



Country profile

Bolivia

The housing need in Bolivia

Bolivia's housing shortage is high, both qualitatively and quantitatively. More than 67% of the population lives in urban areas, concentrated primarily in the metropolitan center. It is estimated that 80% of the population will be urban by 2030.

The qualitative shortage is characterized by heavy overcrowding, involving approximately 30% of the population; in 24% of cases, three or more people sleep in a single room. An estimated 31% of the population has inadequate living conditions, while 64.8% do not have enough space in their home (INE 2018).



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city -- Sucre

Population -- 11.3 million

Life expectancy -- 72.5 years

Unemployment rate -- 4.27%

Below poverty line -- 16,4%

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat began working in Bolivia in 1985.
- **Individuals served in FY2019** – 1,345
 - Through repairs – 65
 - Through professional services – 885
 - Through market development – 395
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019** – 467

How Habitat addresses the need

Advocacy

Habitat for Humanity Bolivia promotes regulatory and/or procedural changes that facilitate access to decent housing through partnering with civil society organizations and grassroots groups. It also belongs to the National Network of Human Settlements and the Popular Habitat Committee, among others, while also advocating in market systems through institutional technical assistance.

Housing assistance services

Habitat Bolivia provides technical assistance services for self-construction of new homes, repairs, improvements and rehabilitations according to the needs of each family. In other words, housing is built with people in need of assistance as equal partners under the self-construction and mutual help modality.

In this way, technical staff facilitate training for beneficiaries in construction, all the way from design, supervision and follow-up to conclusion. Housing quality is assured due to the durable materials used, and volunteer labor, directly providing new work opportunities for participating families.

Volunteerism

Thanks to the mobilization of institutional, national and international volunteers, solidarity crosses borders and is reflected in the selfless help provided by the “building brigades” (from 8 to 20 people) who travel to the country and collaborate in constructing homes for one or two weeks (or simply a few days).

More than 460 people from the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom have participated in the volunteer construction program in Bolivia.

What you can do

DONATE

For more information, go to: <http://habitatbolivia.org/donar-ahora/>

VOLUNTEER

Join a scheduled Habitat Global Village trip to Bolivia to help construct homes with families or organize your own brigade. To contact us and learn how you can help, visit: www.habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac

TITHE

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. can establish a tithe partnership to help build houses, improve and/or enlarge homes, as well as ensure right of ownership and access to water and sanitation services. Quote BOLIVIA on checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 322 West Lamar St., Americus, GA 31709

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