



## Country profile

# Thailand

### The housing need in Thailand

Thailand has made remarkable progress in reducing poverty from 1990 to 2020. In the last decade, however, the percentage of people living in poverty has remained at around 6-8%, especially in the agricultural sector, based on [a government study](#) in mid-2023. Inequality persists with the poverty rate in the south and in the northeast almost double the national poverty rate, according to the World Bank. Thailand's constitution provides for people's right to adequate, affordable housing but it is out of reach for many people. The National Housing Authority cited factors such as the lack of decent land for urban housing and continuous rise in construction costs. About 280,500 units have been built under the NHA's Baan Eua-Arthorn program that began in 2003 for households earning a monthly income of 15,000 baht (US\$430) or less.



#### HABITAT FACTS :

- Habitat started in Thailand in 1998.
- **Individuals served in FY2022 – 190**
  - Through new construction – 155
  - Through rehab – 5
  - Through repairs – 30
- **Volunteers engaged in FY2022 – 68**

#### COUNTRY FACTS :

- Capital city** – Bangkok
- Population** – over 71.6 million
- Life expectancy** – 79 years
- Unemployment rate** – 0.9%
- Below poverty line** – 6-8%

# How Habitat addresses the need

## **Secure, affordable homes**

Habitat for Humanity Thailand and its partners work with low-income families including female-headed households to build or improve a place they call home. In Thailand, it is estimated there are more than 1.4 million households that are headed by single parents, 80% of whom are women. To date, we have built, repaired and rehabilitated homes with more than 11,600 families in Thailand.

## **Working with people living with disability**

Each year, the Thai government provides for 10 home repairs for people with disability in each subdistrict, with a subsidy of 20,000 baht (about US\$570) per family. Habitat Thailand raises funds to match that budget to help these families repair their homes through a partnership with the Provincial PWDs Association.

## **Projects with upcycled materials**

We partner with universities, public organizations, and companies to produce and certify upcycled construction materials for building or repairing homes. Such housing solutions are a draw for donors that are concerned about climate change. Together with P&G and other like-minded partners, we are involved in housing projects that featured upcycled construction materials in the non-living space components of the houses.

## **Improving school facilities**

Habitat Thailand also helps to improve school sanitation facilities as well as school canteens to create a healthy and conducive learning environment for children. This complements our housing programs that build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

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## What you can do

### **DONATE**

Please make tax-deductible donations to [habitatthailand.org/en/donation-2/](https://www.habitatthailand.org/en/donation-2/) or visit [habitat.org/donate](https://www.habitat.org/donate) and select "Designate your donation" to donate to Habitat Thailand.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Under the Global Village program, builds have resumed in select locations in Asia and the Pacific. Please visit [habitat.org/gv](https://www.habitat.org/gv) for more information and updates.

### **TITHE**

Habitat affiliates in the U.S. support the international work through an annual tithe. For additional information, email [tithe@habitat.org](mailto:tithe@habitat.org) or contact your local Habitat organization.

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