

## Year in Review: 2023

## Highlights, Reflections, and Vision for the Coming Year

Dear friends.

Greetings from Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN)!

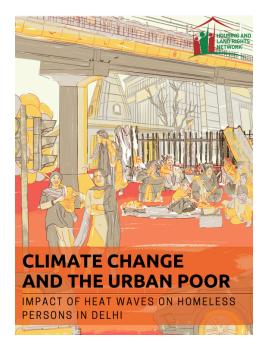
As the year 2023 draws to an end, we would like to share some highlights and reflections from our work, as we continue to work to support people and communities living in inadequate housing conditions.

Much like every other year, this year brought its own share of challenges and opportunities. The demolition of homes and habitats continued, leading to extensive forced evictions. However, we continued our efforts towards strengthening the resilience of communities and building community leadership, through the Housing Rights Fellowship in seven cities across India, and the Awas Adhikar Saathi (AAS) programme in Delhi.



This year, HLRN broke new ground as it undertook research on the right to adequate housing for transgender persons, and <u>climate change</u> and its impact on homeless persons. We also developed several resource materials and publications, including <u>informative posters</u> on the human right to adequate housing.

For the first time, HLRN team members participated in the <u>National Conference</u> organized by the Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS) and the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP).



While HLRN has consistently worked to build capacities of key stakeholders on the human rights approach to housing; for the first time, HLRN partnered with premier academic institutions (National Law University Delhi and National Law University Odisha) to do the same. We hope to build on this aspect of our work in the future.

With the aim of facilitating the demands of Delhi's homeless community for a continuum of housing options, on Homeless Day 2023, we launched the <u>second phase</u> of the Campaign on Adequate Housing for the Homeless.



The HLRN team expanded as we welcomed new members with expertise in public planning, law, community outreach, land rights, and governance.

The coming year is significant for HLRN as we complete 25 years of our journey. While we prepare to commemorate this important milestone, we look forward to building more partnerships and solidarities, to ensure that we can achieve the goal for which this organisation was established: facilitating the human rights to adequate housing and land for all, especially the most vulnerable communities.

We look forward to your support.

Wishing you a very happy new year, 2024!

Warm regards,

Team HLRN

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