo homes for families living in extreme poverty in a coastal community in Ecuador, emphasizing women's ownership, community involvement and access to clean water and sanitation.



**Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago** is promoting development for vulnerable families and communities through disaster risk reduction training, housing solutions and resilient building practices.







**International Organization for Migration** is enabling migrants and host community members in Colombia to access decent housing and economic opportunities through the provision of cash transfers, financial education and inclusion and health services.



**TECHO** is developing alternative solutions to housing needs in Costa Rica’s informal settlements by providing new, sustainable housing models that incorporate solar energy, rainwater harvesting and sanitation.



**The Fuller Center for Housing** with Gente Ayudando Gente is working with families in El Salvador to build their own homes and to support community development, through no-interest loans and wraparound services.



**Universidad de Ingeniería & Tecnología** is developing a technology-intensive housing model and financial solutions to reduce the housing deficit and lack of access to inclusive financing in Peru.



**Vivienda Digna** is increasing access to stable housing and improving local community spaces for low-income families in Argentina by equipping them with construction skills, delivering financial assistance and expanding community participation.





# Meet Our Grantees Working in the Middle East & Africa



**Caritas Nigeria** is supporting displaced individuals and vulnerable groups in Adamawa and Bayelsa States, Nigeria through enhanced access to stable housing and improved supportive services, such as healthcare.



**Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia** is addressing the risks of homelessness for women and girls with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities in Kazakhstan through cross-sector partnerships and social protection strategies.



**Habitat Association** is providing individuals residing in makeshift shelters as a result of the 2023 earthquake in Turkey with psychosocial support and extensive skills training to build resilience and promote employability.



**Habitat for Humanity Uganda** is training youth on low-cost, innovative construction techniques to increase the supply of affordable homes while also increasing the income of participating youth.



**Jood NGO** is expanding and improving sustainable emergency shelters and sanitation units in the Al Haouz region of Morocco following the 2023 earthquake, as well as strengthening local infrastructure and developing job opportunities for youth.



**Nubian Vault Association** is increasing affordable housing for low-income families and refugees in Côte d'Ivoire by offering training on eco-friendly construction methods and establishing a local loan fund.





**Première Urgence Internationale** is supporting vulnerable households, largely refugees, at risk of homelessness in Lebanon with cash assistance, employability skills training and additional supportive services.



**Railway Children Africa** is helping youth experiencing homelessness in Tanzania access safe housing and sustainable income through a peer support model that includes vocational and entrepreneurship skills training for self-sufficiency.



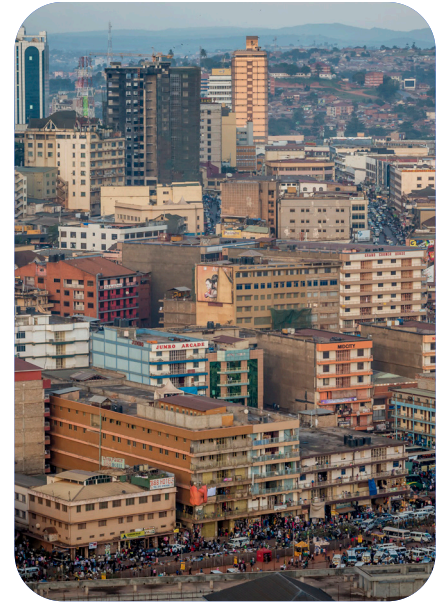
**Rizq Trust** is innovating disaster resilience in Pakistan by researching and developing affordable, climate-resilient housing models, and training community members in relevant construction skills, fostering local expertise and self-reliance.



**Undugu Society of Kenya** is helping reduce youth and family homelessness through vocational and entrepreneurship training, financial education, savings assistance and support to reintegrate into local communities.



**U-turn Homeless Ministries** is digitizing and expanding its active voucher system in South Africa to increase access and usage of essential services linked to a pathway out of homelessness.





# Meet Our Grantees Working in the U.S. & Canada



**DignityMoves** is building scalable and cost-effective interim supportive housing in communities across California, using innovative prefabricated modular construction and trauma-informed design to address the systematic challenges of homelessness.



**HELP USA** is piloting a web-based data management platform to increase the capacity, efficiency and accessibility of homelessness prevention programs in the Bronx, New York.



