



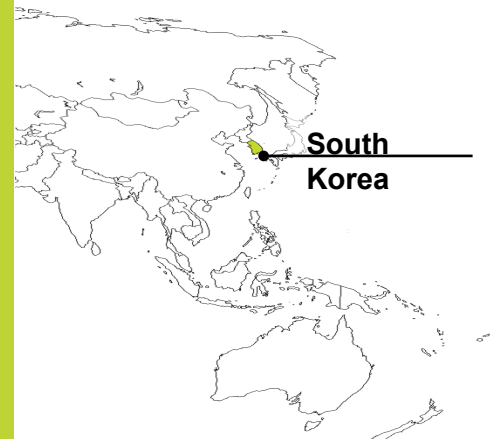
Country profile

South Korea



The housing need in Korea

A home should be a comfortable and safe place for everyone. However, families living in inadequate conditions, such as moldy wall and leaky toilet, have been negatively affected physically and mentally. Through the help of many volunteers and donors, Habitat for Humanity Korea is building houses of hope and renovating houses around the world by improving the decrepit housing environment of vulnerable families.



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Seoul

Population – over 51.5 million (2023)

Life expectancy – 83.6 years (2021)

Unemployment rate – 2.7% (2023)

Relative poverty rate – 15.1% (2021)

Source: Korean Statistical Information Service

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in South Korea in 1994.
- **Individuals served in FY2022 – 3,355**
 - Through new construction – 230
 - Through repairs – 3,125
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2022 – 1,458**

How Habitat addresses the need

International fundraising and disaster response

We raise funds to support people who have been displaced by disasters or conflicts. After the Russia-Ukraine war broke out in early 2022, we launched an emergency fundraising campaign for refugees from Ukraine. The funds supported the shelter and other emergency needs of people who fled from Ukraine to neighboring countries such as Poland, Romania and Hungary. In South Korea, we built mobile wooden homes, or HayHome, to help people who lost their homes when wildfires hit the eastern coast.

Building sustainable communities

Our work promotes sustainable communities through improved water, sanitation and hygiene standards, better learning environment and women empowerment. We also build communities' local capacity and independence through technical, vocational and livelihood training.

Supporting vulnerable and low-income groups

With the support of local governments and volunteers, Habitat Korea builds or improves homes with vulnerable groups and low-income families. They include people of national merit, older people who live alone, single-parent families and households with members with disabilities. We help to repair roofs, install sinks and toilets and insulation, among other works. We also renovate facilities such as community childcare centers and homeless shelters.

Local fundraising

With the lifting of restrictions following the pandemic, we have gradually resumed in-person fundraising events. A charity marathon, launched virtually in 2020, was held in-person for the first time in August 2022. Led by campaign ambassador Sean, the event aimed to raise funds for descendants of independence patriots living in inadequate housing. In addition, employees of corporate donors volunteered their labor to improve homes with these families in need.

What you can do

DONATE

In Korea, please click on donate.habitat.or.kr

VOLUNTEER

Under the Global Village program, builds have resumed in select locations in Asia and the Pacific. Please visit habitat.org/gv for more information.

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