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## ENERGIESPRONG RECOGNISED AT THE 2024 WORLD HABITAT AWARDS

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World Habitat, in partnership with UN-Habitat, has announced the winners of the [World Habitat Awards 2024](#).

Eight outstanding projects have been recognised, for demonstrating innovative and transformative approaches to housing, from community-driven solutions to climate change adaptation.

The Gold World Habitat Awards 2024 Winners:

**Housing Rights in Jakarta: Collective Action and Policy Advocacy**

Despite facing the constant threat of forced evictions, kampung communities in partnership with grassroots organisations have successfully fought back and secured their right to housing. Their efforts have resulted in the prevention of evictions, the return of evicted families to their homes, and city-wide regulatory changes that safeguard all kampung residents from forced evictions.

**Energiesprong: Revolutionising Home Retrofitting**

This innovative system uses prefabricated insulated wall and roof panels along with a range of smart green technologies to achieve a remarkable 70-80% reduction in a building's energy consumption. Since its inception in 2011, Energiesprong has implemented over 10,000 projects, specifically in the area of social housing, across seven countries in Europe and North America.

**Maimunah Mohd Sharif, UN-Habitat Executive Director and a final judge of the World Habitat Awards, said:**

Both initiatives represent a strong innovative response to two overlapping challenges, including housing and climate change. Going beyond a vision of housing as four walls and a roof, they touch upon social justice, human rights and community empowerment. I would like to commend Housing Rights in Jakarta for its multi-organisational partnership and the involvement of the community from the start, as well as the decision to use both a policy and political approach to drive strong change in the narrative towards the neighbourhood and its inhabitants. We also appreciate the development of a cooperative mechanism covering the land, to reduce speculation and strengthen tenure security.

On the other hand, I applaud Energiesprong for its cost-effective, tenant-friendly approach to delivering deep, net zero housing retrofits. This programme stands out for its off-site manufacturing of insulated panels that are quickly installed on-

site, which translates into minimal disruption to tenants. Importantly it addresses the potential risks posed by the energy transition, mitigating inequalities, housing loss and displacement.

We would also like to commend the choice of two initiatives that are linking operational activities with advocacy efforts to produce long-lasting sustainable policy changes.

The Silver World Habitat Award 2024 Winners are:

**Government of Chile Rural Habitability Programme: Improving Livelihoods in Remote Chilean Communities**

The Chilean Government's Rural Habitability Programme has been recognised for its significant impact in addressing the critical housing needs of remote communities across the country. Since the programme began, it has improved the lives of over 40,000 people by building or renovating over 10,000 homes in remote Chilean communities.

**La Ciguë: Affordable Student Housing in Geneva**

La Ciguë, a student housing cooperative in Geneva, Switzerland, scooped the Award for its pioneering approach to providing affordable student housing. Since its inception in 1986, La Ciguë has been steadily expanding its portfolio, managing nearly 740 rooms in prime city centre locations and providing much-needed financial relief to students.

The Bronze World Habitat Award Winners:

**CO-HATY Emergency Housing Project: Shelter for Internally Displaced People in Ukraine**

The CO-HATY emergency housing project in Ukraine has been recognised in this year's awards for its innovative approach to providing shelter for internally displaced people (IDPs). The project converts abandoned buildings into temporary accommodation for IDPs, offering a much-needed lifeline in a country grappling with

the effects of an ongoing war and a severe shortage of affordable housing.

### **DARAJA Weather Forecasting Service: Saving Lives in Informal Settlements**

The DARAJA weather forecasting and early warning service in Kenya and Tanzania receives the award for its innovative approach to preparing residents of informal settlements for extreme weather events. The service provides regular, reliable weather information and response actions in accessible formats, empowering communities to prepare for the growing incidents of extreme weather events caused by climate change.

### **Nettelbeckplatz: Sustainable, Affordable, and Accessible Housing in Berlin**

Berlin's Nettelbeckplatz affordable housing estate received its award for its remarkable transformation from an ageing residential complex into a vibrant and sustainable community. The project has given the building a new lease of life, incorporating energy-efficient measures, improving accessibility, and attracting a diverse mix of residents.

### **New Ground Cohousing Community: A Supportive Environment for Older Adults**

The UK's first cohousing community for women, New Ground, has been awarded a Bronze Award for its ground-breaking model of community living. This innovative approach provides a supportive environment for older adults, enabling them to thrive and age with dignity.