



Country profile

Singapore

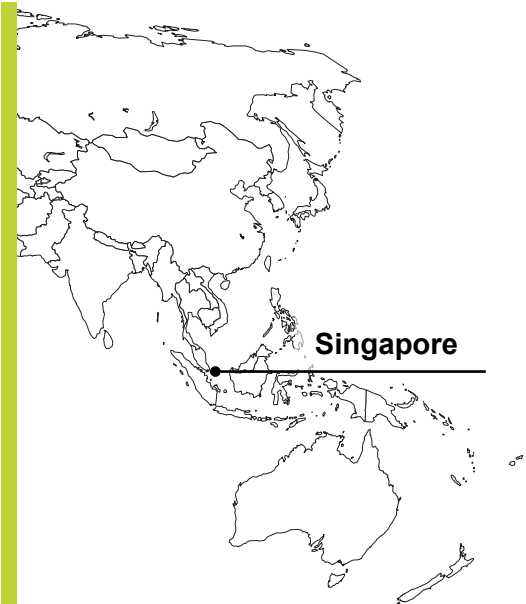
The housing need in Singapore

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

Habitat for Humanity Singapore began operations in 2004 by mobilizing volunteers to rebuild homes following the Indian Ocean tsunami. While Habitat's Global Village program is suspended due to the pandemic, local volunteers help to improve the living conditions of vulnerable households under Project HomeWorks. These households include older persons who reside alone in one-room rental apartments and are unable to physically care for themselves. Habitat Singapore partners with volunteers to remove clutter and clean up unhygienic, often pest-infected living conditions. Based on 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.

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Singapore in 2004.
- **Individuals served in FY2020 – 1,135**
 - Through repairs – 1,135
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2020 – 1,816**



COUNTRY FACTS:

- Capital city** – Singapore
- Population** – 5.69 million
- Life expectancy** – 83.6 years
- Unemployment rate** – 3%

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 clean, 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 these 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.

Volunteer builds

Through Habitat's Global Village program, teams of volunteers from Singapore partner with families in need of decent, affordable housing 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 construction builds. Popular destinations include Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand and Nepal. Due to Singapore's proximity to the Indonesian island of Batam, Habitat was able to mobilize volunteers to improve lives in Kabil village through new homes and adequate access to water, electricity and drainage.

What you can do

DONATE

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

VOLUNTEER

The Global Village program was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please go to habitat.org/gv for updates, including when and where the program will resume.

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