

Habitat for Humanity disability inclusion programs

Through the programs of Habitat for Humanity national organizations and the development of partnerships with other specialized organizations, we promote the inclusion and integration of people with disabilities to ensure that our shelter and settlement programs are holistic and more impactful. People with disabilities are at a disadvantage when it comes to existing housing models. They face issues that include difficulty finding appropriate and affordable support services that are responsive to their needs; physical inaccessibility; and, in many countries, stigmatization and discrimination that prevents them from enjoying independent living. As a global community, we must, therefore, create a new interrelation between the provision of adequate housing and social inclusion. Habitat for Humanity aspires to partner with other organizations to increase housing interventions and solutions that protect the rights of families to better living conditions, especially the most vulnerable.



The Shanghai Age-Friendly Housing Project has promoted to the government the growing need for age-friendly houses, especially for individuals in low-income communities.

Achievements: Shanghai's city government decided to adopt this project as one of the major public-benefiting initiatives for 2012 and beyond.

Construction and rehabilitation of homes in Romania advances community living standards for individuals with intellectual disabilities.



Achievements: Habitat Romania facilitated the building of homes for people with severe intellectual disabilities so that they are able to live in a communal and more independent environment.



Through **job training and loan offerings**, Habitat for Humanity Indonesia has helped individuals with special needs by providing job skills development workshops and soft loans to start business enterprises.

Achievements: Habitat Indonesia designed and implemented disaster management programs to identify vulnerable groups, integrating their specific needs into community planning. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, Habitat Indonesia developed self-help groups to facilitate job skills development and soft loans.



The **Vulnerable Groups Housing Program** promotes innovative housing solutions for vulnerable families in Ethiopia.



Achievements: This program emphasized the importance of supporting families with complex poverty, health and disabilities (disabilities could be physical, mental or visual), enforcing the issue as a priority for actors in the housing sphere.

Habitat Ethiopia also partners with ENAPAL in its **Leprosy Inclusion Program** to bring housing opportunities for leprosy-affected families and individuals.



Achievements: Habitat Ethiopia has [worked](#) on 32 houses for people affected by leprosy, and also conducts sessions in neighborhoods to help dispel mistaken information and stigmas around leprosy.



As a part of the **Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program**, Habitat for Humanity Malawi collaborates with CBM Malawi to supply housing for people with disabilities.

Achievements: To date, Habitat Malawi has constructed over 300 houses for vulnerable families. The project intends to improve the living conditions for 450 families and reduce their vulnerability by December 2017. The services include improved housing and a ventilated improved pit-latrine to enhance sanitation and hygiene.



The **Sensitize to Sanitize Campaign** in India improves access to sanitation for people with disabilities. Habitat for Humanity India works with a coalition of partners to build private toilets for families and offer training on how to use the toilets and keep them clean. The campaign pays special attention to individuals who have disabilities, providing them with private and accessible facilities that promote independence.

Achievements: 9.5 million individuals have been impacted by the S2S coalition through individual household latrines; behavior change communication training; and access to water, school sanitation, community toilets and hygiene education.