

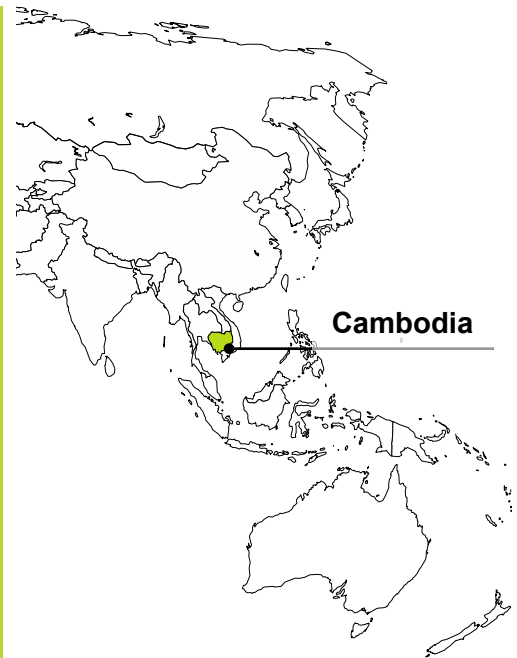


Country profile

Cambodia

The housing need in Cambodia

Driven by garment exports and tourism, Cambodia's economy is among the fastest growing in the world. Having reached lower middle-income status in 2015, it aspires to be an upper middle-income country by 2030. Poverty has continued to fall with the official rate estimated at 13.5% of the population in 2014. A large majority of the poor live in rural areas. About 4.5 million people are vulnerable to falling back into poverty when exposed to economic and other external shocks. Two in three Cambodians are in need of decent, affordable housing. Cambodia needs to build an additional 1 million homes by 2030 in order to meet the demands of a booming population, according to the government.



HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat was established in Cambodia in 2003.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 250,820**
 - Through new construction – 1,015
 - Through incremental building – 175,930
 - Through repairs – 1,010
 - Through market development – 72,715
 - Through civil society – 150
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 – 9,483**

COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Phnom Penh
Population – 16.2 million
Life expectancy – 69.6 years
Unemployment rate – 0.7%
Below poverty line – 17.7%

How Habitat addresses the need

Housing for the most vulnerable groups

For 15 years, Habitat Cambodia has worked in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Battambang to provide holistic housing solutions and secure land tenure for vulnerable groups such as informal settlers, those living with AIDS or disabilities, older persons and orphans. As part of a community-led total sanitation program in Siem Reap, implemented in 2014, water and sanitation facilities were built along with the promotion of behavioral change. In Battambang, Habitat Cambodia works with the local and provincial governments to provide secure land tenure and housing for informal settlers living on state land.

Advocacy and volunteer engagement

Habitat Cambodia engages young people in building homes and communities, speaking out for decent shelter, and raising funds and awareness of the need for better and decent housing in Cambodia. Annually, more than 1,200 Cambodian volunteers partner with future homeowners to build their homes.

Disaster risk reduction and response

In both rural and urban areas, local community members are trained to better prepare for disasters under the community-led Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness. Habitat Cambodia also responds to disasters through the distribution of emergency shelter kits and by building back better.

Market development

Since 2012, more than 66,000 families have gained access to housing finance loans through Habitat Cambodia's partnerships with major microfinance institutions such as Kredit, LOLC (Cambodia) plc., First Finance, Sovannaphoum, and Hattha Kaksekar Limited. These MFI partners have also been provided with grants, initially through the Swiss Capacity Development Fund, to build their capacity and develop their products.

What you can do

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