



Country profile

Chile

The housing need in Chile

Chile is a land of contrasts for its beautiful and diverse landscapes, for the cultural wealth of its indigenous people and the variety of immigrants who have enriched its history, gastronomy and culture. But mainly, it is a land of contrasts due to the major socioeconomic disparities that affect its population, which become very evident in terms of housing access and quality, and healthcare.

Socio-environmental disasters (earthquakes, floods, volcanic eruptions, forest fires) have caused Chile to be a country in permanent reconstruction, with much to learn to better face nature's challenges, but also, in constant vulnerability.



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HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Chile in 2002.
- **Individuals served in FY2019** – **5,885**
 - Through new construction – 10
 - Through housing rehabilitation – 50
 - Through incremental building -- 10
 - Through professional services – 5,815
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019** – **527**

COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city -- Santiago
Population -- 17.5 million
Life expectancy – 79.5 years
Unemployment rate -- 7.3%
Below poverty line – 8.6%

How Habitat addresses the need

Our Children Return Home project

Coping with a son's or daughter's illness is more difficult if the place where we live is not adequate and does not provide the protection they require.

The program *Nuestros Hijos Vuelven a Casa*, or Our Children Return Home, builds rooms and makes home improvements so children can be with their families during the hard times of an illness. This program builds strength, stability and self-reliance for the family.

Disaster response

Habitat Chile works in partnership with other institutions in response to the different socio-environmental disasters the country faces. Toolkit programs, reconstruction works, such as a core house, among others, have been developed for families and communities.

High-rise extensions

In the 1980s, thousands of affordable housing units were built to counter the major housing deficit of the time. Thousands of families became owners of 387.5 to 409 square-foot apartments. But since they were in high-rise buildings, the apartments cannot be easily extended in a safe and harmonious way.

Habitat Chile and other stakeholders have been able to change the lives of these families by making high-rise extensions, which increases the area of each apartment and improves the building's quality and architecture.

This project is empowering whole communities.

What you can do

DONATE

If you would like to donate, please do so at this link: <http://hphchile.cl/donar-ahora/>

VOLUNTEER

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

www.habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac

TITHE

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

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