



BLUEPRINT FOR VOLUNTEERING

Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program



WHAT IS GLOBAL VILLAGE?

Global Village offers international volunteers the opportunity to take part in the "hands on" construction or renovation of homes in more than 40 countries around the world. Participating in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable opportunity to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience great personal growth through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their home countries transformed.

Join a Global Village team and you can make a difference in the lives of Zambian families in need of a simple, decent place to live. You might just find your own life changed as well.

Building together for a brighter future

In the late 1960s, Zambia was the third largest copper producer in the world. Its natural resources made it potentially one of the richest countries in Africa. In the early 1980s, the world price of copper plummeted, plunging Zambia into debt.

Despite recent economic progress, Zambia remains one of the least developed nations in the world. Unemployment and poverty are widespread and two thirds of the population lives on less than US\$1 a day.

Decent housing in urban areas remains unattainable and unaffordable for most people and slums abound. Most struggle to afford the frequent necessary repairs to their mud, wattle and grass thatch roof homes. Cracked and broken walls invite rain and rodents into houses, which in turn pose serious health risks. Families are crowded into a single room, which usually also serve as a kitchen. Children are exposed daily to life-threatening environments.

HABITAT FACTS

Families served:
more than 2,640

Construction types:
New homes

Hosting season:
March to November

Team size:
10 - 50 volunteers

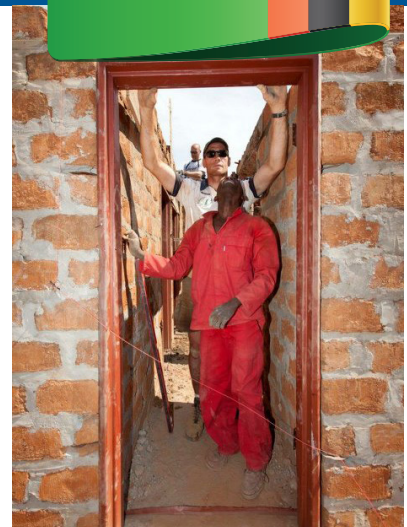
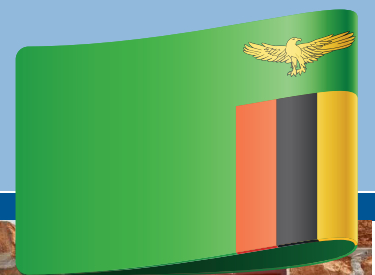
Number of volunteers hosted:
more than 500

ZAMBIA

DID YOU KNOW

Zambia comprises an amazing 72 ethnic groups.

Victoria Falls present a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe



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Logistics

How to get there

Travel to Ndola: Lusaka airport and a 4-hour drive or fly directly to Ndola airport (Harry Mwanga Nkumbula airport)

Travel to Kabwe: Lusaka airport and a 2-hour drive.

Transportation

Habitat staff will make arrangements for transportation from the airport, and a representative from Habitat Zambia office will meet the team upon arrival. Depending on the size of the team and destination, transportation typically takes the form of a hired bus.

Lodging

Volunteers will be housed either in lodges, Bed & Breakfast or in a house in the Habitat community where the volunteers will be building. The accommodations can best be described as minimalist, but safe and clean. Volunteers will be sharing rooms.

Food and water

Meals in the community will be provided daily, including mid-morning and midafternoon snacks. Mineral water will be provided throughout the build.



MEET A HABITAT FAMILY

Ndombe Namasiku is a mother of four children. After her divorce, she moved to Kamanga community in Lusaka in search of a better life. She lived in rented quarters for 10 years until the local village headman offered her a piece of land. Ndombe's old house was made of mud, plastic materials and pieces of iron sheets for roofing and with no floor and poor ventilation (the house had no windows). Ndombe feels very positive about organisations like HFH Zambia who help women in similar circumstances like hers and who can benefit from not only a secure and decent home but also from education trainings.

"My ultimate dream was to own a house with a toilet. So when I was informed that a 3-room house would be built for me, I was overjoyed and scared at the same time as I never imagined owning a decent house of my own."

WHAT DO THE VOLUNTEERS SAY?

I can honestly say that I was fortunate to be involved in this Habitat initiative and certainly got more out of what was accomplished than I ever thought possible.

- GV Volunteer in Zambia

Join us in a journey of adventure, life enrichment and joy, choose a place and start making a difference now!

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