

Jordan

Habitat for Humanity in Jordan

Habitat Jordan seeks to eliminate poverty housing by serving low-income families to improve their living conditions. Assisting poor families in having a decent place to live and rehabilitating their homes will help them focus on their own progress and development. In 2011, Habitat Jordan started a new mechanism of work - the Fund for Humanity Jordan is used as a wholesale loan fund, issued to Community Based Organizations (CBOs) who are committed to start and grow their own sustainable housing program to serve low-income families. In 2016, Habitat Jordan started restructuring the internal working procedures and seeking external support. Since 2002, Habitat Jordan has worked with 36 CBOs and served more than 8,000 families.

The housing need in Jordan

In Jordan, three events have shaped the current housing situation: economic stagnation, the rise in cost of living, and the mass influx of refugees in the last three decades. The average income of families served by Habitat Jordan is approximately US\$6,000 p.a. which falls around the national poverty line, according to 2010 Jordanian department of statistics. Unemployment is high, especially in rural villages, where agriculture is a major source of employment. In the villages, families tend to have many children and live in small two-room houses. The lack of privacy increases family tension and makes it difficult for children to sleep and study. Women struggle to cook in makeshift kitchens with dirt floors. Without proper food storage cabinets, pests and rodents are a constant challenge. Unsanitary toilet facilities bring additional health risks.

How Habitat addresses the need in Jordan

Habitat Jordan is currently working with 21 CBOs in urban communities in the Greater Amman area. Houses are made of cement blocks; the average home is 70-100 square meters. Each new house brings greater opportunities for families to lead safe, healthy and productive lives. Habitat Jordan hosts groups of international volunteers, local school and corporate groups to build houses with homeowner families.



COUNTRY FACTS*

Capital	Amman
Main country facts	Jordan has one of the lowest levels of water resource availability, per capita worldwide
Population	9.5 million**
Urbanization	83.7 percent
Life expectancy	74.6 years
Unemployment	14 percent**
Population living below poverty line	14.2 percent

Sources: CIA World Factbook
**Public Statistic Department, Jordan

HABITAT FACTS

When Habitat started in Jordan
2002

Individuals served in FY16
6,610*

*includes construction and market development

Volunteers hosted in FY16
1,275

Housing solutions
Housing microfinance
New homes
Rehabilitation and repairs



Wholesale projects

Habitat Jordan Housing Project uses a formal selection process to identify Community Based Organizations with most potential to implement the project. After identification of a new implementing partner, the Housing Project evaluates loan applications received from CBOs. Loan agreements are signed to enable the implementing partners to issue loans to homeowners in their community and build their Fund for Humanity.

Habitat Jordan support

The purpose of this housing program that is driven by Habitat Jordan is to help local Jordanian communities to build their technical and financial capacity and sustainability, using training and evaluation processes in credit, construction, documentation, accounting, and legal compliance and reporting. Access to finance will be awarded to best performing CBOs, based on key performance indicators such as good governance, strategic allocation of resources, repayment rates, advocacy and volunteer mobilization.

Meet a Habitat family

Mahmoud Eid Manajleh has lived many years as a single parent after the death of his first wife more than two decades ago. His second wife Fuzeyah Al Abed and Mahmoud have raised 6 children together. In the past, Mahmoud worked on the farm, but he can no longer work due to his old age and heart condition. He also suffers from diabetes.

The previous family home was unhealthy and hazardous, with two small rooms and a kitchen and bathroom outside. Water used to leak through the metal roof during rainy season. Thanks to Habitat Jordan's financial and technical support, the family now lives in a healthy environment. They have two rooms and a solid roof made of cement blocks that prevent leakage. They can now use the kitchen and bathroom without having to walk outside.



What you can do

You can help Jordanian families improve their living conditions by taking one or more of the following actions:

DONATE

Go to [habitat.org/donate](https://www.habitat.org/donate) and designate your gift to Habitat Jordan.

VOLUNTEER

Join one of the scheduled Global Village trips to Jordan or lead your own. For more information go to: [habitat.org/gv](https://www.habitat.org/gv)

ADVOCATE

Share, like and comment on HFH Jordan's Facebook www.facebook.com/HabitatforHumanityJordan

TITHE

Establish a strong and rewarding tithe partnership to help build houses globally! Quote **866600, JORDAN** on your checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 121 Habitat St., Americus, GA 31709

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