



## Country profile

# Brazil

### The housing need in Brazil

Brazil has a shortage of 7 million homes. People earning less than US\$1,000 per month account for about 90% of this deficit. In the cities, there is overcrowding and housing deterioration. It is estimated that more than 52 million Brazilians live in inadequate conditions. According to data from several sources, 35 million people in urban areas lack access to drinking water, 14 million do not have trash collection services and 100 million are not connected to sewage systems.

Rural areas in the northeast region are currently suffering the worst drought in the past 50 years. In this area, access to water is an unavailable privilege to over 26% of the population.

### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat began working in Brazil in 1992.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 600**
  - Through new constructions – 30
  - Through repairs – 560
  - Through market development – 10
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 – 868**



### COUNTRY FACTS:

- Capital city -- Brasilia**
- Population – 209.3 million**
- Life expectancy – 75 years**
- Unemployment rate -11.8%**
- Below poverty line – 6.5%**

# How Habitat addresses the need

## **Building new houses**

Habitat for Humanity Brazil works in partnership with the Brazilian government to build new houses in partnership with vulnerable families. Through the program *Minha Casa, Minha Vida*, or My House, My Life, Habitat Brazil has built houses and people have benefited.

## **House improvements**

Through microloans and the support of a technical assistance team, qualified masons and volunteers, mothers and fathers can guarantee a better future for their children and a safe and healthy home where they can study, rest and play. People have been served in Brazil with urban repairs and renovations in different states.

## **Access to water**

This project aims to improve the quality of life of families who live in extreme poverty and often must walk for up to two hours to fetch water for their homes. By repairing and enlarging their roofs and building cisterns for water catchment and storage, families have access to safe, usable water.

## **Advocacy**

One of Habitat Brazil's overall goals is to build its influence on the sector. The organization works actively in public policy advocacy to decrease the housing shortage and impact more families. To date, Habitat Brazil has supported secure ownership for people and helped to get resolutions approved that can affect people whose right to housing is not guaranteed in the state of Pernambuco.

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## What you can do

### **DONATE**

Donate to transform the life of Brazilian families: [doe.hph.org.br](http://doe.hph.org.br)

### **VOLUNTEER**

Join a scheduled Habitat Global Village trip to Brazil to help construct homes with families in need of affordable shelter or lead your own trip. For more information, visit:

[www.habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac](http://www.habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac)

### **TITHE**

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. can establish a tithe partnership to help build houses. Quote BRAZIL on checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 322 West Lamar St., Americus, GA 31709

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