



HABITAT FACTS

Families served this year¹

5,368

Families served to date²

28,595

¹New houses, rehabilitations and repairs in the year to June 30, 2011

²New houses, rehabilitations, repairs and other assistance

Key Activities

- Decent, affordable housing with water and sanitation facilities for low-income rural families and resettled slum dwellers.
- Disaster response, disaster mitigation and preparedness.
- Hosting domestic and international volunteer teams.

Habitat for Humanity in Indonesia

Habitat began operating in Indonesia in 1997 and currently works in 13 provinces. Its largest program was rebuilding after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami: more than 8,000 families benefited from Habitat's interventions. This led to establishing a continuing presence in North Sumatra and the creation of a disaster-response capability for use elsewhere in the country. Recognizing the dire nationwide housing need, HFH Indonesia aims to galvanize resources to provide 125,000 families with decent homes by 2014.

Housing needs in Indonesia

Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago with more than 17,500 islands. The world's fourth most populous country has had recent success in achieving economic growth and is now classed as a lower-middle-income nation. The fruits of economic development are, however, not spread evenly. According to the World Bank, more than 32 million Indonesians – out of a population of 234 million – live below the poverty line. About half of all households remain clustered around the national poverty line set at 200,262 rupiah per month (US\$22). Such families are therefore vulnerable to any shock caused by an economic downturn or a natural disaster. And Indonesia is highly vulnerable to the latter – earthquakes, flooding and volcanic eruptions are not infrequent occurrences. Climate change is a major threat with droughts, floods and mudslides expected to worsen in the future.

As of early 2011, Indonesia faces a shortfall of eight million homes, according to the public housing ministry. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has announced a plan to build over one million houses for low-income people within five or 10 years. The cheapest houses would be priced between five million rupiah (US\$560) and 10 million rupiah (US\$1,130), said the president. Currently, nearly 70 percent of low-income housing is built mostly by the families themselves rather than

by the government or private developers. Almost 25 million families live in urban slums with many others living along railway tracks and riverbanks, on streets and in areas that are unfit for settlement.

How Habitat for Humanity works

Habitat for Humanity Indonesia strives to provide housing solutions which also address the collective needs of a community such as health and education. Habitat seeks to partner with community groups, government agencies, corporations and other development organizations to build homes and hope. Families work with Habitat to build affordable and decent housing through contributing their own labor. Their monthly mortgage repayments – about US\$20 month per family – are used to fund more homes for other families.

HFH Indonesia works with partner microfinance institutions to select families in need. The MFIs provide affordable loans for building houses; Habitat provides technical expertise.

In Indonesia, Habitat houses usually measure 25 to 45 sq. m. each. Houses are built with cement slab foundation and are made from concrete blocks and plywood with wood frames and clay tiles for roofs. It takes about three weeks to a month to build a house.

Habitat taps on the expertise built after the December 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami to respond to disasters. Responses include the major earthquakes which struck West Sumatra and West Java in September 2009. HFH Indonesia also helps families affected by the tsunami in Mentawai islands, off the western coast of Sumatra island, and the eruption of Mount Merapi in central Java island, in October 2010. In disaster-hit communities, Habitat not only rebuilds homes but also trains people to prepare for and lessen the impact of future disasters.

COUNTRY FACTS

Volunteers

In the year to 30 June 2011, HFH Indonesia worked with more than 8,600 international and local volunteers. Global teams come from South Korea, USA and Japan. Local volunteers come from corporations, international schools and Indonesian universities. Due to its proximity to Singapore, HFH Indonesia's affiliate on Batam island hosts a constant stream of volunteers from the republic who take part in builds over a weekend.

Partners

HFH Indonesia joins hands with like-minded partners such as international and local non-government organizations, microfinance institutions, cooperatives and faith-based organizations. Corporations, foundations, UN organizations and the local governments also lend support. Supporters included Asia Pulp & Paper, CIGNA, Dow Chemical, General Motor, JW Marriott and Kalbe Nutritional.



POPULATION: 245,613,043 (July 2011 est.)

CAPITAL: Jakarta

LAND AREA: 1,904,569 sq. km.

