



Country profile

Thailand

The housing need in Thailand

Thailand is often cited for its success in lifting 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, the number of slums and squatter settlements has increased with a majority of them in the Bangkok Metropolitan Region. In 2003, Thailand introduced Baan Mankong (“secure housing”), a nationwide slum upgrading program that has reached about 96,000 households. In a 2017 voluntary national review of the Sustainable Development Goals, Thailand said it was developing a 10-year housing development strategy for 2.72 million households living in inadequate housing or informal settlements.



HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Thailand in 1998.
- **Individuals served in FY2020 – 320**
 - Through new construction – 285
 - Through rehab – 5
 - Through repairs – 30
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2020 – 1,020**

COUNTRY FACTS:

- Capital city** – Bangkok
- Population** – 69.6 million
- Life expectancy** – 76.9 years
- Unemployment rate** – 0.7%
- 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.

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 families affected by flooding in Trang province in the south. The longer term focus is on helping disaster-affected families to rebuild or rehabilitate their houses.

Volunteer engagement

Domestic volunteer efforts were strong with support from local and international educational institutions and open one-day builds. In 2019, Habitat Thailand hosted teams from the USA, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea and Singapore.

What you can do

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USD \$: [habitatthailand.org/en/donation-2/](https://www.habitatthailand.org/en/donation-2/)

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

VOLUNTEER

The Global Village program was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please go to [habitat.org/gv](https://www.habitat.org/gv) for updates, including when and where the program will resume.

TITHE

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. can establish a tithe partnership to help build houses. Write THAILAND on your checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 121 Habitat St. Americus, GA 31709

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