

Help Habitat for Humanity Help Haiti

Haiti's needs were staggering before January 12, 2010. The magnitude-7.0-earthquake that struck that day increased the needs many times over, creating a tragedy that demands a bold response. Habitat for Humanity International, with its proven expertise and dedication to simple, durable, affordable housing, is committed to delivering that kind of response. Our goal is to provide housing solutions to 50,000 low-income Haitian families—or about a quarter of a million people—over the next five years. To reach this goal will require funds approaching \$100 million. It will require support from individuals, churches, corporations and foundations. It will require effective partnerships with the government and other nongovernmental organizations. And meeting the goal will require both urgency and endurance.



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Our approach: Relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction

RELIEF STAGE



- Distribution of some 10,000 emergency shelter kits with tools to help families make immediate repairs and construct temporary shelter.
- Inspections to determine structural stability of homes still standing after the quake.

REHABILITATION STAGE



- Assistance with cleanup to clear the way for home repair and reconstruction and to salvage materials that can be recycled into new shelter.
- Repairs to homes that sustained minimal damage in the quake.
- Construction of transitional shelter to meet basic housing needs with designs allowing the structure to be upgraded later into permanent housing or offering materials that can be incorporated into permanent solutions.

RECONSTRUCTION STAGE



- Construction of core houses, which are small but permanent and disaster-resistant homes designed so that families can expand them over time.

Our implementation strategy: Habitat Resource Centers

The response will be implemented through strategically located Habitat Resource Centers. Contextualized to local needs, HRCs may focus on such services as producing construction materials (e.g., concrete blocks), offering skills training and loaning out tools or heavy equipment—all in ways that develop and support local livelihoods.



HOW TO HELP

To help by making an online donation, go to www.habitat.org. Checks may be sent to Habitat for Humanity International, 121 Habitat St., Americus, GA 31709; please mark "Haiti earthquake response" on the memo line. You also may donate by calling (800) HABILITAT or +229.924.6935. Thank you for helping Habitat help Haiti!