



## Country profile

# Dominican Republic

### The housing need in Dominican Republic

In the Dominican Republic, the housing deficit exceeds 2,199,377 housing units, of which about 60.6 percent is qualitative (PNUD, 2010). This means that the number of inadequate houses is greater than the number of families without homes. The figure is growing annually by an average of 50,000 to 60,000 homes.

At the national level, the system of housing production is self- or social production. The high cost of construction services and families' low incomes make it impossible for them to access the formal building sector, which naturally leads to deterioration of home quality and safety.

### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in the Dominican Republic in 1986.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 31,475**
  - Through new construction – 245
  - Through incremental building – 340
  - Through repairs – 3,325
  - Through professional services – 260
  - Through market development – 27,305
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 – 437**



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### COUNTRY FACTS:

**Capital city** – Santo Domingo  
**Population** – 10.77 million  
**Life expectancy** – 73 years  
**Unemployment rate** – 5.5%  
**Below poverty line** – 47%

# How Habitat addresses the need

## **Access services housing**

Habitat Dominican Republic offers services (financial and non-financial) that help families have essential services and turn housing into a durable asset. We also provide construction technical assistance.

## **Trainings**

We train in areas such as: finance education, master builders, risk management, and basic construction. We develop partnerships to promote organized, committed and empowered communities.

## **Financial services**

We facilitate access to microloans for housing to low-income families so they can acquire complete housing, repair their existing shelter or improve it. We partner with other non-profit organizations, such as microfinancing entities, to address the country's quantitative housing shortage.

## **Volunteerism**

We organize brigades of national and international volunteers to mobilize the hearts, hands and voices of the volunteers to the cause of decent housing and promote understanding and self-sufficiency.

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## What you can do

### **DONATE**

If you would like to donate, please do so through this link to send your donation to the Dominican Republic. <https://habitatdominicana.org/donar-ahora/>

### **VOLUNTEER**

Participate in any of Habitat's Global Village volunteer teams traveling to the Dominican Republic or lead your own brigade. 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 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC on checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 322 West Lamar St., Americus, GA 31709

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