



Habitat for Humanity
started working in
Tanzania in 1986.

Served more than
100,000 Families

Delivering housing
solutions across urban
and rural communities

Population

67M
people

Housing need

3M
estimated
housing deficit

National poverty rate

26%
of population

Life expectancy

66
years

Sources: World Bank; UN-Habitat; Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics.

The housing need in Tanzania

Tanzania is one of Africa's fastest urbanizing countries, creating significant demand for affordable housing and essential services. More than 70% of urban residents live in informal settlements, often without adequate housing, secure tenure, safe water or sanitation.

Climate-related risks further increase vulnerability for low-income households, highlighting the need for inclusive, resilient and sustainable housing solutions.

Despite strong national development ambitions, poverty and inequality remain key barriers. A large proportion of households remain low-income or vulnerable, with limited access to formal credit, secure land tenure and basic services such as clean water and sanitation.

Habitat Tanzania works with communities, government institutions, financial sector partners and development organizations to strengthen housing systems, expand access to affordable housing and improve resilience among vulnerable households.

How Habitat addresses the need

Housing and Basic Services

Habitat Tanzania partners with families and communities to improve access to safe, affordable and climate-resilient housing in both rural and urban areas, using cost-effective and environmentally friendly technologies.

Alongside housing, we expand access to essential services such as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), clean energy and safe water systems to support healthier and more dignified living conditions. These integrated interventions help communities reduce vulnerability to poor living conditions and environmental risks.

During fiscal year 2026

We reached 3,750 people through

New construction	445
Incremental housing	270
Repairs	200
Market development	2,010
Civil society partners	825
Volunteers engaged	64

Housing Finance and Market Solutions

We work with financial institutions and market actors to expand access to affordable housing finance for underserved households. Through housing microfinance, financial literacy and community-based approaches, families can progressively improve their homes while strengthening financial resilience. We also support the development of inclusive housing markets that respond to the needs of low-income communities.

Advocacy, Land and Climate Resilience

We advocate for inclusive housing policies, secure land tenure and improved access to basic services, while empowering communities—particularly women and vulnerable groups—with knowledge of their housing and land rights.

We engage with government and stakeholders to influence national housing and land reforms and strengthen local systems. At the same time, we promote climate-resilient housing, disaster preparedness and environmental sustainability through resilient construction, renewable energy solutions and community-level climate adaptation initiatives.

Ways to support

Donate

Visit habitat.org/donate and select “Designate your donation” to donate to Habitat Tanzania

Volunteer

Through Global Village, a short-term international volunteer experience, partner with local communities on sustainable housing solutions. Please visit habitat.org/gv for more information and updates

Tithe

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. support the international work through an annual tithe. For additional information, email tithe@habitat.org or contact your local Habitat organization.

Home is the foundation for health, livelihoods and resilience. Together, we can help more families in Tanzania access safe and affordable housing.

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