



An E-Newsletter from Europe and Central Asia

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There is a lot to life after 60 — and society is coming increasingly to appreciate the contribution older people make. That's what active ageing is about. Getting more out of life as you grow older, not less, whether at work, at home or in the community.

In Europe, 2012 is proclaimed the Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations. However, nothing can be worse than growing older in poverty without a decent home – a sad reality for millions of old people in the developing world. Even more so for women, as they face higher chances of growing old in poverty without proper pensions or homes.

Habitat is supporting older people to get a warm and dry place to live. Join us in our efforts!

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Ageing in poverty

In almost every country of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the number of people over 60 is higher than in any other age group these days. Our [photo essay](#) takes you through the problems the elderly face and shows how they live.



Women of Hope: How to spend a leap day

A leap day happens once in four years. A perfect opportunity to do something memorable! [Read](#) about a group of brave women who used their extra day to volunteer and help a homeless shelter.



Fighting AIDS and poverty

Like many who live in the rural brush of Mozambique's Gaza Province, 76-year-old Habitat home partner [Alcina Matusse](#) and her 9-year-old grandson Salvador have felt the sting of the region's HIV epidemic.



Good house for good people

In 2008, the Tecucel river in Romania flooded and destroyed more than 300 homes. This was the catalyst for a new partnership between the ArcelorMittal Foundation and [Habitat in Romania](#).

News in Brief

Romania coming out of snow

In February, south-eastern regions of Romania experienced the worst winter in history. Two counties struggled with heavy snow drifts of up to 9.5 feet. Habitat for Humanity Romania responded by helping rural residents [uncover their homes from the snow](#).

Kyrgyzstan country profile

On a request of the government of Kyrgyz Republic, UN Economic Commission for Europe prepared [Country Profile on Housing and Land Management](#) with a detailed analysis of the housing and land management situation in the country.

Habitat to mark one-year anniversary of 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami

Nearly one year on, Habitat for Humanity continues to work with families and communities in northeastern Japan whose lives were devastated by the 11 March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Habitat Youth BUILD 2012

Habitat for Humanity's Youth BUILD 2012 aims to inspire young people in China, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand to help build homes, communities and hope. You can also join the efforts by helping our fundraising efforts on habitatyouthbuild.org.

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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](#).

Habitat for Humanity International is a global nonprofit Christian housing organization that seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Since 1976, Habitat has served more than 500,000 families by building and improving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

An estimated 17,000 of these families are in Europe and Central Asia, where Habitat has been active since the mid-1990s.

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