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When water equals life

For some people, the day they get access to clean water can be the best day in their lives. Many of us take water for granted. We consume more water during five minutes of shower than the average slum dweller in a developing country uses for the entire day.

In celebration of World Water Day that took place on March 22, we reflect on some of the Habitat projects around water and sanitation. How did you celebrate World Water Day?



**Safe water
from the sky**



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and sanitation**



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News in brief

World Urban Forum 7

Approximately 21,000 delegates registered for [the seventh session of the World Urban Forum](#) that is about to open in Medellin, Colombia. The World Urban Forum, hosted by UN-HABITAT, meets every two years. It is the world's premier conference on cities and urban issues.

Habitat Netherlands to support a WATSAN initiative in Bangladesh

More than 120 local residents welcomed the start of a Habitat Netherlands funded [project](#) that will provide water and sanitation training alongside housing improvements in northern Bangladesh.

Habitat volunteers to repair homes in Brazil ahead of the World Cup

On March 22-29, a group of Habitat for Humanity volunteers from different Latin American countries and the United States will gather in Recife, Brazil, to not only play football but to [build homes and hope](#).

Haiti's shadow sanitation system

The New Yorker published [an article](#) about manual sanitation workers in Haiti and the history of WASH efforts in the country after the 2010 disastrous earthquake.

Building in Romania

Join a team of volunteers to build homes in Romania. The build lead by Sully Mnatt takes place on May 23 - June 6, 2014. [Sign up now!](#)

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Habitat for Humanity International's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty. Habitat has helped more than 4 million people construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes since 1976. Habitat also advocates to improve access to decent and affordable shelter and supports a variety of funding models that enable families with limited resources to make needed improvements on their homes as their time and resources allow. As a nonprofit Christian housing organization, Habitat works in more than 70 countries and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, donate or volunteer visit www.habitateurope.org.

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