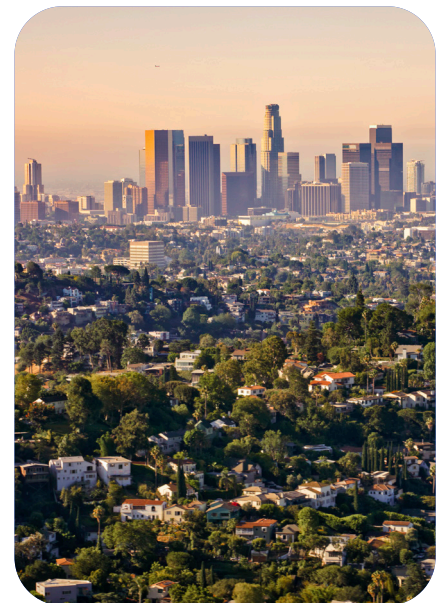
**Los Angeles LGBT Center** is educating LGBTQIA+ youth and older adults on how to secure permanent housing and increasing local support and resources by developing a network of community partnerships.



**Miami Homes For All** is working to decrease youth homelessness by creating an affordable housing database that connects families to available, affordable housing units, delivering financial education and coaching and issuing referrals to wrap-around housing services.



**Mission Action** is enhancing the country's first shelter partnership with a public school district, offering families with children enrolled in San Francisco public schools access to emergency housing at a school site, in addition to key supportive services.





**N Street Village** is addressing the diverse needs of aging women experiencing homelessness in Washington, D.C. by offering mental health services and identifying best practices to better serve this community.



ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL  
PROVIDENCE HEALTHCARE

**St. Michael's Foundation and Hospital** are creating a system to ensure patients experiencing homelessness in Canada gain access to healthcare and vital services to achieve better health and sustainable housing conditions.



**The Community Builders** is preparing community members with lived experiences in Chicago as navigators to connect formerly homeless individuals with wrap-around supportive services, including financial and housing stability coaching.

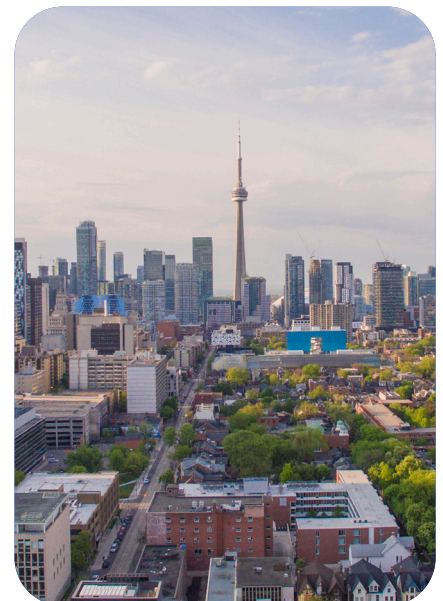
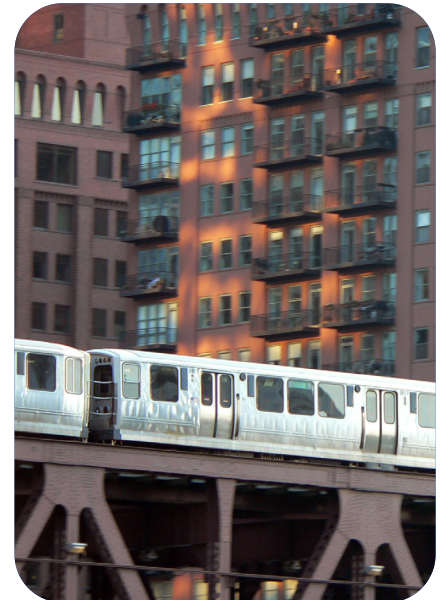


**The Doe Fund**

**The Doe Fund** is expanding experiential job training programs, career advancement support and other stabilization services for formerly homeless individuals living in supportive housing throughout New York City.



**The YMCA of Greater New York** is offering enhanced services such as financial coaching, job training, employment opportunities and stipends to individuals experiencing homelessness in Queens, New York, prioritizing the diverse needs of their Spanish-speaking community as well as individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.





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