



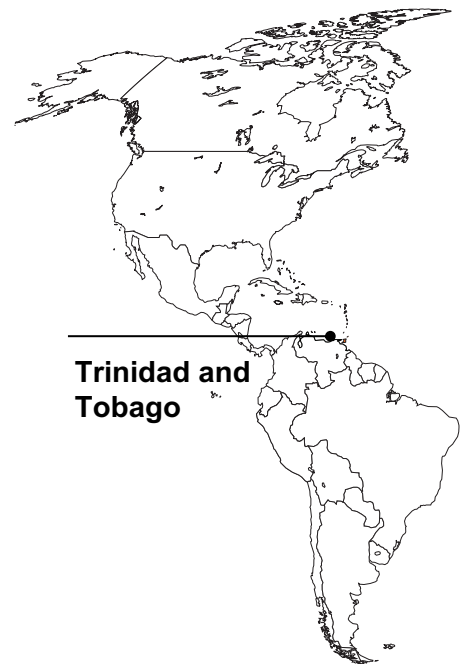
Country profile

Trinidad and Tobago

The housing need in Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago's Ministry of Housing and Urban Development estimates that some 200,000 people, about 19% of the population, live in informal settlements. The waiting list for government subsidized housing is approximately 107,000 people, some waiting for up to 25 years. The main housing demand stems from socio-economic inequity and population growth.

Habitat Trinidad & Tobago partners with entities across the political, corporate and civil society spectrum to advance our country's UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG11 – Sustainable cities and communities. We are officially recognized as the only civil society resource for shelter provision by the national government.



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HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Trinidad and Tobago in 1997.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 705**
 - Through new construction – 25
 - Through repairs -- 680
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 – 1,051**

COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city -- Port of Spain
Population – 1.37 million
Life expectancy – 72.9 years
Unemployment rate – 5.1%
Below poverty line – 20.2%

How Habitat addresses the need

National program

The average Habitat house in Trinidad and Tobago measures 27x21 square feet. Monthly mortgage payments over a 30-year period are about TT\$700 (approx. US\$100); this is a significantly more affordable cost than the average rent in the local real estate market. Habitat houses are built using culturally preferred materials for construction – two- and three-bedroom concrete blocks and galvanized roofs, concrete board on pre-engineered steel frames and, occasionally, treated wood. We also offer micro-financing opportunities to potential homeowners, including loans for repairs, renovations and completed homes.

Fundraising

Habitat Trinidad and Tobago raises funds to provide housing solutions for some of the most vulnerable and marginalized communities in the country, as well as for post-disaster recovery projects in the English-speaking Caribbean region. We receive donations of money, materials and in-kind gifts, which support our shelter and training programs. With our no-interest policy, Habitat is often the only option available to low-income families outside of specially-targeted government subsidy programmes.

Regional disaster recovery and resilience

With the support of Habitat's Latin America and Caribbean area office in Costa Rica, we offer a holistic suite of services to respond to shelter incidents in the English-speaking Caribbean. Our **Caribbean Services Catalogue** includes: assessment tools and engineers, recruitment of skilled builders, engineers, architects, land tenure specialists, carpentry and masonry training, the Healthy Housing Habits program, the Participatory Approach To Safe Shelter Awareness, or PASSA, program, tendering and procurement of construction inputs, land tenure regularization services, capacity building and GIS enumeration and mapping.

What you can do

DONATE

Habitat Trinidad & Tobago accepts online donations at our website <https://www.habitat-tt.org/donate-now/>. We accept tax deductible donations through wire transfers. Please contact our Resource Development officer at: donate@habitat-tt.org for our details.

VOLUNTEER

Join one of Habitat's scheduled Global Village volunteer trips to Trinidad and Tobago or lead your own. For more information, go to: www.habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac or email us at: volunteer@habitat-tt.org

TITHE

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. can establish a tithe partnership to help support our programs. Quote TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO on checks or wire transfers sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 322 West Lamar St., Americus, GA 31709

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