



## Shelter matters

Housing is needed because people require protection from the nature's harsh elements: rain, snow, sun or wind. However, home is more than a minimal long-term space for living. Having a place, rather than a space, opens doors to opportunities. It helps a person to develop, stay healthy, get a better job and prosper in life.



**Housing the world booming population**



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# News in brief

## **67 Habitat houses for Mandela Day**

To honor the late Nelson Mandela, Habitat for Humanity South Africa partnered up with the Nelson Mandela Foundation to [construct 67 houses](#) in Pelican Park. The project started on July 14, 2014 and concluded on July 18, Nelson Mandela Day.

## **Habitat houses around a world**

Have a look at a [compilation](#) of photos of houses around the world, which were built or renovated with the help of Habitat volunteers.

## **WASH services in Northern Bangladesh**

Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh launched a [project](#) to provide safe drinking water and good health for the women in three northern districts in Bangladesh.

## **UN Habitat to help Indonesia provide clean water and sanitation**

The public works ministry in Indonesia will cooperate with the UN Human Settlements program to achieve the government's target to [offer access](#) to clean water and sanitation and better public housing by 2019.

## **4 cases where housing projects for the urban poor failed**

The first projects that aimed to move the urban poor to the large government housing appeared in the 20th century, but the results were mostly undesirable. Many of them are now notorious for their failure. [Have a look](#) at these four.

## **'Under No Roof' in Hong Kong**

Have you ever felt for the homeless sleeping on the street? [Experience it](#) in the 'Under No Roof' event in Hong Kong. You will have to build your temporary shelter and spend a night in it from 26 to 27 July at YMCA Wu KwaiSha Youth Village.

## **Smart cities should learn the difference between data and wisdom**

We live in a world which is [changing rapidly](#) but cities are traditionally slow and resistant

to change. With global urban population hitting 6 people billion by 2050 and 10 billion by 2100, we will be forced to change the way we build cities.

### **Building in Bulgaria**

Join a team of volunteers to build homes in Bulgaria. The build led by Bob Jones takes place on **September 19-29, 2014**. [Sign up now!](#)

### **Habitat and Social Media**

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Habitat for Humanity International's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty. Habitat has helped more than 4 million people construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes since 1976. Habitat also advocates to improve access to decent and affordable shelter and supports a variety of funding models that enable families with limited resources to make needed improvements on their homes as their time and resources allow. As a nonprofit Christian housing organization, Habitat works in more than 70 countries and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, donate or volunteer visit [www.habitateurope.org](http://www.habitateurope.org).

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