



Haiti from the Field

Rebuilding lives and transforming communities

Through your generous support, Habitat for Humanity continues to make good progress on its journey to serve 50,000 Haitian families affected by the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake. Habitat Resource Centers in Port-au-Prince, Léogâne and Cabaret are working hard to serve families in these hard-hit communities.

To date, Habitat's construction activities have benefited more than 27,000 families — approximately 135,000 people. In addition, we have trained more than 4,000 Haitians in construction, construction business practices, damage assessments and financial literacy, and have hired more than 700 Haitians to help us rebuild.

While we measure our progress by the number of families and individuals served, the impact of our work can be seen in the transformation of not only individual lives but also entire communities. We call it our urban development approach, which is based on empowering and strengthening communities. By working closely with them, we help communities build self-confidence to take action, identify

and prioritize their needs, develop community action plans, and leverage their collective capacity to advocate for change.

One such community is the Simon-Pelé neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, where Habitat has been actively engaged since October. With support from donors, local community organizations and the government, the community maps (or enumerates) each house and building in Simon-Pelé and surveys each family. Data collected help the community understand their needs and give them the tools to become agents for change and champions for critical services. To date, 4,000 houses and buildings have been mapped and numbered, and approximately 3,000 households have been surveyed.

In addition to providing shelter solutions in Port-au-Prince, Habitat, in partnership with UN-HABITAT, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, Catholic Relief Service, and the Canadian International Development Agency, is empowering families and communities to improve their lives. This community transformation does not happen overnight, but with your continued support, we are beginning to see tangible results.

We thank you for your generosity in helping Habitat rebuild lives and transform communities. Together, we are bringing lasting, positive change.

Milestones:

24,500 More than **24,500** emergency shelter kits are in the hands of people who needed them most. The kits included tools — hammers, pliers, chisels, work gloves, rope and tarps — that have allowed Haitians to clean up debris, make basic repairs and create emergency shelter. In addition, more than 3,300 emergency shelter kits have been stockpiled, ready to distribute quickly whenever disaster strikes again.

5,000 Nearly **5,000** housing damage assessments have been conducted. Assessments help determine which structures can be made safe and which need to be torn down.

3,000 More than **3,000** Haitians have been trained in construction, construction business practices and damage assessments.

2,500 More than **2,500** families have received transitional or upgradable shelters. Habitat's upgradable shelter features a timber frame and pressure-treated plywood side walls with a permanent concrete perimeter foundation, tin roof and traditional front porch. The structure is built so that concrete blocks can be added later, as a family's situation improves.

1,200 More than **1,200** Haitians have been trained in financial literacy.

700 More than **700** Haitians have found job opportunities through Habitat Haiti's main office and Habitat Resource Centers. In a nation with an unemployment rate of 60 percent, job opportunities are a crucial part of rebuilding.

200 Habitat has launched its repair and rehab program, with more than **200** slated to be completed by the end of June.

Joseph Phéol Henrilus applies his skills to help his fellow Haitians recover.



BERNARD CHERILUS

Joseph's story:

“For many years, Habitat for Humanity and I have shared a long love story,” Joseph Phéol Henrilus said with a big smile. Henrilus, a father of six, and his family began their relationship with Habitat in 2001, when he became a Habitat homeowner as part of Habitat's mortgage housing program in Haiti.

Today: Henrilus is now one of many workers hired to help Habitat improve the lives of earthquake-affected families by building transitional shelters. Working in Habitat's workshop in Cabaret, Henrilus preps the steel anchors for each shelter.

To prepare him for his new job, Henrilus was trained by Habitat through the KATA business and technical skills training project, funded by USAID through CHF International. Under the project, Habitat established three Building Training Centers and delivered entrepreneurial and vocational construction training to small businesses and individuals.

Henrilus' house was not damaged by the earthquake, but many of his relatives were affected. “I don't have any money to lend, but each steel anchor I bend and cut is a big step I make to help move a relative into a new home. My priority is a human one,” he explained.

In Habitat's Bercy Village in Cabaret, it seems everyone knows Henrilus. As a Habitat homeowner and a skilled construction worker, he has built many strong relationships. “I do like to connect with people,” he said.

Cabaret is one of three cities in Haiti where Habitat is focusing its earthquake recovery efforts. Building on its more than two-decade presence in the city, Habitat, in partnership with USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, CHF International, Catholic Relief Services, UN-HABITAT, Polish Humanitarian Action, and the African-American Baptist Mission Collaboration, is conducting house damage assessments, building transitional shelters and latrines, and repairing homes.

Marie Nicole Sanon stands in front of her Habitat upgradable shelter.



Marie Nicole's story:

Marie Nicole Sanon, 34, stands proudly in front of her Habitat upgradable shelter. It wasn't that long ago when she and her three children lived in a tent made of scraps of bed sheets.

"After the earthquake, I thought life was over and I would never own a decent place to live with my children," Sanon said. "I had no choice and settled in my little tent of sheets supported by wood sticks. We had to squeeze like fish at the market to sleep at night."

