



WORLD HABITAT DAY 2010



An E-Newsletter from Europe and Central Asia

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Do you know where you will sleep tonight?

More than 1.6 billion people do not know. They live in slums or have no roof over their head and no proper bed. Their bodies are not protected against nature's harshest elements.

Habitat for Humanity does not promise to solve the world's staggering housing problem, but it believes that with the action-driven approach it can improve the situation. This week started with World Habitat Day - an opportunity to remind us of our collective responsibility for the future of human habitat and the right of every human being to a safe and decent home.

Habitat for Humanity's volunteers are answering the World Habitat Day call to action. From the former U.S. president Jimmy Carter to business leaders and dozens of volunteers all over the world, Habitat is setting an example to the world leaders of what one can do to offer those in need simple and decent homes.

Join the fight against poverty housing!!

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Carters volunteer with Habitat for Humanity for 27 years

Former President Jimmy Carter, fresh off a two-day stay at an Ohio hospital, pushed everyone to work harder and faster at a cold, rainy kickoff to the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project in Washington, D.C. [Read here](#) about this year's event at which the Carters appear not to deliver speeches but rather to work on a construction site.



Is there a link between a proper home and good health?

This year's Habitat for Humanity Shelter Report explores how substandard housing has a major negative impact on public health worldwide, in poor and affluent countries alike. To see how the two are interconnected, [read Habitat's full report in PDF format.](#)



Habitat's Unofficial Ambassadors in Tajikistan

This summer, the director of America's Unofficial Ambassadors initiative at Creative Learning, a Washington D.C.-based not-for-profit, traveled to Tajikistan as an observer. [Now he tells](#) how and why one can offer a helping hand to people in less developed countries.



In Poland: Habitat for Humanity has finished apartments for 69 families

This article appeared in the Polish newspaper Wyborcza after Habitat for Humanity completed eight apartment buildings in Gliwice, Poland, at the end of September. Read more about the project [here](#).

News in Brief

What will you build?

You can show your support for our work by posting a photo of yourself that answers the question, "What will you build?" [Join the World Habitat Day Photo Wall](#)

Big Build II in Romania

125 volunteers from Northern Ireland answered the World Habitat Day call to action by delivering decent, affordable shelter to 12 families in need. The Second Big Build will last for a week and will result in 12 new homes in Beius, Romania. Check out [pictures](#) from the build.

Everest Build

Habitat for Humanity Nepal is hosting a special one-week build in a community near the city of Pokhara at the foot of the awe-inspiring Annapurna range of mountains. Some 500 international volunteers from 12 countries will build houses made of bamboo in Lakuri, Lekhnath Municipality, Kaski district. Follow the event [here](#).

Business leaders hammer a housing message in Shanghai

Liverpool business leaders will don hard hats and tool belts to help build a house for a low income family in China in the run up to Liverpool Day at the World Expo in Shanghai. The build-day has been sponsored by Liverpool Football Club. This is the first time a UK Premier League football club has funded a Habitat build anywhere in the world.

Housing summit news

More than 300 social housing delegates and speakers meet in The Hague for a [new international summit](#) this October 13-14, 2010. Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a roundtable discussion on the need of a [regional housing forum](#).

Social media news

Download Habitat [web banners](#) to support its mission to fight poverty housing! Habitat has more than 60,000 fan hits on its [Facebook page](#).

Get Involved with Habitat

The Global Village is a great opportunity to travel, learn about another country and make a difference in the global fight against poverty housing. Visit our [Global Village](#) section now! Organize a team of volunteers from among your friends, co-workers, school or other groups, or join one of our featured trips.

- Trip to Armenia: Building homes for families in Armenia from May 28 - June 12, 2011. If you want to sign up for the trip, write us an [e-mail](#)

Habitat for Humanity International is a Christian nonprofit organization dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its foundation in 1976, Habitat has built and renovated more than 350,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for 1.75 million people.

In Europe and Central Asia Habitat for Humanity International works in 20 countries, building and repairing houses, offering housing microfinance services, improving water and sanitation, working on disaster mitigation and response and advocating for affordable housing. In this region, Habitat has served more than 10,000 families together with volunteers and homeowners.

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