



Country profile

Poland

The housing need in Poland

Poland lacks about 1.5 million affordable homes. About 14% of Poles live in substandard conditions, and 40%, or 15 million people, live in overcrowded conditions of more than two persons per room.

Most Polish families – 70% -- can't afford a mortgage. Poland builds too few housing units, while the rent market accounts to only 6% of the total housing stock.

Since 1989, the housing sector has been often neglected in Poland, especially for low-income families. The number of apartments built annually has not improved the situation. With 382 apartments for 1,000 inhabitants, Poland ranks as one of the lowest in the European Union.

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Poland in 1992.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 440**
 - Through incremental building – 125
 - Through market development – 315
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 – 697**



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city -- Warsaw
Population – 38.3 million
Life expectancy – 77.75 years
Unemployment rate – 5.5%
Below poverty line – 5.4%

How Habitat addresses the need

Constructions and renovations

We mobilize financial and material resources as well as volunteers to help families in a difficult housing situation. We also support organizations -- such as homeless shelters, centers for victims of violence, nursing homes for disabled people, orphanages or youth facilities -- helping them to ensure decent living conditions for the most vulnerable.

Housing innovations

We implement innovative model solutions which are a response to housing problems, such as supportive housing solutions through the Social Rental Agency.

Advocacy and education

We increase public awareness of housing problems and advocate for the improvement of housing policy. Currently, Habitat Poland is advocating for legislative changes to increase access to housing for people most in need with a focus on social rental housing. We promote replicable and scalable solutions to maximize the impact of our activities.

Volunteering

Every year, Habitat Poland mobilizes groups of volunteers both corporate and individuals through Habitat's Global Village volunteer construction program who build and renovate houses as well as share their competences with the families we help.



What you can do

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VOLUNTEER

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