



## Country profile

# India

### The housing need in India

India, the world's largest democracy, has seen robust economic growth. World Bank data showed the extreme poverty rate fell from 46 percent to an estimated 13.4% over the two decades before 2015. The Government of India has committed to provide housing for all by 2022 in meeting the Sustainable Development Goal 1 of ending poverty. The current shortfall of 10 million urban housing units is mostly driven by the economically weaker section and lower income group segment. With increasing urbanization, another 25 million homes are needed by 2030, according to a 2019 RICS-Knight Frank report.



### COUNTRY FACTS:

**Capital city** – New Delhi  
**Population** – Over 1.3 billion  
**Life expectancy** – 69.7 years  
**Unemployment rate** – 8.5%  
**Below poverty line** – 21.9%

### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in India in 1983.
- **Individuals served in FY2019** – 1,810,845
  - Through new construction – 4,800
  - Through incremental building – 58,345
  - Through repairs – 4,980
  - Through professional services – 65,605
  - Through market development – 497,255
  - Through civil society – 1,179,860
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019** – 16,658

# How Habitat addresses the need

## Decent and affordable homes

Based on official estimates, more than 18.8 million families in urban India and over 43 million rural families are in need of affordable housing. As of June 30, 2020, Habitat India has since 1983 enabled more than 33 million individuals to create better lives through housing, in line with the nation's vision of housing for all by 2022.

## Disaster response and preparedness

Since 1999, Habitat India has been responding to disasters with a large-scale project helping more than 13,000 families after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. A year after devastating floods hit Kerala state in August 2018, Habitat India and its partners helped over 156,000 families through humanitarian aid and emergency shelter kits, conditional cash transfers, transitional and core shelters, livelihood skills training and others.

## Golf for Humanity

Habitat India leveraged on its partnership with Asian Tour to organize the inaugural Habitat for Humanity Charity Golf Tournament in Mumbai in January 2019. Professional golfers Jeev Milkha Singh, Shiv Kapur, and Chirag Kumar took part alongside India's top business leaders who are amateur golfers. Watch [a short video](#) to learn more.

## Volunteer engagement

India is a popular destination for Habitat's Global Village volunteers from Japan, the Netherlands, the U.K., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. By the culmination of the multi-month Habitat Young Leaders Build in April 2019, over 10 million individuals had been reached to raise awareness and funds and speak out for affordable housing.

# What you can do

## DONATE

In India: [habitatindia.org/donate/#online](https://habitatindia.org/donate/#online)

In the U.S.: [habitat.org/donate](https://habitat.org/donate)\*

*\*To donate to Habitat India, click on "Designate your donation to a location or cause."*

## VOLUNTEER

Join a scheduled Global Village trips to India to help construct homes with families in need of shelter or lead your own team. More information at [habitat.org/gv](https://habitat.org/gv)

## TITHE

Establish a strong and rewarding tithe partnership to help build houses globally! Write INDIA on checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 121 Habitat St. Americus, GA 31709

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