

Germany

Habitat for Humanity in Germany

Habitat for Humanity Germany began operations in 1998. The national office is based in Cologne, with eight staff members and five people on the board of directors. Its work is primarily focused on raising funds for the international work of Habitat for Humanity as well as a big Global Village volunteer sending program.

How Habitat for Humanity works in Germany

In Germany, Habitat works through building corporate relations with leading businesses, sending volunteers on international building trips through Habitat's Global Village program, and lobbying to find supporters, sponsors and volunteers for worldwide programs.

Habitat Germany has also established relationships with institutions and foundations. It is a member of the U.N.-affiliated Global Compact Network in Germany that brings together industry and nonprofits. It is also actively raising funds for emergency relief work, like for the 2015 Nepal earthquake, and is a member of Aktion Deutschland Hilft, Germany's No. 1 Relief Coalition.

How Habitat Germany addresses the need around the world

Habitat Germany raised funds to support building projects in Ethiopia, Cote d'Ivoire, Haiti, Indonesia, Japan, Cambodia, Argentina, India, Chile, Malawi, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Zambia. In Europe and Central Asia, it has financed building of homes with disadvantaged families in Macedonia, Portugal, Romania and Poland; alternative water supply in Kyrgyzstan; and making homes safer when earthquakes happen in Tajikistan.

COUNTRY FACTS*

Capital	Berlin
Population	80.59 million
Urbanization	75.7% live in cities
Life expectancy	80.8 years
Unemployment rate	3.8%
GDP per capita	\$50,200

*Find more country facts on:
CIA The World Factbook – Germany

HABITAT FACTS

Date when Habitat started working in the country
1998

Volunteers mobilized for global projects
More than 4,500 since 2005

Funds raised (2016-2017)
More than \$2 million



Our focus

Global Village: Partnering with international schools and corporate volunteer teams

Habitat Germany partners with international schools and colleges in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Every year through Habitat's Global Village volunteer program, around 22 teams of students and teachers go to various parts of the region for one or two weeks to build or renovate homes alongside low-income families in need of decent shelter. Work with Habitat allows school and corporate volunteer teams to raise their social responsibility and strengthen community spirit through service learning.

In 2017, Habitat Germany began offering two open trips annually for any person interested in volunteering. Everyone can join such a team to help build homes abroad, meet new people and join the Habitat spirit.

The school and corporate teams that participated in Global Village trips in 2016/2017 helped Habitat Germany by donating more than \$518,000.

Corporate partners

Habitat Germany has developed good relations with a number of corporate partners. Cooperation can take the form of direct financial support or corporate volunteering. Annually, corporate partners contribute more than \$410,000 toward Habitat projects. Among many supporters in Germany are such corporations as Daimler Financial Services GmbH, BERA GmbH, Evonik Industries AG, Henkel AG & Co. KGaA, Hermes Germany GmbH and SAP SE. An important part of the work with corporate partners is organizing volunteering builds, during which employees work for a few days in Habitat projects in Eastern Europe or in other parts of the world like in Vietnam. By donating or volunteering, German companies help to fulfill their corporate social responsibility.

What do volunteers say?

"Working on this project was a life-changing experience. It brought me far out of my comfort zone and showed me different perspectives of life."

Student of LeRosey School of Switzerland.



What you can do

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

Donate

[Donate in USD](#)

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Volunteer

Join one of the scheduled Global Village trips in Europe, Middle East and Africa or lead your own.

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