

Mexico

Habitat for Humanity in Mexico

Since 1989, Habitat for Humanity Mexico has fought poverty through decent and affordable housing, supporting and empowering more than 57,000 families in organized communities. For more information, visit:

<http://www.habitatmexico.org/>

The housing need in Mexico

Despite the progress that has been made in 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 percent) earn incomes below the poverty line, which are insufficient to acquire the goods and services they require to meet their most basic subsistence needs.

Of this population, 15.9 million people (13.6 percent) live in homes with dirt floors; roofs made of tin, cardboard or debris; and walls made of mud, reeds, palm or sheets. 24.9 million (21.2 percent) have no access to drinking water, sanitation, electricity and fuel for cooking or heating food. In addition, more than 538,000 families live in overcrowded conditions.

Habitat's contribution in Mexico

Habitat for Humanity Mexico works to combat poverty, supporting low-income families in building their homes; promoting community development through influencing public policies; attracting public and private resources for housing and sensitizing governments, donors and volunteers on the human right to live in decent and affordable housing.



COUNTRY FACTS*

Capital	Mexico City
Date of independence or creation of the state	Sept. 16, 1810
Population	119.9 million (2015)
Urbanization (percentage of people in cities vs. rural zones)	79.2% (2015)
Life expectancy	Men: 72.6 years Women: 77.8 years (2016)
Unemployment rate	3.3% (2018)
Percent of the population living below the poverty line	43.6% (2016)

* Sources: INEGI, CONEVAL

HABITAT FACTS

Date when Habitat started working in the country	1989
Individuals served in FY18	61,250*
Volunteers hosted in FY18	1,803
Housing solutions	New, repairs, incremental

* 48,735 served through market development

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



Our programs

Home building

Through social training, technical assistance and financial schemes that allow the purchase of building materials, Habitat Mexico empowers people in their communities, making them able to build their own homes and those of their neighbors. This working model is known as Mutual Aid.

Volunteerism

With the support of private, corporate and international volunteers, Habitat Mexico carries out construction and house improvement brigades. We mobilize large numbers of volunteers who seek to transform the lives of people and their communities. In this process, volunteers and families create bonds that often last a lifetime.

Women moving the world

After the September 2017 earthquakes in Mexico, thousands of families lost their heritage and today they have nowhere to live. That is why we are rebuilding safe, permanent and habitable houses designed by architects and supervised by professionals.

We're building in the most affected areas, involving all the people to join efforts together with government agencies and allies. We will build more than 1,400 homes and 800 local stores in the following states: Oaxaca, Chiapas, Puebla, Morelos and Mexico City:
www.habitatmexico.org/reconstruyendo-historias

Meet a Habitat family

Josefina, along with her husband and two children, lives in Morelos, in one of the regions with major damage due to the earthquakes in September 2017.

"The day of the quake, I decided to take a break once I got dinner ready. I was just lying down when the earthquake began. I did not get up until a piece of wall fell. That's when I ran out. I went to the inner city and saw that there were many crumbled houses and frightened people. Oh, no! I felt like my heart pumping out of my chest, thinking: God, how's everyone?"

"When Habitat Mexico came and started helping families like mine, we felt gleeful, because this little house belongs to us. It is something that we achieved with great effort for us to be happy. Thank you very much Habitat for Humanity Mexico and to everyone working with us to achieve once again a safe home to live."



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 want to donate, you can 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

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