



Country profile

Philippines

The housing need in the Philippines

Over 4 million Filipino families are living in unsustainable conditions with a lack of safety and access to clean water and safe sanitation. The government's current policy and subsidies for housing are deemed inadequate to resolve the increasing backlog. More than 6 million housing units are needed by 2022 with the figure rising to over 12.3 million by 2030, according to a study by the University of Asia and the Pacific in the Philippines. In addition, the country experiences frequent seismic activity and is hit by about 20 tropical cyclones a year. Since 1988, Habitat Philippines has partnered with more than 150,000 families to build better lives. Habitat and its partners also help families with improved access to clean water, sustainable energy, healthcare and education.



HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in the Philippines in 1988.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 946,475**
 - Through new construction – 9,275
 - Through incremental building – 7,050
 - Through market development – 930,150
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2019 – 10,282**

COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Manila
Population – 108.7 million
Life expectancy – 70 years
Unemployment rate – 17.7%
Below poverty line – 16.7%

How Habitat addresses the need

Urban renewal and development

The average cost of a new Habitat home in Philippines is slightly less than US\$12,000. To ensure holistic growth and progress, Habitat provides community development training under its RISE or Resilient, Inclusive, Sustainable, Empowered Community Program. In disaster-affected areas, Habitat helps families recover and gain access to permanent housing and prepare for future catastrophes through training.

Building the next generation of shelter advocates

Through the Habitat Young Leaders Build movement, Habitat galvanizes youth to help build homes and communities, speak out for decent shelter and raise funds and awareness of the need for adequate housing. A US\$25 donation enables one youth to receive a leadership training session under HYL B's Leadership Academy.

Sustainable and appropriate construction technology

Collaborating with private companies, Habitat Philippines helps communities access appropriate, sustainable construction technology. A disaster-resilient, environmentally friendly home built with cement bamboo frame technology costs about US\$10,500.

Awareness and advocacy

Habitat Philippines called for improved policies and processes on the use of Presidential Proclamations to secure tenure for informal settlers. Habitat also works with the government's Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development in implementing the New Urban Agenda. Those efforts are seen to help 270,000 families.

Financial inclusion and market systems

Habitat's Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter and its microfinance partners offer microloans to hundreds of thousands of individuals to improve their shelter. There is also extensive work to analyze and help improve housing market systems.

What you can do

DONATE

In Philippines: habitat.org.ph/build-with-us-2/

In the U.S.: habitat.org/donate*

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

VOLUNTEER

Join a scheduled Habitat Global Village trip to the Philippines to help construct homes with families in need of shelter or lead your own trip. More information: habitat.org/gv

TITHE

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. can establish a tithe partnership to help build houses. Write PHILIPPINES on checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 322 West Lamar St., Americus, GA 31709

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