

WORLD HABITAT DAY 2011



An E-Newsletter from Europe and Central Asia

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World Habitat Day is celebration of the grassroots action which unites our efforts to eradicate poverty housing! This October 3, Habitat for Humanity hosted hundreds of events to address the need for decent housing worldwide.

The culmination of World Habitat Day events is the 28th Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, November 5 to 12 in Haiti. Around 400 volunteers will build 100 earthquake-resistant homes. The build will take place in a former sugar cane field outside Léogâne, near the epicenter of the 2010 earthquake that left thousands of people homeless.

You can also support us in the efforts to fight poverty housing by following these three simple steps.

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Put your mark on the map

On World Habitat Day, Habitat for Humanity dedicated its 500,000th house in Maai Mahui, Kenya. Tell us, what did you build with Habitat? Invite your family and friends to share their stories on our [map](#) as well.



Housing the needy in Romania

Big Build 2011 of Habitat Romania and Habitat Northern Ireland was an opportunity to build hope and homes alongside Roma families, 10 homes in just 5 days. Why did we choose Roma families this time? [Click here](#) to find out!



Rebuilding after disasters

Habitat's [Shelter Report 2012](#) is called "Build Hope: Housing Cities After a Disaster". What lessons can be learned from the humanitarian relief efforts during recent disasters in Haiti or Japan?

News in Brief

Habitat marks a major milestone

The construction of Habitat's 500,000th house brings joy to a fledgling community in Kenya. You can experience it yourself by watching this [video](#).

Building Futures in Tajikistan

Check out this [video](#) and see how Habitat for Humanity Tajikistan is working with partners to create building and training centers to further help low-income families.

More than Housing Reconstruction

What are the key requirements to ensure adequate housing under the international human rights law? How do these differ from current practices? On October 21, 2011, these questions will be answered by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing at a [side event](#) at United Nations office in New York.

East and West join forces for durable housing solutions

Habitat Netherlands will host a roundtable lunch discussion on its recent project in Central Asia. Find out how Habitat Netherlands is working with local housing associations in support of energy efficient renovations of condominiums in Kyrgyzstan. The discussion will take place in the framework of the [International Housing Summit](#) in Rotterdam. Join our table on November 1, 2011.

International Conference on Architecture and Urban Design

Epoka University and the Polytechnic University of Tirana invite everyone to the first [International Conference on Architecture and Urban Design](#), which will be held in Albania on April 19-21, 2012.

Habitat & Social Media



Photo galleries

This month Habitat features photo galleries from Romania. [View our Romania photo gallery section](#)

Volunteer with Habitat

- [Radauti - Romania](#), Nov. 18 – Nov. 28, 2011
- [Braga - Portugal](#), Dec. 10 – Dec. 19, 2011

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 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for 2 million people.

In Europe and Central Asia Habitat for Humanity International works in 22 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 11,000 families together with volunteers and homeowners.

Find out more at www.habitateurope.org