



Description of the build

Habitat for Humanity Europe and Central Asia welcomes women from around the world to make homeownership a reality for people in need - one house, one family at a time. The Kyrgyzstan Women Build will give you the opportunity to reach out to women in housing need in Bishkek, to emerge in a different culture and develop new relationships.

"The women homeowners, local and expat volunteers, the interpreters, and our GV team of 13 awesome women demonstrated what I believe are some of the secrets to a happy, fulfilling life: the spirit of helping and serving others, the value of hard work, and the amazing rewards of opening your heart to new friendships across the world."

Ruth Anne Hamel, Women Build participant

What are we going to build?

Half -built houses in a new settlement. Volunteer tasks include, but are not limited to mixing cement, laying bricks for walls, stucco and painting, installing floors and ceilings, landscaping.



Come Build

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Itinerary

- August 11 **Saturday** • Travel day
- August 12 **Sunday** • Arrival in Bishkek. Orientation. Welcome Dinner
- August 13 **Monday** • Build on site with families and local women
- August 14 **Tuesday** • Build on site. Free evening
- August 15 **Wednesday** • Build on site. Visit families in their homes
- August 16 **Thursday** • Build on site. Free evening
- August 17 **Friday** • Sightseeing trip
- August 18 **Saturday** • Build on site. Farewell dinner with families
- August 19 **Saturday** • Departure from Bishkek.

Accommodation

The team will stay in fully equipped apartments, 2 people sharing a room. Meals will be offered as follows: self-prepared breakfast, lunch on site, and dinners in local restaurants.

Cost

Cost of the trip is € 1,150 – 1,250 (\$1,500 - 1,640) plus round-trip airfare. Trip cost includes lodging, food, in-country transport, traveler's medical insurance, orientation, materials and a donation to the host program. Participants will need to arrange and pay for their own flight to Kyrgyzstan and visa (if required).

Why Kyrgyzstan?

39.9 percent of Kyrgyzstan's population of 5.3 million lives on less than \$2 a day in 2006 while nearly 70 percent of the Kyrgyz people live in substandard housing or is homeless. In 2005 more than 30,000 people in Bishkek declared they are homeless and claimed houses from the government which was only able to give lands to small groups of people. It is not unusual for three generations to be crowded into a single room with no heating or water supply. Habitat for Humanity Kyrgyzstan was established in 1999. To date, more than 5,000 housing interventions have been completed, ranging from new house builds, completion of half-built homes, renovations to condominium block buildings, and the installation of ecologically friendly toilets.



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