



Country profile

Vietnam

The housing need in Vietnam

Vietnam has lifted more than 45 million people out of poverty since the early 1990s, thanks to rapid economic growth and political reforms. Poverty rate fell sharply to below 6% with most of the poor being ethnic minorities. Almost three in four ethnic minority households lack access to safe sanitation while a quarter of them do not have adequate housing and clean water.

The pressing need for resilient housing is widely recognized as Vietnam becomes a climate change hotspot given various environmental challenges. Low-income families who cannot afford permanent, high-quality houses are facing serious risks. In 2018, disasters caused structural damage to almost 115,000 homes out of which nearly 2,000 homes were destroyed.

HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Vietnam in 2001.
- **Individuals served in FY2019 – 12,705**
 - Through new construction – 695
 - Through incremental building – 6,035
 - Through professional services – 5,070
 - Through market development – 905
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019 – 1,223**



COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city – Hanoi
Population – Over 98.7 million
Life expectancy – 74.4 years
Unemployment rate – 2.2%
Below poverty line – 8%

How Habitat addresses the need

Inclusive housing and human settlements

Habitat Vietnam focuses on providing housing solutions, water and sanitation access and waste management for marginalized people and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and vulnerable people living in disaster-prone areas such as those affected by Agent Orange.

Housing affordability

While its microfinance institutional partners provide housing microfinance loans, Habitat Vietnam supports families through construction technical expertise. Habitat also builds the capacity of smaller local actors such as community housing funds and social funds by leveraging the revolving fund.

Safe and resilient communities

Through training in the Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness, Habitat Vietnam engages local authorities, disaster risk management boards and communities in protecting lives and assets. Customized housing solutions to build back safer are also shared among local masons and communities.

Advocacy in public and people sectors

Habitat supports the Government of Vietnam's program in eliminating asbestos through its advocacy efforts. It calls on the government to contribute to housing interventions and water, sanitation and hygiene programs. Habitat also advocates for standardization of technical guidance by national policy makers in government housing support programs.

What you can do

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