



An E-Newsletter from Europe, Middle East and Africa

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Dear supporter,

Earlier this year, Habitat for Humanity consolidated two area offices to build and leverage important relationships between regions and countries with the aim of supporting more people in need of housing. Now, instead of one office focusing on Europe and Central Asia, and another focusing on Africa and the Middle East, we have a new area -- Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) -- supporting nearly 30 countries throughout the combined region.

With this, we are pleased to announce that the newsletter will now bring you news from both Africa and the Middle East, as well as from Europe and Central Asia.

We hope you enjoy learning more about our work around the region. As always, there are many ways you can help us!



Housing Forum Europe & Central Asia: conclusions

The [second Housing Forum Europe & Central Asia has just adjourned](#) in Geneva. Organized by Habitat for Humanity, UN-HABITAT, UNECE, UNDP and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies between 22- 24 April 2013, it looked at the biggest housing problems in this region and ways to overcome them.



Confessions of a team leader

Team leaders are superheroes. They take time off from their lives and gather amazing people to go and help someone unconditionally and without special recognition. What are their challenges and accomplishments, or what motivates one [to lead Habitat's Global Village builds](#)?



The Master Card Foundation partners with Habitat for Humanity

The Foundation launched on April 5, 2013 a five-year partnership to expand microfinance services by existing financial institutions and to maintain and improve homes for disadvantaged families in three African countries. Want to know [when and where](#)?



Housing Problems in Europe and Central Asia

In relation to housing, Europe has been considered to be better off than other parts of the world. Recently, however, different forms of housing poverty have become a mass phenomenon in the region. What are the common problems [people face in this region](#)?

News in Brief

Habitat launches appeal for Sichuan earthquake

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Lushan county, Sichuan province, in China on Saturday 20 April. The earthquake killed over one hundred people, injured tens of thousands, and affected over one million, according to official government figures. The extent of the devastation is vast. We need your [help](#).

Rebuilding homes after disasters

Two years on from the earthquake and tsunami that devastated Japan, Habitat for Humanity remains committed to [helping families](#) rebuild lives and revitalize communities.

Partnership research project

Habitat for Humanity Great Britain announced a new partnership with University College London to research market- based approaches to urban housing reconstruction after disasters. [Here](#), you can learn more about the collaboration.

One Thing – Wesley College Dublin

As Habitat Ireland celebrates its tenth anniversary, Wesley College in Ballinteer is celebrating a very special Habitat [anniversary](#) of its own. The school is marking 10 years of students and teachers travelling on Global Village trips to Beius, Romania.

Habitat & Social Media

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Thanksgiving Build in Sri Lanka

23 – 30 November, 2013: Join "Thanksgiving Build" in Sri Lanka and extend a hand up to a Sri Lankan family in need of a safe, decent and affordable shelter. Find out more about the trip and sign up [here!](#)

Habitat for Humanity International is a global nonprofit Christian housing organization that brings together people of all races, nationalities and religions to build homes, communities and hope. Since 1976, Habitat has served more than 600,000 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 128,000 of these families are in Europe, Middle East and Africa, where Habitat works in nearly 30 countries.

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