



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 apartments built by Singapore's public housing authority. Over 90% of these residents are homeowners.

Through Project HomeWorks, Habitat for Humanity Singapore partners with local volunteers to rehabilitate the homes of vulnerable families. They include older people living alone in one-room rental apartments that can be cluttered, unhygienic or pest-infested because the residents are unable to care for themselves and maintain their homes. Based on government data, there are about 88,000 older people living on their own, as of 2020.

Habitat Singapore began operations in 2004 by mobilizing volunteers to rebuild homes following the Indian Ocean tsunami. Presently, we serve both the local and the international communities through Project HomeWorks and overseas volunteer builds.

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Singapore in 2004.
- **Individuals served in FY2022 – 1,605**
- Through repairs – 1,605
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2022 – 3,907**



COUNTRY FACTS:

- Capital city – Singapore**
- Population – 5.64 million**
- Life expectancy – 83.5 years**
- Unemployment rate – 2.1%**

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 20,000 volunteers have helped to rehabilitate over 4,000 homes.

Global Village

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 Singapore is able to mobilize volunteers to improve lives through new homes and adequate access to water, electricity and drainage with our Batam Build programme.

Fundraising

Habitat Singapore regularly organises fundraisers and actively engages sponsors to power the home rehabilitation work in Singapore. As part of Habitat's Global Funding Network, we also support families in need of safe, affordable homes in other parts of the Asia-Pacific region. As such, we welcome funding opportunities for our local work, as well as to implement high-impact and sustainable international housing projects.

What you can do

DONATE

Every dollar donated is maximized to enable people to build a better future through safe and secure housing. For local programmes, please donate at habitat.give.asia. To support our international work, please email info@habitat.org.sg.

VOLUNTEER

Sign up for a Project HomeWorks session to support home rehabilitation works in Singapore at habitat.org.sg/project-homeworks. Under Habitat's Global Village program, builds have resumed in select locations in Asia and the Pacific. Please visit habitat.org.sg/global-village for more updates.

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