



An E-Newsletter from Europe and Central Asia

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Amidst the daily rush in which we live, we find ourselves focused on our own needs. Most of us are blessed with daily food, water, power and a cozy home. Imagine being deprived of these, even for only one day. What would your world be like without simple, basic needs? Imagine your house being flooded overnight, or waking up to find that the roof is missing.

More than 1.6 billion people in the world live without simple, basic needs every day... basic needs like clean drinking water, electricity, enough food to survive or a safe and dry roof overhead.

Habitat for Humanity is there -- working to meet these needs. Habitat brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Next time, in the midst of your daily rush, take a moment to think about those who have less and consider doing more.

There are many ways you can help. Act now... do one thing to make the world a better place.

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### Twenty years of building

Habitat for Humanity Gliwice is celebrating 20 years of helping families and communities address housing need. It all started with an article about Habitat. How did it help [change so many lives](#) and bring hope?



### Help is on its way after Hurricane Sandy

Habitat for Humanity is planning to help communities devastated by hurricane Sandy. [Read](#) about how we work there to address both the short-term and long-term need for safe and decent housing.



### **Northern Ireland and Romania unite in building hope**

In October 2012 [Big Build 4](#) took place in Romania. This time it premiered in two locations gathering more than 400 volunteers from Northern Ireland and several partner companies.



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### **Second Housing Forum Europe & Central Asia**

This event will take place 22-24 April 2013 at the Palais des Nations, home of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. [Register](#) and preview speakers and program information.

## **News in Brief**

### **The 29th annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project returns to Haiti**

This year, the Carter Work Project returns to Haiti to strengthen and support Habitat's ongoing work to help families left homeless by the earthquake. President and Mrs. Carter will join approximately 600 volunteers to build 100 earthquake-resistant homes in Léogâne. More details about the project [here](#).

### **Nepal Completes Everest Build II**

More than 500 international volunteers worked with Habitat families to construct environmentally friendly houses. Thirty-five environmentally-friendly homes were built with sun-dried soil blocks and locally grown bamboo. [Everest Build II](#) is one of three events taking place in the Asia-Pacific region in 2012.

### **Habitat and the Citi Foundation unveil housing microfinance toolkit for financial institutions**

The toolkit was developed by Habitat's Center for Innovation in Shelter and Finance with lead sponsorship by the Citi Foundation and additional support from the Multilateral Investment Fund. Read the [full news report](#).

### **Habitat's Global Village and social media**

Find us on Facebook. Join our global volunteer/donor conversations at [Volunteer Adventures](#). Tell the world about your volunteer trips and experiences!

Check out our new [International Service Learning Trips](#) video on **YouTube**. Then be in touch to engage your school.

### **Youth Builds in summer 2013**

**23 – 30 June: YouthBUILD 2013** is a region-wide event involving youth from all nations building in Armenia, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Russia! Nearly 300 students are already signed up – so, put together your team, choose a destination and join the fun, while doing good!

**4 – 11 August:** Make your mark early on in life! Travel to Romania with dozens of other young people from around the UK and volunteer alongside a community as they build decent homes in this special [event build](#).