

## Chile

### Habitat for Humanity in Chile

Habitat for Humanity Chile works with families, volunteers, partners and the community so all boys and girls can grow in a strong and safe home. Together, we build the strength, stability and self-reliance a family needs to reach its goals. Join us [www.hphchile.cl](http://www.hphchile.cl)

### 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.

### Habitat's contribution in Chile

During its 16 years of existence, Habitat Chile has built a rich history. *Nuestros Hijos Vuelven a Casa* (Our Children Return Home) program brings hope and energy to many parents who struggle, day by day, with their seriously ill children. Parents need to know that their children have a place they can call home, where they can be cared for and protected.

The extension of *Viviendas en Altura* (high-rise housing units) is an innovation led by our technical assistance area. We have achieved a change in the country's housing policies and given back many families a decent place to live.

#### COUNTRY FACTS\*

<b>Capital</b>	Santiago
<b>Date of independence or creation of the state</b>	Sept. 18, 1810
<b>Population</b>	17.57 million*
<b>Urbanization (percentage of people in cities vs. rural zones)</b>	87.8%**
<b>Life expectancy</b>	85 years for women 80 years for men ***
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	7.3%*
<b>Percent of the population living below the poverty line</b>	8.6%****

\* Source: Census, 2017

\*\* Source: OMS-OPS, 2017

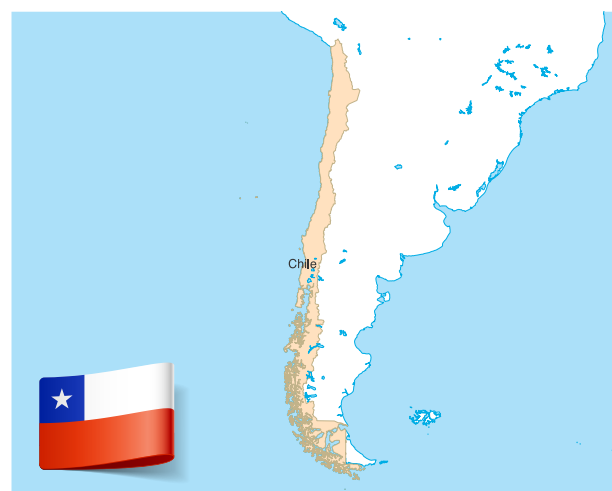
\*\*\* Source: INE, trimester May-June 2018

\*\*\*\* Source: Ministry of Social Development. CASEN 2017

#### HABITAT FACTS

<b>Date when Habitat started working in the country</b>	2002
<b>Individuals served in FY18</b>	1,730
<b>Volunteers hosted in FY18</b>	336
<b>Housing solutions</b>	New, rehab, incremental, repair

**FY** stands for fiscal year 2018, which starts on July 2017 and ends on June 2018.



## Our programs

### 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. *Nuestros Hijos Vuelven a Casa* (Our Children Return Home) program 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, and fills with pride and joy all of us who take part in it.

### 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 (Core House), among others, have been developed for families and communities.

### High-rise extensions

In the 1990s, thousands of affordable housing units were built to correct the major housing deficit of the time. Thousands of families became owners of 387.5 to 409 square-foot apartments, which cannot be extended in a safe and harmonious way, since they are in high-rise buildings.

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 is a community-empowering project.

### Meet a Habitat family

#### Carlos's Story

Carlos is 15 years old and lives with his parents and brother in El Castillo a sector that belongs to the La Pintana commune, located south of Santiago.

In the small house (193.75 sq. ft.) he lived in with his family, he struggled against distress and overcrowding, which was harder every day due to his cancer.

His mother, Flor, had to quit her job to stay at home and help him through his illness, which reduced even more the family's already scarce economic resources.

### What can you do?

We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. You can help us do it with the following actions:

#### DONATE

If you wish to donate, please go to the following link:  
<http://hphchile.cl/donar-ahora/>

#### VOLUNTEER

Join one of the Global Village scheduled trips to Chile or organize your own brigade. For more information, visit:  
[habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac](http://habitat.org/gv/catalog/lac)

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Habitat for Humanity Chile's *Nuestros Hijos Vuelven a Casa* program, has contributed to improve Carlos's and his family's living conditions by building two new rooms in their house. Since April 2018, this is the space where Carlos and his parents are able to rest adequately, fulfilling their hygiene, health and privacy needs.

Today, Carlos enjoys the love and company of his family in their larger home, a place where he has room to compose his rap songs and develop his innate musical talent.



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