ETHNIC GROUPS: Javanese 40.6%, Sundanese 15%, Madurese 3.3%, Minangkabau 2.7%, Betawi 2.4%, Bugis 2.4%, Banten 2%, Banjar 1.7%, other or unspecified 29.9% (2000 census)

LANGUAGES: Bahasa Indonesia, English, Dutch, local dialects including widely spoken Javanese

RELIGIONS: Islam 86.1%, Protestantism 5.7%, Roman Catholicism 3%, Hinduism 1.8%, other or unspecified 3.4% (2000 census)

LITERACY: 90.4% (2004 est.)

URBANIZATION: 52% (2008)

POPULATION LIVING ON US\$1.25 A DAY: 19% (2009)

ACCESS TO IMPROVED WATER SOURCE: 80% (2009)

ACCESS TO IMPROVED SANITATION FACILITIES: 52% (2009)

Sources: *The World Factbook, World Bank*

Habitat Highlights

- ▶ **October 2011:** HFH Indonesia launched "28build" (read: to build) campaign as its contribution to Habitat for Humanity's Youth BUILD in five Asia-Pacific countries. On 12th May 2012, thousands of young people in China, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand will help build homes and hope. Habitat aims to attract 1,500 Indonesian volunteers to build 150 houses on that day.
- ▶ **October 2011:** In a pilot project, Habitat completed 125 houses on Manado island for families who have been displaced from conflict-affected Maluku islands several years ago.
- ▶ **September 2011:** HFH Indonesia completed 94 houses for families affected by an October 2010 earthquake and tsunami in Mentawai, a chain of small islands. Habitat also built 33 new homes, rehabilitated 56 houses and repaired 3,937 homes in Krinjing village near Mount Merapi following a volcanic eruption in October 2010.
- ▶ **September 2011:** By the second anniversary of the September 2009 earthquake in West Sumatra, HFH Indonesia had helped more than 850 affected families in the Padang Pariaman area.
- ▶ **August 2011:** The second Women Build team built on the resort island of Bali, six months after HFH Indonesia received its first-ever Women Build volunteers.
- ▶ **June 2011:** Dutch building materials supplier Stihl Group marked its 85th anniversary by sending 220 staff members to work with HFH Indonesia in Tendeki district, Sulawesi province. The volunteers helped to build 10 houses and repaired 15 homes.
- ▶ **April 2011:** HFH Indonesia benefited from two golf events which raised more than US\$80,000. The second annual charity golf tournament at Jagorawi Golf & Country Club in Jakarta garnered about US\$60,000. Separately, Habitat's partnership with the Masters Golf Tournament, held for the first time in Indonesia, raised some US\$22,400.
- ▶ **February 2011:** HFH Indonesia completed 153 homes in Pangalengan, West Java, for families affected by an earthquake in September 2009. Two school buildings were also built.
- ▶ **February 2011:** Student Kyla Christie Hambali raised nearly 120 million rupiah (over US\$13,200) over two months during a Sing to Build initiative which also aided HFH Indonesia's responses to the Mentawai tsunami and Merapi volcanic eruption.



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Meet a Habitat family

John Pattinasarany, 73, was born on Ambon, a tiny island far from the Indonesian capital Jakarta. When ethnic and religious conflict erupted on the island in 1999, John's house was burnt down. He and his family were among tens of thousands of people who fled to towns in the neighboring North Sulawesi province.

John and his family ended up in Bitung town where they stayed in a refugee camp. In the past 12 years, they moved from one refugee camp to another before finally settling down in Dembet camp, on Manado island, which houses about 125 families. The people in the camp live in shelters made of discarded corrugated iron and wooden boards.

In October 2011, HFH Indonesia completed building new houses for John's and 124 other families on a site about 2 km. away from the Dembet camp. HFH Indonesia provided more than homes. With funding from Australia, families were trained to earn higher incomes from weaving and soap making or producing concrete blocks.

Since his wife died last year, John now lives with one of his sons, daughter-in-law and grandchild. With a new house and secure land tenure, he looks forward to a better future. "I hope my family can live peacefully in this house and feel secure. I hope we will never be outcasts anymore."

John said: "I am thankful to God. I believe this house and land come from Him."



What volunteers say

"The meaning lies foremost in owning the house which means a safe home base and community to root your family. It gives hope and the opportunity to plan deliberately for the future especially the future of your children."

*- Pieter Pelt, director of Dutch company Stiho, on the meaning of home.
The company marked its 85th anniversary by sending staff to build with HFH Indonesia.*