

# Chile

## Habitat for Humanity in Chile

Habitat for Humanity Chile works with socially vulnerable families and communities, providing housing solutions, facilitating community support and offering various services in an efficient and sustainable manner, thus benefiting the entire nation.

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## The housing need in Chile

Approximately 86 percent of the 17.5 million residents live in urban areas. In 2001, it was estimated that 9 percent of Chile's urban population lived in slums, versus 4 percent in 1990. Due to its geographical characteristics, Chile is exposed to different types of disasters.

Within this context, the greatest success of Habitat Chile has been in partnership with government programs, which combine housing subsidies with Habitat's technical assistance programs.

With the leadership of organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the government's housing program has encouraged low-income sectors to obtain their property legally through formal channels, thus creating a more secure foundation for the future of every family.

## Habitat's Contribution in Chile

Habitat for Humanity Chile carries out various projects for families in vulnerable conditions, affected by special situations (children with illnesses or disabilities, the elderly, female heads of household; disasters and emergencies).

These projects are carried out in partnership with donors (individuals, foundations and companies), volunteers (national and international) and families.



### COUNTRY FACTS\*

<b>Capital</b>	Santiago
<b>Date of independence or creation of the state</b>	Sept. 18, 1810
<b>Population</b>	17,444,799*
<b>Urbanization (percentage of people in cities vs. rural zones)</b>	86.6%**
<b>Life expectancy</b>	83 years for women 76 years for men ***
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	6.4%*
<b>Percent of the population living below the poverty line</b>	14.4%****

\* Source: INE, 2012

\*\* Source: Census 2002

\*\*\* Source: WHO, 2012

\*\*\*\* Source: Ministry of Social Development, 2011

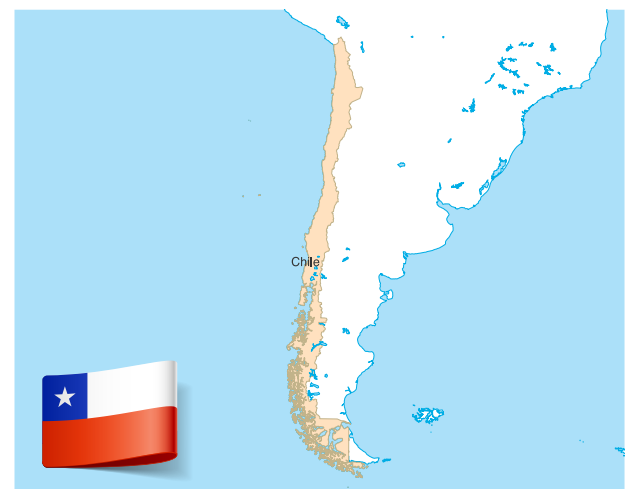
### HABITAT FACTS

**Date when Habitat started working in the country**  
2002

**Individuals served in FY16**  
7,780

**Volunteers hosted in FY16**  
601

**Housing Solutions**  
New, Rehab, Incremental, Repairs



## Our programs

### Disaster Response

This program focuses on helping families after a disaster strikes. It includes construction of new and emergency housing, as well as delivery of toolkits. In a later phase, training is provided so that families can repair or rebuild their homes.

### Indigenous Communities

Habitat Chile works with indigenous communities to develop housing projects that recognize their living conditions and design, and respect their traditions. Indigenous construction methods are used.

### Our Children Return Home

Through improvement or construction of an additional room in their homes, this project seeks that children with serious illnesses can remain in their homes and continue their medical treatment under the care of their own family.

### New Housing, Upgrades and Improvements

In addition to the projects mentioned above, Habitat for Humanity Chile continues to build homes through government subsidies.

### Meet a Habitat family

Francisco is 9 years old. He undergoes dialysis three times a week while awaiting a kidney transplant (he suffers from chronic renal failure). Together with a group of volunteers from Global Village Canada and students of the Colegio Nido de Aguilas, his precarious housing was transformed into a decent home with his own bedroom and the necessary care conditions given his delicate health.

As Graciela his mother says: "Sharing with such a wonderful group as the volunteers, the kids from school and the Habitat Chile team, was an experience we will never forget and we will always be grateful for. We built a beautiful home that protects the health of my child; and now we know we are not alone, we have a new family across the world."

### What can you do?

You can help families in need of Chile living in unsanitary and overcrowded conditions, by one or more of the following:

#### DONATE

If you wish to donate, please go to the following link:

<http://hphchile.cl/donar-ahora/>

#### VOLUNTEER

Join one of the Global Village scheduled trips to Chile or organize your own brigade. For more information, visit:

[habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac](http://habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac)

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