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## Country profile

# Ethiopia

### The housing need in Ethiopia

About 70% of housing units in Ethiopia require total replacement. Most homes are made of wood and mud and have cracked walls, leaking roofs and dirt floors. Only one quarter of houses have two or more rooms.

Only 19.4% of rural households in Ethiopia have adequate sanitation facilities. More than 43% use open pits or pit latrines without slabs, and 38% have no toilet facilities at all. Only 39% of rural households in Ethiopia have access to safe drinking water.

By 2030 the housing unit deficit is projected at 1.8 million housing units in cities across Ethiopia. Four-fifths of the capital city of Addis Ababa are considered as a slum, characterized by widespread sanitation challenges. In these urban neighbourhoods, families live in crowded rooms and exposed to health and safety risks.



### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Ethiopia in 1993.
- Individuals served in FY2025... 8,270
  - Through new construction... 40
  - Through incremental construction... 8,230
- Volunteers engaged... 144

### COUNTRY FACTS:

**Capital city** ..... Addis Ababa  
**Population**... ..... over 132 million  
**Life expectancy**... 65 years  
**Unemployment rate**... 4%  
**Below poverty line**..... 24%

# How Habitat addresses the need

## **Housing, Hygiene, Sanitation, and Energy Project (2HSEP) -Dire Dawa**

The city of Dire Dawa, located in the eastern part of Ethiopia, face deep socio-economic inequality, with some of its most vulnerable residents living in extreme poverty and neglect. Habitat for humanity Ethiopia partnered with 28 highly marginalized households residing in slum-like informal settlements near a graveyard, without access to basic services such as clean water, sanitation, or electricity. To relocate these families to safer and more dignified living conditions, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia has initiated the construction of 28 durable quadruplex housing units.

## **Building Resilience of Landslide Affected Families (BRLAF) in Gofa District**

A landslide triggered by heavy rainfall on July 22, 2024, Kencho Shach Gozidi and Kencho Woyiza Kebeles in Gezei Gofa District, Gofa Zone. The impact of the landslide was severe, destroying homes, infrastructure, and agricultural land. More than 240 people died and 6,600 individuals were evacuated to temporary camps due to high exposure to further landslides. Through this project, we build 88 climate resilient shelters for families affected by the land slide in Central south Region, Goffa Zone, Kencho Shach Gozidi and Kencho Woyiza Kebeles.

## **Empowerment of Vulnerable Community in Addis Ababa through Housing and WASH**

The multi-year project in the capital Addis Ababa ensures the sustainable use of facilities and creates a healthy living environment through hygiene and sanitation training. This project aimed to upgrade the living conditions of slum dwellers through housing, improved sanitation infrastructure, and raising hygiene awareness. At the final phase, the project constitute construction of 10 durable housing units for vulnerable families, communal kitchens and toilet shared cooking and hygiene practices and greywater disposal lines.

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## What you can do

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### **VOLUNTEER**

The Global Village program is resuming region by region until a safe and quality experience can be provided at scale worldwide. Please visit [habitat.org/gv](https://www.habitat.org/gv) for more information and updates.

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