

Netherlands

Habitat for Humanity in the Netherlands

Habitat for Humanity Netherlands was founded in April 1993 with the goal to raise funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity's work worldwide. The national office is located in Amsterdam. Its board of directors consists of members from churches, the construction industry, banking and advertising.

How Habitat works in the Netherlands

Habitat for Humanity Netherlands raises funds to support Habitat projects globally. Their main donors and partners are from the corporate sector, with a strong link to financial and construction businesses. In addition, Habitat Netherlands partners with all type of donors, sponsors and supporters, including individual donors, service clubs, and development organizations.

How Habitat Netherlands addresses the need around the world

Since 1993, Habitat for Humanity Netherlands has supported projects in over 30 countries. In Nepal, Habitat Netherlands supports a special project that empowers women by training them to cultivate bamboo for the production of eco-friendly and sustainable houses. In Cambodia, a rural water project is supported, providing clean drinking water solutions for both the local communities and schools. In Lesotho, Habitat Netherlands contributes to the Orphans and Vulnerable Children's project, securing decent and simple housing for this extremely vulnerable group.

COUNTRY FACTS*

Capital	Amsterdam
Population	16.8 million
Urbanization	83 percent live in cities
Life expectancy	81 years
Unemployment rate	6.5 percent

*Sources: CIA World Factbook, World Bank, UN

HABITAT FACTS

When Habitat started in the Netherlands

1993

Volunteers mobilized for global projects

More than 5,500

Funds raised (2014-2015)

More than €28.8 mil.



Disaster response projects

After the Haiti earthquake in January 2010, Habitat for Humanity Netherlands secured over \$ 2 million to support disaster response activities on the island, through a cooperation of Dutch aid organizations and other donors. Habitat for Humanity Netherlands has supported disaster response programs in more than 10 countries worldwide, totaling over \$ 7 million - most recently the emergency relief and rebuilding programs in the Philippines in response to super typhoon Haiyan.

Building trips

In a country where housing is not as much an issue as in many other countries, the most direct and impactful way to mobilize the Dutch for Habitats cause is by participating in a Global Village (building) trip. Habitat Netherlands' Global Village program is a successful engagement program, with many corporate teams, service clubs, and special teams (CEOs, women, parent/child). Teams travel to one of Habitat's projects where participants work with future homeowners and local construction workers for one week. A third of Habitat Netherlands' funds is raised through the Global Village program. Since the start of the Global Village program in 1999, HFH Netherlands sent out approx. 250 teams and 5,000 participants, making it a substantial contributor to Habitat's program.

Building alongside future homeowners - an inspiration!

"During my first Global Village trip I became incredibly enthusiastic about Habitat. That's the reason I decided to become a voluntary team leader for Habitat Netherlands. I have been on many Global Village trips since and have build in several countries. Next year I'm bringing my own team to Nepal and my fifteen year old son will be joining us! Leading teams is a unique and touching experience and I feel really privileged that I can help build a better world."

- Voluntary Global Village team leader Margo de Kok



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 \$: www.buildwithme.org

EUR €: <http://www.habitat.nl/over-habitat/contact/donatieformulier.html>

VOLUNTEER

Join a Global Village trip to one of the Habitat projects around the world. For more information contact us at info@habitat.nl



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