



Country profile

Myanmar

The housing need in Myanmar

At least 1 million people in Myanmar are in need of humanitarian assistance including shelter due to armed conflict, vulnerability to natural hazards or intercommunal violence, according to the United Nations. A population and housing census in 2014 showed that close to 81% of housing units in Myanmar were not durable, about 28% of households obtained their drinking water from unsafe sources, and nearly 14% did not have a toilet.

Habitat for Humanity started working through partners in Myanmar after the devastating Cyclone Nargis in 2008. The office in Yangon opened in 2014 and direct project implementation began in 2016.



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Nay Pyi Taw
Population – over 54 million
Life expectancy – 66.9 years
Unemployment rate – 0.5%
Below poverty line – 24.8%

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in the Myanmar in 2008 (through implementing partner).
- **Individuals served in FY2020** – **4,420**
 - Through new construction – 135
 - Through incremental building – 3,910
 - Through repairs – 375
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2020** – **290**

How Habitat addresses the need

Improving living conditions

In Myanmar, Habitat contributes to the development of low-income communities by partnering with village and ward committees and increasing access to water and sanitation services at the household and community levels. Habitat partners with the Department of Rural Development and Yangon City Development Committee and works directly with local and school committees in project delivery. Before Myanmar restricted mass gatherings to curb the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, Habitat had raised awareness of proper sanitation and hygiene in schools and in local communities through the community-led total sanitation and participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation approaches. During the pandemic, Habitat distributed hygiene kits and posters on COVID-19 prevention to quarantine centers and hospitals.

In 2020, Habitat re-activated its membership in the Myanmar Shelter Cluster, an inter-agency group that aims to provide people affected by violence and conflict with safe, dignified and appropriate living conditions, as well as access to essential services, while seeking durable solutions.

Raising awareness and mobilizing volunteers

Since March 2020, Habitat has suspended hosting international volunteers under the Global Village program in Bago region, north of Yangon. Both our staff and those of our partners have reduced travels and site visits due to COVID-19 restrictions. Local community volunteers have stepped up, particularly during activity implementation. These volunteers, who help to monitor the construction work and supervise workers, will report daily to Habitat.

What you can do

DONATE

USD \$: [habitat.org/donate](https://www.habitat.org/donate)

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

VOLUNTEER

The Global Village program was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please go to [habitat.org/gv](https://www.habitat.org/gv) for updates, including when and where the program will resume.

TITHE

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. can establish a tithe partnership to help build houses. Write MYANMAR on your checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 121 Habitat St. Americus, GA 31709

CONTACT

Habitat for Humanity Myanmar, 477/479, 6th and 7th Floors, Aye Yeikthar 2nd Lane, New University Avenue, Bahan Township, Yangon, Myanmar

Tel: +95 1 557 355 / 401 554 Email: info@habitatmyanmar.org

[facebook.com/HFHMyanmar/](https://www.facebook.com/HFHMyanmar/)