



Country profile

Thailand

The housing need in Thailand

Thailand is often cited for its success in pulling millions of people out of poverty, thanks to rapid economic growth over the past few decades. The economic boom was accompanied by increasing urbanization, from 29% of the population in 1990 to 44% in 2010, according to the World Bank. Due to insufficient planning to meet the affordable housing needs of low-income families, the number of slum and squatter settlements has increased with a majority of them in Bangkok Metropolitan Region. In 2003, Thailand introduced Baan Mankong (“secure housing”), a nationwide slum upgrading program that has reached about 96,000 households. The government is developing a 10-year housing development strategy to address the needs of 2.72 million households living in inadequate housing or informal settlements.



HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Thailand in 1998.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 370**
 - Through new construction – 340
 - Through rehab – 15
 - Through repairs – 15
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 – 1,595**

COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Bangkok
Population – 69.4 million
Life expectancy – 76.9 years
Unemployment rate – 0.77%
Below poverty line – 9.9%

How Habitat addresses the need

Decent, affordable housing

Habitat for Humanity Thailand and its partners build, repair or rehabilitate homes with families living below the national poverty line as well as vulnerable groups. Construction costs are brought down through volunteer labor, gifts-in-kind from corporate donors and donation of soil for land reclamation from the local government, among others.

Volunteer engagement

Thailand is one of the favorite destinations for Global Village volunteers from all over the world. In 2019, Habitat Thailand hosted teams from the USA, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea and Singapore. Domestic volunteer efforts continue to be strong with support from local and international educational institutions and open one-day builds.

Community development programs

Throughout Thailand, Habitat has built and/or rehabilitated school dormitories, assembly area domes, libraries, playgrounds and improved water and sanitation facilities in local schools and communities. Under its community development program, Habitat Thailand has helped schools to build greenhouses and start fish farms.

Disaster response

Following the devastating floods in 2011, Habitat Thailand distributed cleanup kits and emergency shelter kits to nearly 4,000 families in 11 provinces. In addition to over 1,400 families who rebuilt their homes, 32 schools were rehabilitated and four multipurpose buildings were built in Ayutthaya and Phitsanulok provinces. In 2017, Habitat Thailand distributed hygiene kits containing items for cleaning up houses to affected families in Trang province in the south. The longer term focus is on helping disaster-affected families to rebuild or rehabilitate their houses.

What you can do

DONATE

USD \$: <http://www.habitatthailand.org/en/donation-2/>

Donations made to Habitat for Humanity Thailand are tax-deductible.

VOLUNTEER

Join one of the schedule Global Village trips to Thailand or lead your own.

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