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## Putting housing on the agenda

In the current economic environment, a lack of affordable homes presents problems not only for low-income families but also for an increasing number of middle-income households. We can put housing on the political agenda if we link the needs of these two groups and prove that housing is important for our well-being and breaking away from poverty. Let's do it!



**Let's make shelter a priority for all**



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## News in brief

### **Habitat volunteers build hope in Brazil**

Habitat volunteers took part in the construction works on houses of four families in Bomba do Hemeterio, Brazil. In addition to repairing homes, Habitat's World Team played football with local children and helped [build hope](#) by combining the cause for adequate housing with the game.

### **International Nelson Mandela Build Week**

Habitat for Humanity South Africa in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Foundation is organising [International Nelson Mandela Build Week](#). It takes place in Pelican Park, the Western Cape, on July 14-18, 2014 and aims to build 67 houses in honor of Nelson Mandela.

### **National Bag Packing Day 2014**

Habitat for Humanity Ireland partnered with Tesco Ireland stores for the second [nationwide bag packing day](#) that took place on Holy Thursday on April 17, 2014. Volunteers raised funds in 90 Tesco stores throughout the country to support Habitat.

### **Habitat for Humanity Vietnam reaches out to new areas**

In Hoa Binh province in North Vietnam, six teams of volunteers will build six new homes in six weeks as a part of a [project](#) supported by Habitat for Humanity Vietnam. The

project was launched on March 22, 2014.

## **Celebrities join Habitat for Humanity Youth BUILD 2014**

Celebrities from across Asia have [joined](#) Habitat Youth BUILD 2014. They have shown their commitment to take action to tackle poverty housing in the region.

## **Building in Kyrgyzstan**

Join a team of volunteers to build homes in Kyrgyzstan. [Yurt Build](#) takes place on **July 19-27, 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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