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After a major earthquake in a developing country, agencies typically build houses that are not always culturally appropriate and sustainable in the local construction sector. Often, homeowners are minimally involved in the process, and the houses built are not earthquake-resistant. To overcome these challenges, Dr. Hausler and Build Change are creating an environment that allows earthquake reconstruction – and then construction moving forwards – to become standard.

Dr. Hausler is a skilled brick, block, and stone mason with an M.S. and Ph.D. in civil engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, M.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Colorado, and B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has received numerous awards including the 2011 US Social Entrepreneur of the Year by the Schwab Foundation and the 2011 Lemelson-MIT Award for Sustainability. Her work has been featured in the New York Times, NPR, abcNEWS World News Tonight, and Bloomberg Businessweek.