The housing need in Paraguay

According to the Ministry of Urban Planning, Housing and Habitat, Paraguay needed 1.1 million houses in 2011, a figure that increases each year. The high cost of housing loans is seen to contribute to the steep backlog. More than 80% of the housing deficit is qualitative.

It is estimated that 52.9% of the country’s poor lives in urban areas. By 2025, 64.4% of Paraguay’s population will be concentrated in urban areas, according to the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys, and Censuses. In the capital city of Asunción, 20% of the families live in informal settlements without access to basic services.

HABITAT FACTS:
- Habitat began working in Paraguay in 1998.
- Individuals served in FY2021 – 3,445
  - Through new constructions – 225
  - Through incremental building – 1,005
  - Through repairs – 2,215
- Volunteers hosted in FY2021 – 301

COUNTRY FACTS:
- Capital city – Asunción
- Population – 7 million
- Life expectancy – 70 years
- Unemployment rate – 7.6%
- Below poverty line – 23.5%
How Habitat addresses the need

**Improving living conditions of vulnerable groups**
Habitat Paraguay promotes better living conditions, especially for children, vulnerable families, and communities, through safe, healthy, and durable homes.

**Corporate partnerships**
In alliance with companies and within the framework of their social responsibility programs, we provide opportunities to their staff members to build or improve their homes.

**Financing services projects**
We partner with banking entities such as Visión Bank and Itaú Bank to provide low-income families with accessible financing and technical assistance for building safe and quality homes.

**Awareness-raising, volunteer engagement, and advocacy**
In the 2021 fiscal year, we raised awareness of housing needs and mobilized both national and international volunteers through the following:

- *Mujeres Construyen*, or Women Build, promoted awareness of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality.
- *Más Baños Saludables*, or Healthier Toilets, was a fundraising and awareness-raising initiative contributing to the Sustainable Development Goal 6 on clean water and sanitation for all.
- Habitat Paraguay’s volunteer program that brought together hundreds of international and local volunteers to build or improve homes together with low-income families.
- Our advocacy efforts focused on water and sanitation, financing affordable housing for women, land-use and urban planning.

What you can do

**DONATE**

**VOLUNTEER**
The Global Village program was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please go to [habitat.org/gv](http://habitat.org/gv) for updates, including when and where the program will resume.

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

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