



Country profile

Ethiopia

The housing need in Ethiopia

About 70% of housing units in Ethiopia require total replacement; only 30% is in fair condition. Most houses are made of wood and mud, have cracked walls, leaking roofs and dirt floors.

At the national level, adequate sanitation is only 20% -- 27% in urban areas and 19.4% in rural areas. Forty-three percent of households use pit latrines without slabs or open pit, and 38% of households have no toilet facility. Coverage of safe drinking water is only 51% countrywide and 39% in rural areas, according to UNICEF, 2011.

About 80% of Addis Ababa is considered slum areas, characterized by widespread sanitation challenges. Families live in crowded rooms and are exposed to health and safety risks

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Ethiopia in 1993.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 -- 19,730**
 - Through new construction -- 195
 - Through rehabs -- 5
 - Through incremental building -- 19,440
 - Through civil society facilitation -- 90
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 -- 18**



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city -- Addis Ababa
Population -- 106 million
Life expectancy -- 63.5 years
Unemployment rate -- 17.5%
Below poverty line -- 29.6%

How Habitat addresses the need

Urban slum upgrading

This project assists vulnerable families living in poverty to move to new homes with access to improved sanitation and safe water. The project involves renovation of houses, construction of communal toilets, communal water points, walkways and ditches. Urban slum upgrading ensures sustainable use facilities and creating a healthy living environment through hygiene and sanitation training and promotion of financial saving practices. The intervention focuses on community and household level initiatives. Family selection criteria include low incomes, old age, and incidences of poor health.

Integrated vulnerable group housing and water, sanitation and hygiene

This project is implemented to support households in Oromiya and Amhara Regional States. With this project, Habitat Ethiopia aims to improve the living conditions of needy and vulnerable families who live in poverty, and are affected by health issues and disabilities. Project activities include construction of new houses, communal toilets and water facilities including reservoir, pipelines and communal water points. Through this project, we provide hygiene training for families who work with us and community members.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Response

This project started in the Southern Region in 2017 in response severe drought. The project expanded its scope to water, sanitation and hygiene resilience building in the Oromia Region. Habitat Ethiopia increases access to sustainable and safe water supply for vulnerable communities by constructing water and sanitation facilities. The project also aims to improve hygiene knowledge and practice in targeted communities. Habitat Ethiopia also partners with schools to improve hygiene and sanitation awareness.

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