

How are donations distributed and used?

Gifts received by HFHI that are designated to a specific affiliate or building project are forwarded to that program or affiliate. Undesignated gifts are used where most needed and for HFHI administrative expenses. HFHI's most recent audited financial statement is available upon request.

Who controls and manages HFHI?

A board of directors determines policy and oversees and guides the mission of Habitat for Humanity International. Board members are dedicated volunteers who are deeply concerned about the problems of poverty housing around the world. HFHI offices operate with an administrative staff, assisted by a core group of professional and support employees and supplemented by long- and short-term volunteers. Each Habitat for Humanity affiliate and national organization is managed by a local volunteer board.

How does Habitat work with the government?

Habitat realizes that local and national partnerships with governments are important in creating affordable housing. Habitat accepts government funds for infrastructure, utilities, capacity building or training, and house building, as long as the funds have no conditions that would violate Habitat's principles or limit its ability to proclaim its Christian identity.

How does a Habitat for Humanity affiliate get started?

Habitat is a grassroots movement. Anyone who wants to explore the possibility of eliminating poverty housing in his or her community is encouraged to contact HFHI headquarters at the number or address below. For contact information for HFHI's worldwide area offices or for national organization contact information, go to www.habitat.org and click "Where We Build." You can find a local Habitat affiliate by logging onto our Web site at www.habitat.org.

How can I become a volunteer?

To volunteer where you live, contact your local affiliate. If you are interested in volunteering at the international headquarters in Americus, Georgia, send for an application at the address below or e-mail vsd@habitat.org.

May I volunteer overseas?

HFHI offers short-term volunteer opportunities of one to three weeks with its affiliates in the United States and around the world. For more information or to receive a schedule of upcoming trips, write to HFHI's Global Village department at the address below. Call Global Village at 1-800-HABITAT, Ext. 7530, from within the United States; or +1-229-924-6935, Ext. 7530, from any other country. E-mail gv@habitat.org, or see www.habitat.org/gv for program information and trip descriptions.

How else can I help?

Get involved! Pray for the work of Habitat for Humanity. Contribute financially to HFHI or your local Habitat affiliate, offer your leadership or expertise to your local Habitat affiliate and participate in Habitat fund-raising events. Affiliates need people to help build, to serve on committees and to spread the word about Habitat.

Contact Habitat at the address below for more information. A wide variety of books, videos and literature is available to help you share Habitat's vision with others. Visit our six-acre Global Village & Discovery Center in Americus, Georgia, for an inspiring look at the work we're doing to eliminate substandard housing worldwide.

Habitat for Humanity invites you to join in the exciting partnership of building houses with those who desperately need adequate, affordable shelter.



International Map and Fact Sheet

How does Habitat work?

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and renovates simple, decent houses with the help of homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable mortgages.

The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments go into a revolving Fund for Humanity that is used to build more houses. Habitat carries out its mission at the community level through organized groups called affiliates. Affiliates around the world raise the funds used to construct houses. All Habitat affiliates are asked to tithe — to give 10 percent of their contributions — to fund house-building work in other nations.

In many countries, national organizations have been formed to support the development of affiliates. These national organizations also raise awareness, provide training and leadership development and support fund raising. Some national organizations and affiliates receive funding grants and fund-raising support from Habitat for Humanity International.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a modest down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor — "sweat equity" — into building their house and the houses of others.

Mortgage length varies from seven to 30 years. House costs are kept low by using locally available materials and volunteer labor. Habitat continues to search for innovative approaches and partnerships that will enable even the poorest families to have a simple, decent place to live.

How are partner families selected?

Families in need of decent shelter apply to local Habitat affiliates. The affiliate's family selection committee chooses homeowners based on their level of need, their willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to repay the no-profit loan. Every affiliate follows a nondiscriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing homeowner families.

Where does HFHI operate?

HFHI is serving families in almost 90 countries. HFHI's offices, located around the globe, provide training and a variety of support services to Habitat national organizations and affiliates. HFHI's headquarters are in Americus and Atlanta, Georgia, USA, along with the area office for the United States and Canada. Other area offices are in San Jose, Costa Rica, for Latin America and the Caribbean; Bratislava, Slovakia, for Europe and Central Asia; Pretoria, South Africa, for Africa and the Middle East; and Bangkok, Thailand, for Asia and the Pacific.

HFHI Summary

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people from all walks of life to work together in partnership to help build houses with families in need. Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses around the world, providing 1.5 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. HFHI was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller and his wife, Linda.



