



## Country profile

# Singapore

### The housing need in Singapore

Before 1960, only 9% of Singapore's population lived in low-cost public housing. Today, over 80% of Singapore's population lives in high quality apartment units built by the Housing & Development Board. Over 90% of these residents are homeowners.

Habitat for Humanity Singapore began operations in 2004 by mobilizing volunteers to respond to reconstruction needs following the Indian Ocean tsunami. While volunteers continue to support Global Village builds overseas, others help to improve the living conditions of vulnerable households such as older people residing alone under Project HomeWorks. According to government data, in 2018, the number of older people living on their own is expected to rise from over 50,000 in 2018 to 83,000 by 2030. Many of them reside in one-room rental apartments and unable to physically care for themselves. They face cramped, unhygienic and often pest-infected living conditions that call out for public assistance and support.

#### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Singapore in 2004.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 1,815**
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2019 – 4,718**



#### COUNTRY FACTS:

**Capital city** – Singapore  
**Population** – 5.7 million  
**Life expectancy** – 83.6 years  
**Unemployment rate** – 2.2%

# How Habitat addresses the need

## Project HomeWorks

Project HomeWorks is a local volunteer program in which Habitat Singapore's supporters work with vulnerable households to make their homes safe and healthy. Many of these households include older people living alone, people living with disabilities and low-income families. Volunteers help declutter and clean up their homes — often small rental units — and replace pest-infested furniture. Since 2006, more than 17,000 volunteers have helped to rehabilitate over 3,200 homes.

## International volunteer builds

Teams of volunteers from Singapore are regularly sent on Habitat's Global Village trips to build homes in the Asia-Pacific region. To date, Habitat Singapore has mobilized more than 15,000 volunteers who took part in over 1,400 building projects. Popular destinations include Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand and Nepal. Due to the proximity to Batam, Habitat Singapore has been mobilizing volunteers to improve lives in Kabil village through new homes and adequate access to water, electricity and drainage in the west of the Indonesian island.

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## What you can do

### DONATE

Every dollar donated is maximized to enable people build a better future through safe, secure housing. Please donate at <https://habitat.give.asia/>

### VOLUNTEER

[Global Village](#): Help build a home with a family in need when you join or lead a volunteer team heading to a Habitat project around the world.

[Project HomeWorks](#): Partner with a vulnerable family in Singapore to improve their living conditions. Sign up as an individual volunteer in an open session or organize a session with your friends, family or colleagues.

[UnLitter Red Dot](#): Be the champions for change in nurturing a more civic-minded and considerate society. Sign up for UnLitter Red Dot to show care for others by cleaning up our neighborhoods.

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