



Country profile

Mexico

The housing need in Mexico

Despite the progress that has been made in providing housing in recent years, more than 53.3 million people in Mexico do not have the financial means to buy or build decent housing. Family income has been losing purchasing power: 60.6 million people (51.6%) earn incomes below the welfare line.

Of this population, 15.9 million people (13.6%) live in homes with dirt floors; roofs made of tin, cardboard or debris; and walls made of mud, reeds, palm or sheets. Another 24.9 million (21.2%) have no access to drinking water, sanitation, electricity and fuel for cooking or heating food.

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Mexico in 1989.
- **Individuals served in FY2019** – **75,175**
 - Through new construction – 14,240
 - Through incremental building – 6,620
 - Through repairs – 25
 - Through market development – 54,290
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019** – **1,412**



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Mexico City
Population – 129 million
Life expectancy – 77 years
Unemployment rate – 3.3%
Below poverty line -- 43.6%

How Habitat addresses the need

Home building

Along with advising, we support low-income families to acquire materials for building, repairing, enlarging and improving housing. People are empowered in their communities, making them capable of building their own housing for themselves and their neighbors.

Volunteerism

We mobilize many community, private, corporate and international volunteers who want to transform the living conditions of people and their communities. In this process, volunteers and families create bonds that often last a lifetime.

Disaster relief

Thousands of families lost their homes after the September 2017 earthquake in Mexico. Habitat for Humanity Mexico participates in the reconstruction of safe, permanent and habitable housing. We also work on educational processes to reduce risks of building in locations with greater vulnerability.

Sustainable projects

We work with families to facilitate affordable and accessible solutions with lower impact on the environment, promoting workshops for their use and adopting and incorporating new building systems to implement eco-technologies such as rain harvesting, dry toilets, kitchen gardens and wood-saving stoves.

Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter - Mexico

Habitat's Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter works through partnerships with civil society organizations, microfinancing institutions and businesses to facilitate more efficient and inclusive housing market systems for the country's population at the base of the pyramid.

What you can do

DONATE

If you want to donate, please do so at the following link: www.habitatmexico.org

VOLUNTEER

Join one of Global Village's scheduled trips to Mexico or organize your own brigade. For more information, please go to: www.habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac From Mexico, form your brigade or build with your company by sponsoring a home. For more information contact donativos@habitatmexico.org

TITHE

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

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