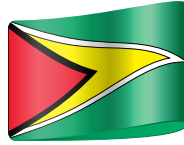


Country profile 2016

GUYANA



Habitat for Humanity Guyana

Habitat for Humanity Guyana facilitates access to affordable housing by partnering with families, communities and housing markets. We believe that affordable housing empowers families to live and not just exist. Find out how you can partner at www.habitat.org.gy

The housing need in Guyana

Guyana is inhabited by 760,000 people. Most of the people lives in the coastal zone and the capital Georgetown that is prone to flooding.

Even with steady economic growth, there is a deficit of 19,400 homes for low income population (earning under US\$300 monthly) and the housing stock of 52,000 units are either 30 years old or not properly maintained. Even with government's drive to provide state lands for housing, occupancy levels are low (50%) because low income households are unable to purchase commercial mortgages at market rates.

Habitat's contribution in Guyana

Annually Habitat Guyana partners with 50-100 families helping them acquire new houses, home improvements and/or housing construction services. Habitat Guyana continues to facilitate the provision of low-cost houses, by shifting our strategy from direct provision to a mix of market financed, government financed and sponsored houses. This strategic shift allows the organization to partner with local financial institutions, the Government of Guyana and corporate as well as individual sponsors to mobilize capital from the local housing market, through social marketing campaigns and other sources.



COUNTRY FACTS

Capital	Georgetown
Date of independence or creation of the state	1966
Population	747,884
Urbanization (percentage of people in cities vs. rural zones)	26.4%
Life expectancy	66.1 years
Unemployment rate	11.7%
Percent of the population living below the poverty line	43%

HABITAT FACTS

Date when Habitat started working in the country	1995
Families served	5,087
Volunteers hosted	1,232
Housing solutions	New construction, housing interventions, disaster risk reduction, research, advocacy



Our programs

Habitat for Humanity Costa Rica seeks to address the housing situation in the country in a comprehensive manner that tends to the different needs of families. A series of programs focused in areas such as construction, training, volunteering and positioning, and advocacy programs are implemented.

Community intervention

Habitat Costa Rica has a diverse range of training initiatives, always oriented to affect the quality of life of our beneficiary families. Among the topics covered are: managing family finances, healthy living (healthy housing maintenance, water use and management, structural and material quality, space use and distribution), risk prevention at home and cleaning up after floods.

Helping hands

Through various opportunities for constructive, administrative and community volunteering and internships, we have managed to motivate people in Costa Rica and other countries to share their time, knowledge and effort so that more families have an adequate place to live. Another of our programs is the Annual Fund, in which individuals contribute to the organization's sustainability, so that we can continue working and positioning the cause of adequate housing in the country. adequate housing in the country.

Housing for life

Habitat Costa Rica has two programs available to families according to their specific needs: construction of a new house and repair, expansion or improvement of existing homes.

Meet a Habitat family

Imran Khan & Sherry Bacchus are the parents of three children: Ashton (5), Caydon (6) and Munner (12), one of whom is physically challenged. On November 8th 2014, their home was razed by fire due to an electrical problem. Although they rented a place to live, they failed to pay the rent, so they moved into a 10ft x 6ft chicken coop, the only surviving structure on their land after the fire. "We used to mind fowls before but most died in the fire. After we couldn't pay the rent we decided to live in the fowl pen until we could do better," explained Imran. The couple look to Habitat Guyana and made contact in hopes of gaining assistance to build a new house. Upon contact, representatives from the "A Dollar makes a Difference" partnership between Edward B. Beharry and Habitat for Humanity, shortlisted them for a new home.



What you can do

You can help needy families in Guyana who live in unhealthy and overcrowded homes by taking one of more of the following actions:

DONATE

<http://www.habitat.org.gy/donate/>

VOLUNTEER

Join one of the scheduled Global Village trips to Guyana or lead your own. For more information, go to:

<http://www.habitat.org.gv/trip/gv16259>

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