

Country profile 2016

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, was estimated that 9% of Chile's urban population lived in slums, versus 4 percent in 1990. Due to its geographical characteristics, Chile is exposed to threats of disasters of various kinds.

Within this context, the greatest success of Habitat Chile has been in partnership with government programs, which combine housing subsidies established with technical assistance programs from Habitat. 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, elderly, female heads of household; disasters and emergencies).

These projects are realized by channeling resources from donors (individuals, foundations and companies), volunteer opportunities (national and international) and with the commitment and support from the family who benefits, and the institution.

COUNTRY FACTS

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

September 4th, 2002

Families served

11,024

Volunteers hosted

4,894

Housing solutions

5,896



Our programs

Disaster response

This program includes construction of new, emergency and progressive housing, as well as a tools center for communities and delivery of tools and electrical kits to vulnerable families and isolated rural areas. Also, participatory assessments, training and technical assistance are provided so that families can repair or recover their homes holistically.

Indigenous communities

This program is the result of several projects developed by Habitat Chile for indigenous communities. These projects recognize their living conditions; respect the indigenous traditions and language, and seek to rescue the design, space and indigenous methods of construction, in addition to recovering these communities' heritage. We work closely with architects and indigenous authorities, developing housing projects.

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 a 9 year old boy. He undergoes dialysis 3 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 you can 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://nuestroshijosvuelvenacasa.cl/NHVC/donacion-chile/>

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

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