Living in the tent was tough. It was extremely hot during the day and cold at night. When the rains and the wind came, Sanon and her children were forced to stay awake at night to hold up the supports of their flimsy shelter. They suffered through many sleepless nights. For nearly a year, she and her children endured the hardship.

Last November, Sanon and her family moved into their new Habitat upgradable shelter in Léogâne, where 90 percent of homes were damaged or destroyed. Her upgradable shelter is one of 2,000 built by Habitat for Humanity in partnership with the American Red Cross.

"Now I'm not worried about the wind and rains. I can sleep with both eyes closed, and my children will grow in a better environment, cleaner and safer," said Sanon, who now earns a living as a merchant and holds her head high with dignity.

The Habitat upgradable shelter is a permanent housing solution with total living space of approximately 250 square feet, including the front porch.

Habitat is also conducting damage assessments, repairing homes, building and upgrading transitional shelters, providing water and sanitary solutions, and implementing training programs in Léogâne in partnership with the American Red Cross, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Samenwerkende Hulp Organisaties, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Oak Foundation, Polish Humanitarian Action and UN-HABITAT.

What will you build? National Affiliate Conference 2011

In March, Habitat for Humanity Haiti participated in Habitat's 2011 National Affiliate Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. We had an excellent turnout in our booth. We appreciate everyone who stopped by to learn more about our recovery work and to meet our Haiti representatives.

In remarks during the Thursday morning plenary session, Claude Jeudy, national director of Habitat for Humanity Haiti, offered his thanks for the outpouring of support from affiliates and spoke about bringing hope to those in need, both in Haiti and around the globe.

Habitat takes this opportunity once again to say thanks to U.S. affiliates for their generous support!



Claude Jeudy, national director of Habitat for Humanity Haiti, speaks at Habitat's 2011 National Affiliate Conference in Atlanta.





Jimmy & Rosalynn
CARTER
WORK PROJECT
LÉOGÂNE, HAITI 2011

A WORLD HABITAT DAY EVENT

The 28th and 29th Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Projects come to Haiti

In support of Habitat for Humanity’s five-year strategy to help 50,000 earthquake-affected Haitian families, the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project will be held in Haiti in both 2011 and 2012 to refocus the world’s attention on the dire need for shelter that persists in Haiti nearly two years after the devastating earthquake.

As Habitat’s flagship event, the 28th and 29th annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Projects will elevate awareness of Haiti’s housing challenges and the ongoing struggles of its families to rebuild their lives. At the same time, the projects will lay the groundwork for mobilizing future construction and funding resources, help develop a robust volunteer pipeline, and ensure the people of Haiti are not forgotten.

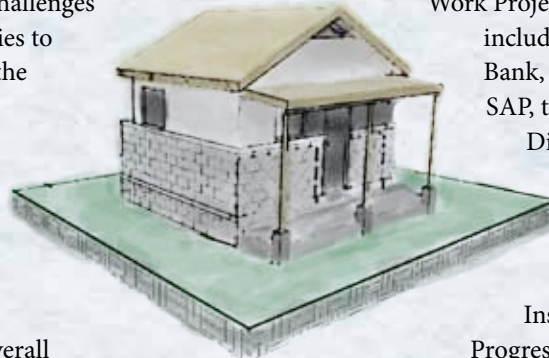
The Carter project will take place in conjunction with Habitat’s overall earthquake recovery program in Léogâne, a seaside city that once was home to about 150,000 people. The city, near the epicenter of the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake, was one of the hardest-hit areas, with nearly 90 percent of buildings damaged or destroyed and tens of

thousands of people left homeless or displaced.

For one week, beginning Nov. 5, 2011, 400 international volunteers will build 100 core homes as part of an existing Habitat housing development project in the Léogâne community of Santo. The overall goal of the Santo project is to build up to 500 core homes, serving up to 500 families or approximately 2,500 individuals.

Supporters of the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project will join Santo project partners, including the Inter-American Development Bank, Samenwerkende Hulp Organisaties, SAP, the New York Housing Authority, Diageo, the African-American Baptist Mission Collaboration, Construction Industry Solutions, the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, the First Institutional Baptist Church, the Progressive Haitian American Organization and the Deerbrook Charitable Trust.

To learn how you can be a part of the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, please contact Karen Haycox, senior director of collaborative projects for Habitat for Humanity International, at khaycox@habitat.org.



Settlement site in Port-au-Prince.

We need your help

The Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake damaged nearly 190,000 houses in Haiti, of which 105,000 were destroyed. Of the more than 2 million affected survivors, more than 600,000 are still displaced and living in settlement sites.

Habitat for Humanity is working tirelessly to help the Haitian people recover and rebuild. We ask for your continued support to reach our goal of helping 50,000 families.

To learn more about partnership opportunities, please contact Kate Pearson, director of strategic partnerships for Habitat for Humanity Haiti, at kpearson@habitat.org.

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