



What is Global Village?

Global Village offers international volunteers the opportunity to take part in the "hands on" construction or renovation of homes in more than 40 countries around the world. Participating in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable opportunity to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience great personal growth through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their home countries transformed.

Join a Global Village team and you can make a difference in the lives of Ethiopian families in need of a simple, decent place to live. You might just find your own life changed as well.

ETHIOPIA

Building together for a brighter future

The vast majority of Ethiopians live in poorly built, dilapidated and cramped houses which lack even basic facilities such as toilets. It is estimated that only 30 percent of Ethiopia's total housing stock is in fair condition, while the remaining 70 percent is in need of total replacement. Nearly 39 million Ethiopians, most of them from rural areas, do not have access to safe water. Nearly 48 million lack access to basic sanitation. Lack of shelter and poverty housing becomes a bigger challenge for vulnerable groups: persons with disabilities, people affected by leprosy, and families with no income. In Addis Ababa, 80 percent of the houses are in poor condition and below standard. Most families who live in dilapidated homes in slum areas share toilets that are also in very poor condition. The water supply satisfies only 60 percent of the demand of the population. 24 percent of the households do not have any form of toilet facility and 63 percent use shared pit latrines. Houses in slum areas are old and dilapidated and too small to accommodate bigger families, therefore their health and dignity is compromised.

Habitat facts

Families served:
more than 17,000

Construction types:
Construction of new houses, communal toilets, communal water points, walk ways
Renovation of old houses

Hosting season:
October - August

Team size:
8-30 volunteers

Number of volunteers hosted:
more than 1,700



Did you know

According to Ethiopian calendar, the new year starts on September 11, and Ethiopian Christmas is on January 7. All the 12 months have 30 days and there is a 13th month called 'Puagume', with 5 days (from September 6-10).



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Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program



Logistics

How to get there

After arriving in Addis Ababa (Bole international airport), the team will stay at hotel and travel to the worksite on the next day. For the new affiliates, located more than 500 km from Addis Ababa, teams may use flights from and to Addis Ababa or use one way bus ride or one way flight.

Addis Ababa (Bole airport) to hotel: 10 min by bus/mini bus

Addis Ababa to Debre Berhan: 2.5 hours by bus

Addis Ababa to Fiche: 2.5 hours by bus

Addis Ababa to Bisidimo (Dire Dawa): 9 hours by bus or 1 hour flight

Transportation

Private vans will transport teams from the airport to hotel and from Addis Ababa to the final destinations.

Lodging

The team will stay at preselected hotels both in Addis Ababa and the affiliates (worksites). The hotels are safe and with decent facilities.

Food and water

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in hotels. Teams can have lunches and dinners at different restaurants. At Debre Berhan lunch is prepared at worksite by families and HFH Ethiopia staff. Teams are provided with bottled (sealed) water for drinking and tooth brushing as well.

Meet a Habitat family

Mersha Gebre Hana used to live with her six children in a narrow shabby home which she rented for 6 USD a month, a quarter of their tiny income from shoe shining part-time job of her two sons. Mersha lost both of her hands when fire had broken out in her previous home and she had to save her son. The family is one of Habitat Ethiopia's Vulnerable Groups program beneficiaries to whom houses are given without a mortgage payment. Mersha was very much excited when she was told that she would become a home owner, thanks to Habitat Ethiopia. She applauded: *"Thanks to Habitat, thanks to the volunteers."* Marsha and her children moved to their new home some months ago. Haile, who was rescued from the fire by his mom, can now fulfill his dream to study in a safe, clean home. He also said: *"Our old home was right next to an unclean communal toilet. Now we live in a clean home, sleepless nights are over!"*



What do the volunteers say?

"My sense is that the work that Habitat Ethiopia is doing with families affected by leprosy is truly groundbreaking. I don't think there are a lot of projects like that happening anywhere else in the world. I believe that Habitat Ethiopia could even win some awards or recognition for their work in this area."

- Norman Clearfield, GV team leader

Join us on a journey of adventure, life enrichment and joy, choose a place and start making a difference now!

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