

# Global Village International Volunteering

May 2011 - June 2012



- Give a few days to help renovate or build homes with communities around the world
- No previous construction experience required



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“Be the change you want to see in the world”

Mahatma Gandhi

### Poverty housing is a home without hope

Over 2 billion people worldwide live in poverty housing, from dusty, insect-infested cramped mud shacks in Mozambique to crumbling, damp, freezing cold apartment blocks in Romania.

Living in poverty housing is unsafe and unhealthy. It robs families of the ability to earn a living, and leaves them with impossible choices to make about how to stretch their finances to cover essential needs – food, clothing, healthcare, an education for their children.

In short, living in poverty housing keeps people trapped in poverty, vulnerable and dependent, for generation after generation. A child born into poverty housing is unlikely to get a chance to fulfil their potential.

### We solve poverty through housing

Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian charity serving people in need. We aim to break the cycle of poverty by eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. We believe that having a safe, decent place to live is as much of a human right as having access to clean water and food. We champion that right, and seek to make poverty housing a matter for conscience and action.

But we do more than champion rights, we take practical action. We partner with communities in housing need to find appropriate, permanent, long-term solutions to their particular housing needs.

We help to build their capacity and capabilities, so that they are active participants in the solution to their housing problems and not passive recipients of aid. They emerge

from the process not just with homes, but with the skills and assets to be able to make further positive community-focused changes in their neighbourhood.

Across communities around the world including Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Habitat for Humanity has assisted more than 2 million people to have a safe, decent place to live since we were formed in 1976.

**We invite you to join with us, and be part of the solution to poverty housing.**

### Come and build, come and learn

One way you can help is to join one of our short-term Global Village trips, where an overseas community invites you and others to help them renovate or build homes over 1-2 weeks. You don't need any special skills as it's mainly manual labour: digging foundations, laying concrete floors, building walls, simple carpentry, mixing cement. The pace is quite relaxed by British standards, with lots of time to chat, joke and exchange stories with your hosts as you work side by side. Laughter is a universal language, and there is lots of it on a Global Village trip!

But you will also get a first hand insight into the obstacles that people living in poverty have to contend with on a daily basis, how they deal with them, and their hopes for the future. It's our hope that you will return home enriched by your experience, and better equipped and more motivated than ever to help us make poverty housing a thing of the past.



**Ian Walkden**  
National Director, Habitat for Humanity Great Britain



### Important points to note

- A global village trip is a unique and special opportunity for you to participate in the regular programme of Habitat for Humanity overseas. Our volunteering trips are not holidays, and there are always some obstacles inherent in development work. You need to be flexible and come with an open mind, ready to face any challenges of the project. Please consider this before booking with us.
- You will be covered by our specialist travel insurance for the duration of your trip. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions at the back of this booklet for more details.
- Participants need to be relatively fit and aged between 18 and 80 (or if aged 16 and 17, must be accompanied by an adult).
- We act as agents for Key Travel Limited and shall issue an ATOL receipt to confirm that your Travel Costs are protected by Key Travel's ATOL bond (number 3329).
- All prices and itineraries are drafts and may change. Final confirmation will be given by Habitat for Humanity GB.

### What to do next:

The following pages outline our Global Village destinations for May 2011 to June 2012.

If you are travelling as an individual or with a small group of friends or colleagues, look for destinations with 'Open Team'. These are trips of fixed duration at fixed dates, with around 10-15 volunteers in total.

If you want to put together your own team of family, friends and/or work colleagues, look for destinations with 'Private Group'. Taking a private group gives you a wider choice of destinations, times of year, and duration. You usually need 10-15 people, but we can sometimes accommodate bigger teams.

Then look through the back pages for the next steps.



## EGYPT

**(Private Groups only)**

Egypt's housing problems are driven by population growth of 1 million each year with only 3% of the land mass being available for habitation, the other 97% being desert.

In Upper Egypt where we work, overcrowding is common: typically 15+ people will share the same 45m<sup>2</sup> single room along with their livestock. It is cramped and unhealthy. Very few families have access to sanitation or clean water and many succumb to waterborne disease like bilharzia and typhoid.

