



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

KENYA

Building together for a brighter future

HFH Kenya will work on improving housing conditions of vulnerable communities through self-help groups, cooperatives and local community based organizations; working in partnership with other NGOs, government and private sector partners.

Many families in Kenya live in inadequate, overcrowded homes, typically with only one room and no windows. The houses usually have mud walls, cow dung and dirt floors and thatch roofs. Poor home construction means they serve as breeding grounds for diseases including malaria, amoebic disorders and respiratory conditions. These often claim the lives of the people living there. HFH Kenya helps vulnerable families both in rural and urban areas.

Habitat facts

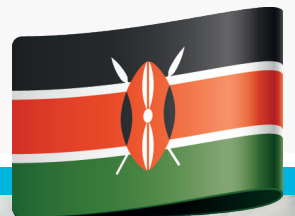
Families served:
more than 20,000

Construction types:
New homes, house improvements, using alternative low-cost housing technology ISSB

Hosting season:
All year round

Team size:
10-30 volunteers

Number of volunteers hosted:
more than 1,000



Did you know

Mount Kenya is among the only 3 snow-capped mountains in the Equatorial Africa zone.

Barack Obama senior, father to the 44th and current President of the United States of America, has roots in Kogelo Village of Homa Bay County Kenya.



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Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program



Logistics

How to get there

All international entries are through Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO). Once in Kenya all our project locations can be reached by road, the furthest distance to location is 8 hours drive.

Transportation

We hire vans that provide transport to the location and daily commuting to and from the work site. The transport cost includes the airport pick-up and drop-off, transport to and from the host project and daily transport to the work site.

Lodging

Lodging in Nairobi is at a guesthouse, where participants share double-occupancy rooms and a bathroom. Lodging at the affiliate locations may be a hotel or community housing. Hotels are double-occupancy with breakfast. Community housing varies by locations but has basic accommodations with a bed and bathroom.

Food and water

Three meals per day (lunch on site), snacks and bottled water will be provided. Please notify the GV coordinator of any special dietary needs prior to arrival.



Meet a Habitat family

Congestion is now a thing of the past for Benson Mutuma, husband to Jennifer Mwakiria and father of nine children. Mutuma, whose children are in school, earns approximately \$75 per month, through farming of maize, beans and tea in his small farm in Maua-Meru. His previous three bed-roomed wooden house, which he portrays as small had a rusty iron roof that leaked during the rainy season, a rough cement floor and unstable walls that could easily collapse. Mutuma says he was thrilled to move into his new four bed-roomed, L-shaped cement floor, iron sheet roof and quarry stoned house, which he will be living in with his wife, children and two grandchildren.



What do the volunteers say?

"It was such an absolute pleasure meeting you and working with you in Kenya. I believe you have spoiled me for future builds ;) Re-entry has been interesting, I find myself looking at water and shelter and excess even more closely. My dress has gotten many compliments, Jane Rose the tailor is a rock star! And HFH in Georgia loved that story of us buying clothes to help her finance the final part of her house."

- Stan Duda, Michelle Henn - team leaders

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

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