

Great Britain

How Habitat for Humanity works in Great Britain

Habitat for Humanity Great Britain was founded in January 1995 as a fundraising office to raise money and awareness for the global work of Habitat for Humanity International. Based in Slough, near London, the national office works with individuals, corporate organizations, major donors, foundations, institutions and trusts.

We support specific programs worldwide, send volunteer building teams on Habitat's Global Village trips and raise the profile of the nonprofit organization in order to increase our fundraising.

How Habitat Great Britain addresses the need around the world

Poverty is a complex issue. Through our focus on home at our core, Habitat works with its own national organizations and established partners in over 70 countries to offer a simple, sustainable solution. We partner with and serve low-income families and individuals, including orphans and vulnerable children, people with HIV/AIDS, the elderly, single mothers, ethnic minorities and internally displaced groups.

Our knowledge and resources are shared across the global Habitat network and with our partner organizations, with a united aim of helping build strength, stability and self-reliance to families and communities who need our support, not our pity.

Habitat Great Britain supports many global programs from an HIV/AIDS project in Cambodia to land rights in Brazil. In Lebanon, we supported a pilot project to improve water supplies in Syrian refugee camps. We also fundraise for disaster response, raising over \$500,000 after the 2015 Nepal earthquakes.

Our other activities include:

- Building and renovating homes
- Disaster risk reduction and response
- Volunteering
- Water, sanitation and hygiene, or WASH
- Advocacy, land and inheritance rights
- Microfinance
- Construction training
- Energy efficiency



COUNTRY FACTS*

Capital	London
Population	63.786 million

*Sources **CIA World Factbook**

HABITAT FACTS

Date when Habitat started working in the country
1995

Funds raised
More than 30 million British pounds

Number of volunteer teams sent
Over 1,000



Our programs

Habitat for Humanity GB Homes

An affiliate of Habitat Great Britain, Habitat for Humanity GB Homes was founded in 1996 by a group of local people concerned about housing in London and passionate in their belief that communities needed to be active in providing solutions to the housing problems they face. HFHGB Homes is a voluntary sector response to local housing, working outside the traditional mechanisms of supply in the public and private sectors.



Corporate partnerships

Expedia

Habitat Great Britain and Expedia recently collaborated on a cause-related marketing campaign. Expedia donated a portion of sales per airline flight and hotel booked to the Philippines. Their five-figure donation will support economic development in the Asian country's Bohol region.

Standard Chartered Bank

SCB provides ongoing disaster relief support to affected countries, including Nepal and the Philippines. SCB employees, together with match funding from the bank, raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for our response to the Nepal earthquake.

Albright Dene

Property planning expert Albright Dene has pledged to fund one new Habitat home in Malawi for every three new dwellings they obtain planning consent for in the United Kingdom.



Meet a Habitat Great Britain Global Village volunteer

Global Village trips put into action our belief that everyone deserves a decent place to live. Our volunteers to Habitat's GV building program witness first-hand the power of home to provide opportunities, health and security for a family and community. Whether our volunteers are building latrines in Ethiopia, plastering walls in Malawi or digging foundations in Romania, they bring hope to those living in extremely poor conditions, helping them to build self-reliance and stability for themselves.

"If you zoom in on Cape Town on Google Earth, you can see the gray mass of shack towns around the city, but if you navigate to Mfuleni you can see an orange mass – a sea of red roofs – and as you go closer you can see the individual houses that Habitat for Humanity has helped build. It is incredible to see how the work has spread. Do a build! Get involved in something that allows you to immerse yourself in a local community, learn about people you would never normally meet and make a difference to their lives. It is immensely rewarding and brings a great deal of joy along the way."

Paul Williams, Global Village volunteer participant

What you can do

You can donate or volunteer to help families around the world have a safe and decent place to live.

Donate [habitatforhumanity.org.uk/DonateNow](https://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/DonateNow)

Volunteer Join one of the scheduled Global Village trips. For more information go to: [habitatforhumanity.org.uk/volunteer-teams](https://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/volunteer-teams)

Partner If your corporation would like to support Habitat and partner with us, contact supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk

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