



Country profile

Philippines

The housing need in the Philippines

The lack of adequate housing can be seen as a glaring facet of inequality in the Philippines. The massive housing backlog is expected to reach 6.57 million units by 2022; left unaddressed, the deficit could balloon to 22 million units by 2040, according to the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development. In the Metro Manila region, over 4 million Filipinos live in poor housing conditions, made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic and disasters. The Philippines experiences frequent seismic activity and about 20 tropical cyclones a year. Since 1988, Habitat Philippines and its multi-sectoral partners have worked with over 150,000 families to build homes, improve access to basic social services as well as disaster resilience and empower communities. Habitat has also partnered with over 400,000 families to improve their housing through financial services.



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Manila
Population – 108.1 million
Life expectancy – 71 years
Unemployment rate – 3.4%
Below poverty line – 16.6%

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in the Philippines in 1988.
- **Individuals served in FY2020 – 911,210**
 - Through new construction – 555
 - Through repairs – 185
 - Through incremental building – 45
 - Through market development – 910,425
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2020 – 1,684**

How Habitat addresses the need

Partnering with families to build homes

Habitat Philippines partners with low-income informal settler families to build safe, affordable homes through its regular housing programs. As part of the flagship Negros Occidental Impact 2025 project, disaster-resilient homes in Negros Occidental province will be built by leveraging on public-private-people partnerships. The project features the use of the Cement Bamboo Frame Technology of Base Bahay Foundation with the support of the Hilti Foundation. Urban renewal or in-city resettlement program is another initiative that Habitat undertakes in partnership with local government units to address informal settlement issues.

Strengthening communities to RISE

Under the Resilient, Inclusive, Sustainable, Empowered or RISE Communities Program, Habitat homeowners are empowered to achieve strength, stability, and self-reliance. To complement the housing program, Habitat organizes the homeowners' association and conducts training in capacity-building and skills development, solid waste management, community enterprise and livelihood, and financial literacy programs to support thriving and sustainably developed communities.

Boosting disaster preparedness, resilience, and recovery

With shelter as its core competency, Habitat helps rebuild homes and lives of disaster-affected families in the hardest hit communities. Our efforts range from distributing hygiene and sanitation kits and shelter repair kits to permanent housing solutions and construction and repair of community infrastructure. Habitat also helps improve the communities' disaster preparedness by conducting community-based disaster risk reduction management training.

Improving health and well-being through proper hygiene

Habitat promotes proper sanitation and hygiene as an effective measure to maintain a safe and healthy environment for communities to thrive. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Habitat has distributed hygiene kits in 13 Habitat communities, installed handwashing facilities, provided public address systems, and implemented capacity-building programs to help thousands of families rise above the crisis.

What you can do

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In Philippines: [habitat.org.ph/donatenow/](https://www.habitat.org.ph/donatenow/)

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

**To donate to Habitat Philippines, 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 PHILIPPINES on checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 322 West Lamar St., Americus, GA 31709

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