



Country profile

Ethiopia

The housing need in Ethiopia

About 70% of housing units in Ethiopia require total replacement. Most homes are made of wood and mud and have cracked walls, leaking roofs and dirt floors. Only one-fourth of houses have two or more rooms.

At the national level, only 28% of households have access to adequate sanitation facilities. More than 43% use open pits or pit latrines without slabs, and 38% have no toilet facilities at all. Only 57% the country's population have access to safe drinking water, and this figure is significantly higher in rural areas.

About 60% of the 5 million population of Addis Ababa live in slum areas, characterized by overcrowded settlements and lack of improved sanitation. In these urban neighborhoods, families live in crowded rooms and are exposed to health and safety risks.

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Ethiopia in 1993.
- **Individuals served in FY2022** – **19,820**
 - Through new construction/houses/ – 13
 - Through access to safe water - 10,404
 - Through sanitation facilities - 5,580
 - Through drainage/waste management - 1,861
 - Through kitchen improvement - 52
 - ODF and Sanitation marketing – 1,501
 - Through NFIs – 409
 - Through training(not included above) – 26,794



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Addis Ababa
Population – 123 million
Life expectancy – 67 years
Unemployment rate – 18%
Below poverty line – 30%

How Habitat addresses the need

Urban slum upgrading main project

This multi year project aims at assisting vulnerable families living in poverty to move to new homes with access to improved sanitation and safe water facilities. The project involves renovating houses and constructing communal toilets and water points, walkways and ditches. Urban slum upgrading ensures the sustainable use of facilities and creates a healthy living environment through hygiene and sanitation training and promotion of financial saving practices. Habitat Ethiopia follows a new approach which involves working with municipalities and other organizations that require putting together resources for a greater impact. This will be done through long-term project that substitutes existing projects that phase out in a year.

Regional Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project

Habitat Ethiopia plans to continue supporting more households in Oromia and Amhara regional states through WASH infrastructure for target localities that have not been addressed yet through construction of reservoirs, water pipelines, and water points in Negele Arsi district in Oromia region and Shewarobit area in Amhara region. Additionally, hygiene and water management training is provided for community members and water committees to ensure sustainability. The project serves families and house holds who live in the rift valley and other rural areas where there is shortage of water.

Resilience building in disaster affected communities (RBDC) Project

The RBDC project supports vulnerable people affected by internal conflict in the northern part of Ethiopia. Currently, HFH Ethiopia is implementing a project supporting 60 households to get access to decent shelter and sanitation facilities in Shewarobit, Debresina and Ataye towns. The project will help families lead stable life through providing housing, sanitation and psychosocial support. HFH Ethiopia would like to scale up this project to reach more families and in need of \$400,000 to double the impact.

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