But these farming families cannot afford more land to generate greater income, and cannot access loans to help improve their living conditions. Over 60% of them live on less than \$2 a day.

Habitat for Humanity partners with Egyptian charity CEOSS to provide access to microfinance, health and education services, alongside house construction/renovation, access to water and sanitation. Our aim is to help nearly 14,000 people in the next 3 years have a safe, decent place to live.

## ETHIOPIA

**(Open Team, 23rd June – 5th July 2012, £2,550 or Private Groups)**

Life expectancy in Ethiopia is just 55 years, and yet it is home to the oldest traces of mankind on earth. It's a country that ranks right at the bottom of the Human Development Index; where people have suffered and continue to suffer drought, floods and displacement. If Ethiopia was a village of ten people, nine would have no access to decent sanitation, seven would have no access to safe drinking water and one would rely on foreign aid for their food.

Most people in Ethiopia live in poorly constructed, cramped homes with dirt floors, leaking roofs and no windows or doors. They are vulnerable to adverse weather, to insect infestations and rodents. Living in homes like this has a negative impact on families' health, education and job performance. Most people living in conditions like these have little chance of improving their situation without assistance, and life is a daily battle for most. For families already made vulnerable by diseases such as leprosy there is an even more pressing need for decent housing.

Habitat for Humanity works within 13 communities in Ethiopia, mostly in the vicinity of the capital Addis Ababa. Currently Habitat for Humanity builds predominantly 'improved chika' homes, which are based on traditional construction methods. They are affordable, quick and easy to build and use locally available materials.



## Adel: Back from the brink

Adel, his wife and five children lived in a rickety mud shack with a straw roof. They shared it with their donkey – unhygienic, but common practice in Egypt: The donkey was key to their livelihood of selling scrap metal and therefore very precious. But one day, a snake fell from the roof into the house, and bit the donkey, which died.

With their donkey gone, so was the family's income. Unable to afford to repair their old home, they built a tin hut next to it. Their old home promptly collapsed.

They were living on the edge of survival. The tin hut was so cramped there was barely room for them all to sleep side by side. It was stifling and dusty in summer, freezing

and damp in winter. The children could not do their homework and their grades declined. Adel despaired: not only was he falling into the abyss of poverty, but he was taking his children with him.

Habitat for Humanity gave him the break he needed: a loan and some help to build a new simple, decent home. There is space for everyone, even Adel's new donkey which lives in a separate, secure barn. The children's grades have improved at school. At last, life is looking up.

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## KENYA

**(Open Team, 13th August – 25th August 2011, £2,400 or Private Groups)**

Kenya is dramatic and scenic, home to abundant wildlife and warm, welcoming people. Historically, it is one of Africa's most politically stable countries, but in 2008, post-election ethnic violence erupted, leaving thousands homeless. Habitat for Humanity is working to rehome these displaced people.

Rural poverty and urbanisation are lower profile but ultimately bigger and more ongoing challenges. Nearly 60% of Kenyans are rural subsistence farmers who struggle to live on less than \$2 a day, especially if they live in areas prone to increasing drought due to climate change.

Many people from rural areas migrate to the cities in search of work, and end up living in slums. Disease is rife, unemployment is high, and there is a widening gap between the rich and poor.

Homes in rural areas are typically small mud and wood constructions with thatch roof, dirt floor and little ventilation. Slum dwellings are made of whatever comes to hand, and overcrowding and lack of sanitation spreads disease including malaria, amoebic disorders and respiratory conditions.

In addition to building new homes and home renovations, Habitat for Humanity provides access to microfinance, and works with community groups in slum areas to help them solve their very particular housing needs.

## MALAWI

**(Open Team, 2nd July – 14th July 2011, £2,200, or Private Groups)**

Malawi is a country of extremes. Immense natural beauty softens the hard face of poverty in this, one of the least developed countries in the world.

