



## Country profile

# Bulgaria

### The housing need in Bulgaria

The majority of the Bulgarians own a house or a flat, but they struggle to maintain them. Many live in pre-fabricated condominium buildings constructed 40-50 years ago.

Maintenance of these buildings has become a severe challenge for the homeowners as the structures are rapidly deteriorating.

The EU accession significantly increased the cost of property in Bulgaria, especially in the capital, which priced more and more families out of the market.

Over the past 20 years, rural areas experienced a major loss of employment, income and services. Living standards in villages are below the 1990 level.

#### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Bulgaria in 2001.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 9,025**
  - Via civil society partnerships – 3,065
  - Through repairs – 3,595
  - Through market development – 2,365
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 – 557**



#### COUNTRY FACTS:

**Capital city** -- Sofia  
**Population** -- 7 million  
**Life expectancy** -- 75.49 yrs.  
**Unemployment rate** -- 3.7%  
**Below poverty line** -- 23.4%

# How Habitat addresses the need

## **CONSTRUCTION**

Habitat Bulgaria operates a distinguished construction program focusing on repairs and accommodates construction volunteers.

## **ADVOCACY**

Recognized as an authority in the overall actions and programs aimed at the improvement of the housing stock in Bulgaria at the national level, Habitat is a well-known and recognizable brand in Bulgaria associated with quality services, products, knowledge and expertise in housing.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND MICROFINANCE**

We develop products and services and run programs custom-tailored to support low-income and vulnerable population and communities.

## **INNOVATION**

We develop an independent source of revenue by utilizing innovative approaches and setting up a social enterprise.



## What you can do

### **DONATE**

USD \$: [habitat.org/donate/bulgaria](https://www.habitat.org/donate/bulgaria)

### **VOLUNTEER**

Join one of the scheduled Global Village trips to Bulgaria or lead your own.  
For more information go to: [habitat.org/gv](https://www.habitat.org/gv)

### **TITHE**

Habitat affiliates in the United States can establish a strong and rewarding tithe partnership to help build houses globally. Quote 811200, BULGARIA on your checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 322 West Lamar St. Americus, GA 31709

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