



Country profile

Vietnam

The housing need in Vietnam

Thanks to rapid economic growth and political reforms, Vietnam has lifted more than 45 million people out of poverty since the early 1990s. Nonetheless, Vietnam is among the countries that are [most vulnerable to climate change and disasters](#). There is a pressing need for resilient housing solutions as 30 million people including many poverty-stricken families will be living in disaster-prone areas by 2025, based on government estimates. A Red Cross report in 2022 highlighted the impact of disasters in 2020 — more than 511,000 houses were submerged with another 3,429 houses collapsing while over 333,000 homes were damaged or had the roofs torn off.

Putting people at the center, Habitat for Humanity Vietnam also supported a total of 20,877 people through policy or system changes in fiscal year 2021.



HABITAT FACTS:

Habitat started in Vietnam in 2001

Individuals served in FY2021	– 8,340
○ Through new construction	– 300
○ Through incremental building	– 4,055
○ Through market development	– 685
Volunteers engaged in FY2021	– 201

COUNTRY FACTS:

Capital city: Hanoi
Population: [98.6 million](#)
Life expectancy: [73.6 years](#)
Unemployment rate: [2.32%](#)
Below poverty line: [2.23%](#)

Source: General Statistics Office, Vietnam

How Habitat addresses the need

Advocacy

Habitat for Humanity Vietnam influence policies, systems, and norms through empowering communities and strengthening institutions. Our pro-poor housing programs integrate the needs of people with disability while we advocate for the elimination of asbestos in programs by the Government of Vietnam. We also support the housing needs of people living in informal settlements.

Inclusion

We build inclusive housing and communities by enabling vulnerable and disadvantaged communities to raise their voices and increase their dignity. We provide housing solutions, water and sanitation access, and waste management for marginalized people, ethnic minorities, people with disability such as those affected by Agent Orange herbicides, and vulnerable groups living in disaster-prone areas. Working together with people living in informal settlements, we build safe and secure homes and advocate for housing through a rights-based approach.

Resilience

We build resilience to disasters, emergencies, and climate change through community-driven disaster risk management. Through the Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness approach, we engage local authorities, disaster risk management boards, and communities in protecting lives and assets. We also share customized housing solutions to build back safer with local masons and communities.

Market system

We promote inclusive housing through engagement with market actors. With our support, microfinance institutions such as the Women's Unions are able to provide housing finance services for low-income communities. We also build the capacity of smaller local actors such as community housing funds and social funds by leveraging their revolving funds.

What you can do

DONATE

Please go to [habitat.org/donate](https://www.habitat.org/donate) and select "Designate your donation" to donate to Habitat Vietnam.

VOLUNTEER

The Global Village program has resumed in select locations in the Asia-Pacific region. Please visit [habitat.org/gv](https://www.habitat.org/gv) for more information and updates.

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