90% of the population lives in rural areas. 75% live on less than \$2 a day and typically live in huts comprising mud and daub walls with a dirt floor, thatch roof and poor ventilation. Living in such conditions causes widespread disease, especially during the annual rains when leaking roofs, mud floors and damp conditions attract disease-carrying insects. Malaria, respiratory illnesses and intestinal parasites are rife.

But without help, these families could never afford better homes. The economy is predominately agricultural and is dependent on substantial international assistance.

Habitat for Humanity houses comprise kiln-fired clay bricks on a solid foundation, glass windows, air vents for good ventilation and cement tile roofs. To spread the financial burden, homes are built in stages: a one room house can be paid off in 3-5 years, at which point further loans for extensions can be taken out. Such 'building in stages' makes homes affordable, and encourages good repayment rates.

For those less well off, Habitat for Humanity offers home improvement loans, to make modest improvements to an existing home, such as termite treatment, a solid floor, or a new roof.



## Liben: Respect and new life

Liben and his wife Belaynesh are both ex-leprosy patients. They used to live in a house made from plastic sheets before they became Habitat homepartners five years ago. In the past Liben only had the money he would receive from begging to support him, his wife and their five children. Now, he is employed as a guard by the local Affiliate and they also grow crops and rear sheep. He says the new house earned him respect – he even received a nickname in the community that

signifies that respect: Aba Shehu.

Liben says: 'Although I am 61 years old, I will only celebrate my fifth birthday this year, as I have only really started living since we have moved into our Habitat home'.

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## MOZAMBIQUE

**(Private Groups only)**

Mozambique has been a very popular destination for the past few years, largely because our programme there supports orphans and vulnerable children. There are over 1.5 million orphans and vulnerable children in Mozambique, many of them having lost a parent or parents to HIV/AIDS. The adult population has been decimated – there are few local adult volunteers available, and so we need your strength, willing hands and good heart!

We build homes for the orphans, as most are too young and vulnerable to help. We apprentice some of the older orphans, training them in construction skills to help with immediate needs, but also enabling them to earn a living afterwards.

The needs of orphans and vulnerable children are complex, and our bespoke programme is designed to meet those needs. We work with other non-profit organisations to provide not just housing, but a holistic solution. This might include inheritance planning where a parent is still living but HIV/AIDS infected, grants for food and clothing, education and apprenticeships, health training and health solutions including ventilated pit latrines, mosquito nets and water purification.

In spite of the sad situation, you will be amazed at how much of the time you will spend laughing with the children and local people – your visit will be a real tonic to them as well as a practical help, and we suspect that you will receive back much more than you give.



## SOUTH AFRICA

**Desmond Tutu Building on Faith Week**

**(Open Team, 10th September – 18th September 2011, £2,400 (including flights))**

Around 22 million people, half of South Africa's population, live below the poverty line. A quarter are unemployed. Extreme poverty in rural South Africa has forced many people to the cities to look for work.

But the cities cannot cope with the rate of the influx: over 10 million people live in vast informal townships in homes that are little more than scavenged materials such as iron, plastic, wood and cardboard. When the rains come, they are torrential, and these makeshift homes are flooded out, ruining any food supplies and meagre possessions. The flimsy shacks have no lockable doors or windows, so single parents are torn between going out to work and staying home to protect their children from intruders.

These families are willing and keen to build a new home; they just need a little financial and practical help.

At the invitation of a township community in Cape Town, UK church groups and individuals join locals, helping to build homes over a week for those in housing need. At the end of the week there is a big celebration as the keys to the new homes are handed over. It's an experience that is emotional, educational, uplifting and utterly unforgettable.



## Linet: A safe haven from nightmares in Kenya

Violence erupted in the village of Narok after the elections of 2008. Narok was where Linet was born and brought up, the place that she loved. But she will never return – her home was burned down during the violence, and her sister was killed, leaving her three children as orphans.

Linet managed to get together enough money to club together with other refugee families and buy a piece of land in the area where they now live, and they are partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build new homes and a new beginning.

Linet fled with her own family and her sister's children, and for an entire year afterwards they lived in a tent, too terrified to return home. It has been a real struggle, but

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## ZAMBIA

### (Private Groups only)

Formerly Northern Rhodesia, Zambia is named after the mighty Zambezi River that flows 1600 miles south east from its source to the Indian Ocean. Zambia is home to a rich abundance of animal and birdlife, and the spectacular Victoria Falls.

