



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

LESOTHO

Building together for a brighter future

Lesotho is a small country, roughly the size of Belgium. Nestled in the palm of South Africa, it is home to majestic mountain ranges. Lesotho has strong economic ties with South Africa however, this does not mean that the Lesotho economy is expanding. Challenges in the textile and agriculture sectors, and the high rate of HIV/AIDS make it difficult for families to afford safe and decent shelter.

These dilemmas encourage many families to migrate to larger cities in search of stable employment. In many instances, arriving in the capital with little money and even less formal training makes it hard to find work and housing. Families end up living in overcrowded, unsafe and unhealthy conditions. As many as fifteen families may share one latrine and children play near open sewage. Women are particularly vulnerable since they have no inheritance rights, and little hope of ever having a place to call their own. The Ministry of Local Government reports that more than 45,000 units of decent, affordable housing are needed to resolve the current crisis in the capital district alone.

Habitat facts

Families served
more than 1,400

Construction types
New homes

Hosting season
August - May

Team size
12-30 volunteers

Number of volunteers hosted
more than 150



Did you know

Lesotho is the southernmost landlocked country in the world.

The major natural resources of Lesotho are water and diamonds.

Over 80% of the country is 1,800 meters above sea level.



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Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program



Logistics

How to get there

Most project locations can be reached by international flights to Johannesburg, South Africa, with road transportation into Lesotho's capital city, Maseru. The road trip is approximately 4-5 hours. If teams prefer, they can catch a connecting flight from Johannesburg to Maseru. It takes 1 hour to drive from Maseru to Berea or 2 hours to drive from Maseru to Leribe district.

Transportation

Both long-distance and daily transport (to and from the work site) is typically in the form of a private van with a hired driver.

Lodging

Volunteer accommodation consists of lodges or guesthouses with two people per room. Hot water and en-suite bathrooms are included.

Food and water

Volunteers will be served three meals per day (lunch on site) and bottled water at all times.



Meet a Habitat family

Orphaned siblings Maleshoane, Mpho and Jesi Sebeko live by themselves. Their eldest brother Rasoeke, works 120kms away from their home and does not live with his brothers and sister. Maleshoane now acts at the head of this family. Previously, the Sebeko family lived in a one roomed rondavel which was in bad shape and had no pit latrine. Today, they have peace of mind living in a two roomed house that is well ventilated and spacious, built for them by Habitat for Humanity Lesotho in partnership with a Global Village team from Netherlands.

Sanitation has improved drastically as they now have a ventilated pit latrine provided along with the house. Maleshoane says: *"The roof of the old house would shake whenever the wind blew and we feared it would be blown away. The door of the old roundavel had holes and would let in cold air which was very uncomfortable especially during winter. I like the new house because we now feel safe and are warm during the winter months!"*

What do the volunteers say?

"I love the idea of real hands-on kind of helping and I really like that I can see directly what I am doing to help instead of just writing a check and hoping it ends up in the right place. I know exactly who I am helping and why and I can also see exactly what I did to help."

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

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