



## 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. The 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 models is widely recognized as Vietnam becomes a climate change hotspot. In 2020, 270,000 homes were inundated and 37,500 houses damaged due to floods in central Vietnam. The government has estimated that about 30 million Vietnamese—including many who are poverty-stricken—will be living in disaster-prone areas by 2025.



### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Vietnam in 2001
- **Individuals served in FY2020 – 19,810**
  - Through new construction – 355
  - Through incremental building – 3,220
  - Through professional services – 16,065
  - Through market development – 170
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2020 – 615**

### COUNTRY FACTS:

- Capital city – Hanoi**
- Population – Over 102 million**
- Life expectancy – 75.25 years**
- Unemployment rate – 3.11%**
- 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 the Agent Orange herbicides.

## **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 its 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. Habitat also shares customized housing solutions to build back safer with 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 for the government to contribute to housing interventions and water, sanitation and hygiene programs. Habitat Vietnam also advocates that national policy makers standardize technical guidance in government housing support programs.

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## What you can do

### **DONATE**

USD \$: [habitat.org/donate/](https://www.habitat.org/donate/)\*

*\*To donate to Habitat Vietnam, click on "Designate your donation to a location or cause."*

### **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. Quote VIETNAM on your checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 121 Habitat St. Americus, GA 31709.

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