



## 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 Jordanian families in need of a simple, decent place to live. You might just find your own life changed as well.

# JORDAN

## Building together for a brighter future

Poverty housing is particularly common in the rural areas in Jordan, where many families live in a variety of concrete and block constructions, kitchen and toilet facilities may be outside and two bedrooms may house an extended family of 15 or more. Houses may be partially constructed with dirt floors and inadequate roofs. Water is in short supply throughout the country. Jordan's population is largely urban. According to a 2005 study conducted by the UNDP, 82.3 percent of all Jordanians now live in urban centres. The largest of these centres is Amman, followed by Zarqa and Irbid respectively. According to statistics from the Amman Institute, there is expected to be a dramatic increase in the need for pro-poor housing solutions in the urban context over the next 10-15 years. Amman is experiencing a population boom primarily due to large family size. Nearly 50 percent of Amman's population is below the age of 20; 65 percent below the age of 30. This bubble in the lower end of the age spectrum means a demand of 30,000 new homes annually.

## Habitat facts

**Families served:**  
more than 8,000

**Construction types:**  
New homes

**Hosting season:**  
All year round except during Ramadan and two Eid, Al Feter and Al Adhaa. These dates change from year to year.

**Team size:**  
8-20 volunteers

**Number of volunteers hosted:**  
more than 1,000



## Did you know

The Dead Sea or the Salt Lake in Jordan is the earth's lowest point and lies 402 meters below mean sea level.

One of the Seven Wonders of the World, the city of Petra, was literally carved into rock 2000 years ago.





# BLUEPRINT FOR VOLUNTEERING

Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program



## Logistics

### How to get there

Upon arriving to Queen Alia International Airport in Amman, a contracted tour operator (Dead Sea Beach Tours) will meet the teams in the arrivals area and transport them to the hotel. Team members arriving independently can take a taxi from the airport.

### Transportation

Contracted tour operator will provide the in-country transport including transport from Amman and transport from the community accommodation to the build site. It takes from one to two hours to drive to the building locations from Amman, depending on the location.

### Lodging

In Amman, the team will typically be staying at a 3-star hotel. While in the community, the teams will stay at a Habitat guest house in the village or sometimes a community building. In a guest house or other facility the group will share at least two bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, and a bathroom with a hot shower.

### Food and water

Teams will be responsible for preparing their breakfast and dinner, food will be provided. Lunch will be provided by the beneficiary family or another member of the community. Tap and well water is not safe to drink in Jordan. Volunteers will be provided with drinkable water, but should bring their own water bottle.



## What do the volunteers say?

*"The build in Jordan was my first Habitat experience, and I'm sure it won't be my last. The support, openness and generosity of both Habitat leadership and the local community were amazing. Not only did we have a chance to build a house, we also had the chance to build lasting connections with the local community."*

- Meghan McCormack, US volunteer

## Meet a Habitat family

Mohammed Mahafdha used to live with his wife Alia and their two children Azham and Sora in a rental unit. They had difficulty getting their landlord to repair broken windows and to replace an unhealthy water tank. They have always wanted a place to call their own. The family's new home is in Ghor al Safi, which sits right above the salty Dead Sea in the Jordan Valley. Mohammed has put in sweat equity, working to make the foundation and columns on his new house. A Global Village volunteer team also came to help build the walls. Mohammed and Alia provided materials for the work, and the international volunteers were able to interact with many people in Ghor al Safi. Alia said: *"I feel confident in our new house. We can make it a safe place to live for our children."*



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

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