



An E-Newsletter from Europe and Central Asia

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Natural disasters can impact entire countries and entire communities. The immediate effects include loss of life and damage to property and infrastructure. The survivors are traumatized, uncertain of the future and unable to provide for their own welfare, at least in the short term.

The victims are left without adequate shelter, food, and water. Long after humanitarian aid organizations have completed their relief work, the need for quality shelter and housing remains for months and years. We focus our on the housing needs that arise from natural disasters and humanitarian emergency conflicts.

You can support us in the efforts to fight the aftermath of disasters by following these three simple steps.

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### Haiti: two years after

How two years after the devastating earthquake that struck [Haiti](#) on January 12, 2010 Habitat's recovery program helped more than 40,000 families in Port-au-Prince, Léogâne and Cabaret?



### Romania: rebuilding after the floods

Heavy rainfalls in June 2010 lead to floods in Romania. Over 800 homes were completely destroyed, more than 7,000 damaged and over 15,000 people displaced. However, the [rebuilding](#) was possible.



### **Shelter after disasters**

Habitat works together with companies and corporations who donate necessary funds for the disaster relief programs. Yet, our long-term work in this direction is supported by like-minded [organizations](#).



### **Building homes and hope in Haiti**

Habitat has served more than 40,000 Haitian families since the January 2010 earthquake. This [video](#) provides an overview of our recovery program and its impact on the people of Haiti.

## **News in Brief**

### **Dates for the second Housing Forum Europe & Central Asia**

Four partnering organizations – Habitat for Humanity, IFRC, UNDP and UNECE – are planning to hold the second Housing Forum Europe & Central Asia in April 2013. For more information visit the Forum's website [www.ecahousingforum.eu](http://www.ecahousingforum.eu)

### **Habitat for Humanity plans attending net World Urban Forum**

The southern Italian city of Naples is hosting the sixth session of the [World Urban Forum](#). Scheduled for the first week of September 2012, the theme of the Forum will be The Urban Future.

### **Updating housing research for Europe and Central Asia**

This year, Habitat for Humanity is looking to update its housing research for Europe and Central Asia, [Mapping the Root of Poverty Housing](#).

### **Online issue of Habitat World**

Read more about Habitat Romania's Big Build and work to improving housing in Roma communities, among other news. [Click here](#).

### **Habitat & Social Media**



### **Photo galleries**

This month Habitat features photo galleries from [Haiti](#).

### **Volunteer with Habitat**

Trip to Armenia: [Family Build](#) from July 28 – August 5, 2012. Sign up for the trip by sending us an [e-mail](#).

*eliminating poverty housing. Since its foundation in 1976, Habitat has built and renovated more than 500,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for 2.5 million people.*

*In Europe and Central Asia Habitat for Humanity International works in 23 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 17,000 families together with volunteers and homeowners.*

Find out more at [www.habitateurope.org](http://www.habitateurope.org)

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