

Country profile

UGANDA



Habitat for Humanity Uganda

Habitat for Humanity Uganda (HFHU), welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1982, HFHU has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 8,500 houses – helping over 62,000 people achieve affordable quality housing.

The housing need in Uganda

With an average income of \$65 a month it is not surprising that over two-thirds of Ugandans live in substandard housing. The reality is clear – the lack of quality housing compromises people's health and development opportunities and perpetuates poverty. Housing is more than a house – it is the environment in which we live. It is about how we come together as communities and how we care for each other.

How Habitat addresses the need in Uganda

In 2016 Habitat for Humanity Uganda will serve over 16,000 people – more than ever before. That will be a great success, but is small in comparison with the 22.5 million Ugandans who live in substandard housing. We strive to serve these people through 4 tailored programming approaches: Vulnerable Group Housing; Provision of Housing Finance; Market Based Technical Assistance; and support to Local Governments. Please join us to do more. Together we will build houses for vulnerable groups. Together we will make appropriate Housing Finance options available. Together we will make Uganda a place where everyone has a decent place to live.

COUNTRY FACTS*

Capital	Kampala
Population	37 million
Population growth rate	3.03 percent p.a.
Life expectancy	54.93 years
Dependency ratio (population <18 years)	56 percent
Urbanization	19.2 percent
Urbanization growth rate	5.1 percent p.a.
Unemployment rate	9 percent
Population living below poverty line	19.7 percent
Adult HIV Prevalence Rate	7.3 percent

*Sources: National population and housing census 2014, CIA World Fact book

HABITAT FACTS

When Habitat started in Uganda
1982

Families served
More than 12,000

Housing solutions
New Homes for Vulnerable Families
Housing Microfinance
Facilitating Market Development
Support to Local Government



Vulnerable groups housing program

The program supports orphans and their care givers through construction of homes with ventilated improved pit latrines, bathing shelters and a rain water harvesting system. Families are provided with skills training including knowledge of HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health, succession planning, inheritance rights, sanitation and hygiene, malaria prevention. Recognizing the connection between housing and livelihood security, we support youth in these households to develop a vocational skill relevant to their local market such as tailoring, carpentry and masonry.

Housing microfinance program

Credit is a real challenge in Uganda's cash-based society. We help families access financial services to improve their homes. We do this directly and through partnering institutions. We promote the practice of incremental building – an approach where clients build in stages, first the walls, then the roof, then the doors & windows, etc. This helps to keep loan size small and makes it affordable to lower-income clients.

Market-based approaches

To truly impact upon the housing challenges, we recognize the need to work with market actors. As only 19.5% of Ugandans have a bank account, the current products available tend to be skewed to higher income earners. HFHU is working with partners to develop housing microfinance products and services that serve middle- to low-income clients. Premised on the belief that there are affordable, economically viable options for low-income families, we provide Institutional Technical Assistance to support market actors to bring these ideas to life.

Local government support

With a specific focus on urban water and sanitation, in 2016 we will begin to make an impact on the lives of youth that have migrated to cities to seek employment. In partnership with like-minded leaders we are connecting youth livelihoods and improved housing in urban settings.

Meet a Habitat family

Sambula Grace is 42 years old and has 13 children under her care; 10 are her biological children and 3 are her brother's who died in the 2010 landslide in Bududa. After relocating to Kiryandongo life became hard for her. She struggled to fend for the children, to provide them with food, education and medical care. Grace and her family lived in a mud and wattle house that had a tarpaulin roof and was in a poor state. It had collapsed on one side and was too small to accommodate all her children. The door to the girls' room was so weak that anyone could break in. Grace has been blessed with a new house that was constructed by Habitat for Humanity Uganda with support from KOICA. The house is complete with a rainwater harvesting unit attached to her roof and a 3,000 liter water storage tank. She also has a VIP latrine with an adjacent shower stall. Grace is relieved that her girls are now safe.

What you can do

You can help needy Ugandan families improve their living conditions by taking one or more of the following actions:

DONATE

Go to habitat.org/donate and designate your gift to Habitat Uganda.

VOLUNTEER

Join one of the scheduled Global Village trips to Europe, Middle East and Africa or lead your own. For more information go to: habitat.org/gv

TITHE

Establish a strong and rewarding tithe partnership to help build houses globally! Quote **865900, UGANDA** on your checks sent to: Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Affiliate Tithe, 121 Habitat St. Americus, GA 31709



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