



## Country profile

# India

### The housing need in India

The Directive Principles of State Policy in India advocate for the state to ensure various rights, including a decent standard of living for all. This objective necessitates the provision of adequate housing, without which the goal cannot be attained. The [2019 OECD survey](#) of the Indian economy identified a high percentage of individuals living in poor quality housing compared to other emerging market economies. Moreover, the existing shortage of 10 million urban housing units primarily affects the lower-income group segment. The 2019 RICS-Knight Frank report suggests that due to increasing urbanization, an additional 25 million homes will be required by 2030.

#### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in India in 1983.
- **Individuals served in FY2022**
  - Through new construction – 1,640
  - Through incremental construction – 24,010
  - Through repairs – 610
  - Through professional services – 405
  - Through market development – 464,010
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2022** – 1,722



#### COUNTRY FACTS:

- Capital city** – New Delhi
- Population** – Over 1.4 billion
- Life expectancy** – 70 years
- Unemployment rate** – 10.05%
- Below poverty line** – 14.96%

# How Habitat addresses the need

## **Decent and affordable homes**

In India, since 1983, Habitat for Humanity has helped more than 622,000 people build or improve a place they can call home. We also provide basic services, such as improved sanitation units, and help people recover and rebuild their homes and lives following natural disasters.

## **Inclusive housing markets through innovation**

In India, Habitat's Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter continues its research and sector engagement in manufactured sand, roofing products, and roofing and housing finance. Areas of focus include sustainability in construction and climate-adaptive solutions, such as heat-reflective coatings. The Terwilliger Center and its partners have supported six startups through Habitat's ShelterTech platform for innovative housing solutions.

## **Golf for Humanity**

Following Habitat for Humanity's fruitful partnership with the Asian Tour as their official Sustainable Development Partner in 2018, Habitat India has been organizing an annual Charity Golf Tournament to raise awareness, mobilize support and bring the need for decent housing closer to the hearts of the golfing community. Watch [a short video](#) to learn more.

## **Disaster response and preparedness**

Habitat India has been responding to disasters with large-scale and long-term rebuilding projects since 1999. A year after devastating floods hit Kerala state in August 2018, Habitat India helped over 156,000 families through humanitarian aid kits, conditional cash transfers, transitional and core shelters, livelihood skills training, and others.

## **Volunteer engagement**

Over 10 million supporters have participated in the Habitat Young Leaders Build, helping to raise awareness, funds, and advocate for affordable housing. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers supported Habitat India's online crowdfunding and fundraising events.

# What you can do

## **DONATE**

Please donate via <https://habitatindia.org/donate/> or go to [habitat.org/donate](https://habitat.org/donate) and select "Designate your donation" to donate to Habitat India.

## **VOLUNTEER**

Under the Global Village program, builds have resumed in select locations in Asia and the Pacific. Please visit [habitat.org/gv](https://habitat.org/gv) for more information and updates.

## **TITHE**

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. support the international work through an annual tithe. For additional information, email [tithe@habitat.org](mailto:tithe@habitat.org) or contact your local Habitat organization.

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