

# Honduras

## Habitat for Humanity Honduras

Habitat for Humanity Honduras is an apolitical, non-governmental, non-profit, private civil development association, with a Christian foundation, which manages its own assets. It supports low-income families in creating improved shelter where they can live through a program of credit and subsidies. Visit our website: [www.habitathn.org](http://www.habitathn.org)

## The housing need in Honduras

In Honduras 68.2 percent of the population lives in poverty, of which 44.6 percent reside in extremely poor areas. Also, 38 percent of households do not have electricity and 14 percent do not have water and sanitation systems. According to the Inter-American Development Bank, the housing deficit in Honduras is around 57 percent most of which is qualitative --houses that need repairs--, about 770,000 homes.

## Habitat's contribution in Honduras

Habitat for Humanity Honduras is an organization whose main activity is focused on the construction and improvement of housing solutions, with a commitment to impact communities and giving priority to the most vulnerable families in the country, in order to improve their quality of life.



### COUNTRY FACTS\*

<b>Capital</b>	Tegucigalpa
<b>Date of independence or creation of the state</b>	Sept. 15, 1821
<b>Population</b>	8,721,014
<b>Urbanization (percentage of people in cities vs. rural zones)</b>	54%
<b>Life expectancy</b>	Men 70.5 years Women 75.5 years
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	8.8%
<b>Percent of the population living below the poverty line</b>	68.2%

Source: National Statistics Institute. Permanent Multipurpose Households Survey, June, 2104 (Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE)).

### HABITAT FACTS

<b>Date when Habitat started working in the country</b>	1989
<b>Individuals served in FY16</b>	11,325
<b>Volunteers hosted in FY16</b>	1,022
<b>Housing Solutions</b>	New, Rehab, Repairs



## Our programs

### Construction interventions

Currently support is provided to low-income families to improve their housing conditions, through of loans and grants for the construction or improvement of simple, safe and affordable homes. Habitat Honduras also provides credit and technical assistance so that families can gradually improve housing, repairing or renovating ceilings, floors, walls, toilets, etc.

### Volunteerism

National volunteerism is one of the strongest pillars of Habitat Honduras: more than 600 volunteers are integrated into the organizational structures, National Assembly, National Board, Regional Assemblies, and Regional and Local Committees.

During the year, more than 100 local volunteer brigades and 20 international brigades, from the United States and Canada, helped Honduran families build a decent place to live.

### Influencing public policy

This program aims to change legal and political frameworks and systems, practices, programs and allocations of resources through the development of a municipal housing policy. Currently, 122 of 289 municipalities in Honduras now have a housing policy in place.

In addition, advocacy with the central government continues as part of the Network of Solidarity Housing Development Organizations (Red de Organizaciones Desarrolladoras de Vivienda Solidaria - REDVISOL).

### Training and community development

All individuals working with Habitat go through a training process on constructive issues, financial education and healthy housing in order to build local capacities that lead to improving their quality of life.

### Meet a Habitat family

Hector Manuel Rodriguez and Suyapa Mejia live in the neighborhood of La Union of San Pedro Sula. Suyapa is a housewife and Hector is a technical and computer expert who works as an auditor. They have three children and for a long time lived in very poor conditions.

“For years, we tried to get a microloan to build our home, but to no avail. The only alternative offered to us was to relocate to remote housing projects. But thanks to Habitat Honduras’ support, we managed to fulfill our dream of having a decent home,” said Hector.



### What can you do?

You can help families in need in Honduras living in unsanitary and overcrowded conditions, by one or more of the following:

#### DONATE

[www.habitathn.org/solidarizate](http://www.habitathn.org/solidarizate)

#### VOLUNTEER

Join one of Global Village's scheduled trips to Honduras or organize your own brigade. For more information go to:

<http://www.habitat.org/volunteer/travel-and-build/global-village>

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