

# Germany

## Habitat for Humanity in Germany

Habitat for Humanity Germany began operations in 1998. The national office is based in Cologne, with nine 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 sending program.

## How Habitat works in Germany

In Germany, Habitat for Humanity works through building corporate relations with leading businesses, sending volunteers on international building trips through the 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 for the 2015 Nepal earthquake and is member of Aktion Deutschland Hilft, Germany's number one Relief Coalition.

## How Habitat Germany addresses the need around the world

Habitat for Humanity 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 for disadvantaged families in Portugal, Romania and Poland; alternative water supply in Kyrgyzstan and making homes safer for earthquakes in Tajikistan.



## COUNTRY FACTS\*

<b>Capital</b>	Berlin
<b>Population</b>	80.8 million
<b>Urbanization</b>	75.3 percent live in cities
<b>Life expectancy</b>	80.57 years
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	5 percent
<b>GDP per capita</b>	\$46,200

\*Sources: CIA World Factbook, World Bank, UN

## HABITAT FACTS

**When Habitat started in Germany**  
1998

**Volunteers mobilized for global projects**  
More than 3,300 since 2005

**Funds raised (2014-2015)**  
More than \$1.8 mil.



## Global Village: Partnering with international schools and corporate volunteer teams

Habitat for Humanity Germany also partners with international schools and colleges in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Every year, about 22 teams of students and teachers go 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.

The school and corporate teams that participated in Global Village trips in 2014/15 helped Habitat for Humanity Germany by donating more than \$330,000 in total.

## Corporate partners

Habitat for Humanity 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 \$600,000 toward Habitat projects. Among many supporters in Germany are such corporations as Daimler Financial Services, BERA, Evonik Industries, Henkel AG, Hetzner Online and SAP. An important part of the work with corporate partners is organizing volunteering builds, during which employees work for a few days in Habitat for Humanity 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 the 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

USD \$: [habitat.org/donate](http://habitat.org/donate)

EUR €: [hfhd.de/helfen/online-spenden](http://hfhd.de/helfen/online-spenden)

#### VOLUNTEER

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

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