



South Africa

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S GLOBAL VILLAGE PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW?

South Africa has 11 official languages.

South Africa has one of the highest average daily hours of sunshine – 8.5hrs.

The country is 3 times the size of Texas.

HABITAT FACTS IN SA

Families Served to Date
2,467 families

Construction types
Urban homes have a minimum of 2 bedrooms, open plan kitchen and living area and a bathroom. Rural homes have 3 bedrooms and an open plan living room and kitchen area. The homes are fully electrified and fixed for cold water. The homes are plastered and painted on the outside with cement floors.

Number of Affiliates
Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg

Host Months
February-May, July-October

Team Size
10-15 members

Building Together For a Better Future

Despite proactive government policies, almost 10 million South Africans live in poverty housing in vast informal settlements known as townships. Occupants of townships often live without adequate services in overcrowded shacks pieced together with cardboard, corrugated iron and scrap wood. As many as twenty percent of South Africa's population is infected with HIV. Many of the homes HFHSA builds house AIDS orphans and vulnerable children. Without additional support, many orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa live in appalling conditions. Some live in dilapidated shacks with walls open to winter winds and rain. HFHSA has initiated orphaned and vulnerable children projects in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal.



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The Global Village Program

Join a Global Village team and you can make a difference in the lives of South African families in need of simple, decent places to live. You might just find your own life changed as well.

Why join a Global Village team?

Global Village offers international volunteers the opportunity to take part in "hands-on" construction or renovation of homes in more than 14 countries in Africa and the Middle East. Participating in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable chance to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience personal growth through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their homes transformed.



What do the volunteers say?

"There is so much culture and diversity in this country, you can't help but fall in love with it. This experience was one I will truly never forget. From the first day of the trip to the last, these memories will stay with me for a lifetime."
Charlotte Jimenez, April 2009



Logistics

HOW TO GET THERE

Most project locations can be reached by international flights to O.R. Tambo, Cape Town International or Durban International Airport.

TRANSPORTATION

Transport is typically a private minibus with a hired driver. The transport cost includes the airport pick-up and drop-off and daily transport to and from build site.

LODGING

Teams typically stay in two- or three-star hotels or retreat centers with double occupancy rooms and private baths.

FOOD AND WATER

Three meals per day and bottled water are included. Please notify the GV coordinator with special dietary needs prior to arrival.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for South Africa

Day 2: Arrive in project location; and overnight in hotel

Day 3: Welcome and introductions upon arrival; free time; time for team activities

Day 4–8: Breakfast served before traveling to work site; Work from 8:00–16:30; free time; time for team activities

Day 9: Free time for cultural activities (vary based on host project location)

Day 10: Depart for home

Join us in a journey of adventure — discovering joy, purpose, community, hope and life.

Start making a difference now!