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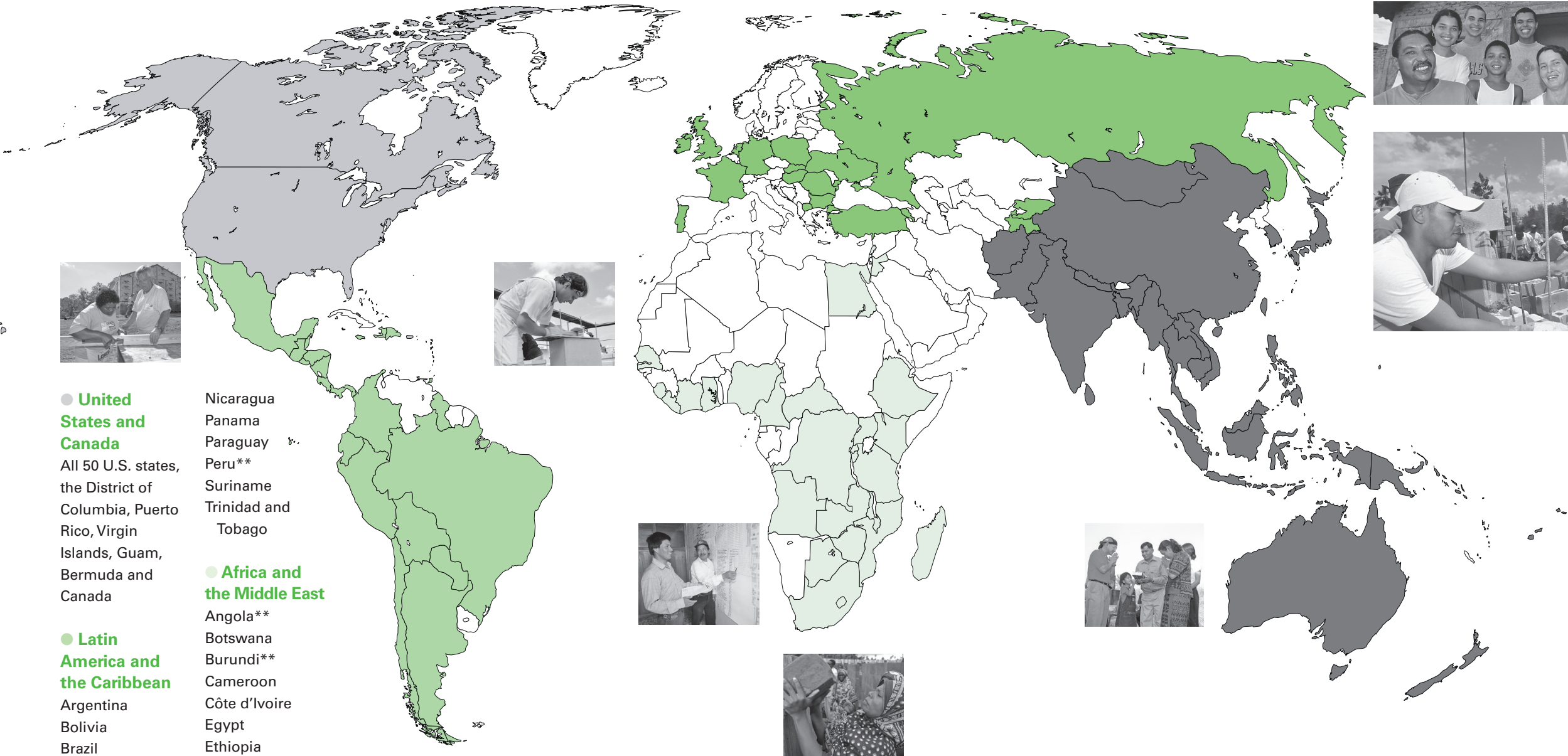
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Habitat for Humanity Worldwide

Building houses, building communities, building hope



● **United States and Canada**
 All 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, Bermuda and Canada

● **Latin America and the Caribbean**
 Argentina
 Bolivia
 Brazil
 Chile
 Colombia
 Costa Rica
 Dominican Republic
 Ecuador
 El Salvador
 Guatemala
 Guyana
 Haiti
 Honduras
 Mexico

Nicaragua
 Panama
 Paraguay
 Peru**
 Suriname
 Trinidad and Tobago

● **Africa and the Middle East**
 Angola**
 Botswana
 Burundi**
 Cameroon
 Côte d'Ivoire
 Egypt
 Ethiopia
 Ghana
 Jordan
 Kenya
 Lebanon
 Lesotho
 Madagascar
 Malawi
 Mozambique
 Nigeria
 Senegal
 South Africa
 Tanzania

Uganda
 Zambia

● **Europe and Central Asia**
 Armenia
 Bulgaria
 France**
 Germany
 Great Britain

Hungary
 Kyrgyzstan
 Macedonia
 Netherlands
 Northern Ireland
 Poland
 Portugal
 Republic of Ireland
 Romania

Russian Federation
 Slovakia**
 Tajikistan
 Turkey**
 Ukraine**

● **Asia and the Pacific**
 Afghanistan

Australia
 Bangladesh
 Cambodia
 China
 Fiji
 India
 Indonesia
 Japan
 Laos**
 Malaysia

Mongolia
 Myanmar**
 Nepal
 New Zealand
 Pakistan
 Papua New Guinea
 Philippines
 Singapore

Solomon Islands**
 South Korea
 Sri Lanka
 Thailand
 Timor-Leste**
 Vietnam



Mission Statement
 Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses, so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which every person can experience God's love and can live and grow into all that God intends.

The need for decent, affordable housing around the world is staggering. An estimated 25 percent of the world's population, more than 1.6 billion people, live in substandard housing or have no home at all. Families are trapped in a daily struggle to survive amid horrible, often inhuman, living conditions.

Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to the ideal that all people deserve a simple, decent, healthy place to live on terms they can afford to pay. Working in partnership with individual volunteers, faith communities, organizations and the new homeowner families, Habitat for Humanity is building houses and building hope around the world.

For more information regarding Habitat affiliates worldwide, call 1-800-HABITAT or +1-229-924-6935.

** Partnership programs. Habitat works under a partnership program with no HFH office.
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