



An E-Newsletter from Europe and Central Asia

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Each year on **June 1**, the world marks International Children's Day. Childhood is the most precious time of life, a time to learn and experience new things that will later shape our futures.

Poverty and poor housing conditions are the biggest threats to the well-being of children. They deprive them of happiness, health, education and good employment once they mature into adults. Research has shown that infant deaths are 50 percent higher among those from low-income working-class families living in poor housing conditions.

A simple and decent home can change a child's life forever. As an international housing charity, Habitat for Humanity understands this. We are working with families throughout the world to improve their lives for the sake of generations to come.

Join us in our efforts to support children and fight against poverty housing!

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Children in Europe and Central Asia

This photo essay shows you the living conditions of young citizens in Europe and Central Asia. It highlights some of the biggest problems children of the region are facing today.



A story from Mozambique

In 2000, Daniel Manhica was five when he and his brothers lost their father to AIDS. It seemed an era of tragedy was beginning in the brothers' young lives. Read this story of immense loss, grief and, finally, of hope fulfilled.



Decent homes for socially disadvantaged Romanians

Whirlpool Europe, Middle East and Africa has been a committed partner of Habitat in fighting against poverty housing for a number of years. What was the task for 100 volunteers who came to work in Ploiesti, Romania in May?



Young volunteers make a difference in Asia

The first Asian Habitat Youth BUILD culminated in a one-day simultaneous build on 12 May 2012. It supported 700 families in five countries. How did it unfold and contribute to the fight against poverty in Asia?

News in Brief

The Great Debate in Europe

Habitat for Humanity Europe and Central Asia was invited to participate in the [Solutions by Re-thinking](#) conference organized by Aarhus University as one of the events coordinated under the Danish Presidency in the European Union. It brought together young thinkers, political leaders and NGOs who discussed how to design, build, and sustain an Open Platform for Sustainable Economic Growth.

Save the date

Participate in the first [Regional Forum on Adequate Housing in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), in Bogota, Colombia, from September 25-28, 2012.

Mongolian dream

Ahead of Habitat for Humanity Mongolia's Blue Sky Build next month, a 'test build' took place this week to run through the construction processes and make preparations ahead of the arrival of more than 350 volunteers. Check out Habitat Mongolia's [Facebook page](#).

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Volunteer with Habitat

Trip to Armenia: [Family Build](#) from July 28 – August 5, 2012. Sign up for the trip by sending us an [e-mail](#).

Habitat for Humanity International is a global nonprofit Christian housing organization that seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Since 1976, Habitat has served more than 500,000 families by building and improving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their

shelter conditions.

An estimated 17,000 of these families are in Europe and Central Asia, where Habitat has been active since the mid-1990s.

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