In the late 1960's, Zambia was the third largest copper producer in the world. But in the 1980's the copper market collapsed and Zambia has never really recovered. More than 60% of the population live on less than \$1 a day, and just cannot afford a decent home. Commonly, houses are wattle and mud with grass thatch, and need constant repair to keep out rodents and insects which can spread disease. Families crowd into one room which usually serves as kitchen, bedroom and living area combined.

Since 1984, Habitat for Humanity has worked here with communities. A typical house design involves burnt bricks with a corrugated tin roof, with separate living, sleeping and cooking areas.

Taking part in a Global Village trip to Zambia is a joyful, colourful experience. The warmth of the people and the welcome they give is always memorable!





## Marcelino: A home and a new trade in Mozambique

Marcelino watched his parents and his uncle and aunt die of AIDS. At sixteen, he became the carer for his sister and two young cousins. They could not afford to go to school, and huddled together in their crumbling, insect infested mud hut, whilst the regular rains poured through the wholly inadequate thatch roof. Marcelino couldn't find work and the family was always hungry.

What a different story now! With Habitat for Humanity's help, Marcelino is being apprenticed in construction skills and has built several homes – including his own. Each of the three rooms is bigger than the entire hut they used to live in. He plans to spend his new income on enabling his sister and cousins to go to school.

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## ROMANIA

**(Open Team, 14th August – 21st August 2011, £1,480, or Private Groups)**

Romania joined the EU in 2007, but it will be some years yet before the benefits trickle down to those in greatest need. Some 2.4 million people live in extreme poverty, whilst another 1.2 million struggle to meet their basic daily needs. Most of those in poverty live in rural areas in homes of a quality that defy their survival of the harsh winters. Life in the cities is not much better, where around 10,000 Soviet-era apartment blocks are almost uninhabitable.

Habitat for Humanity works directly with those in need, but also offers housing expertise to other organisations, and pioneering innovative new, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly build techniques. To join a team here is to see Europe as you've probably never seen it before. The consistent feedback that we get from teams is that it is a truly memorable, moving and motivating experience.



## TAJIKISTAN

**(Open Team, 19th May – 30th May 2012, £2,125, or Private Groups)**

Once part of the Persian Empire, Tajikistan is a mountainous country nestled in central Asia between Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan and China. Tajikistan gained its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, yet the transition from communism to independent market economy has been one fraught with difficulty. A civil war in the 1990s destroyed infrastructure and caused high unemployment, and the people are still recovering.

Tajikistan is now the poorest of the former Soviet states. Most of the population lives on less than \$2 a day.

As the country struggles to lift itself out of poverty, the existing housing stock deteriorates because families simply cannot afford the repairs they need to make. Building costs are increasing by as much as 20% a year in some areas, and the availability of housing loans is limited. Decent housing is rapidly becoming inaccessible for most of the population. Access to safe drinking water has also severely decreased due to the rising levels of poverty.

Habitat for Humanity has been working with communities in Tajikistan since 1999, helping families with new builds or completing half-built homes; with house reinforcement and earthquake damage mitigation; winterisation of homes; relocation from landslide risk zones and condominium renovations. In addition to this, Habitat for Humanity has been helping to provide families with bio-sand water filters so that there is increased access to safe drinking water.



## Iosef: From a prison to a sanctuary

During the 1970's, Roma families in Oradea were forcibly rehomed into Soviet apartment blocks, which have not been maintained since. Grey and forbidding with broken windows in warped frames, leaking roofs and damp, crumbling walls, the so-called 'NATO Blocks' could pass as military prisons.

Iosef, wife Hendre and three children used to live here, along with another family – 14 people in total. During the freezing winters, a constant icy draft blew through their flat. There was no central heating and it was damp. Iosef made a woodburning stove from scrap metal. It smoked the flat out and they had to extinguish it at bedtime for fear of suffocation. At night, they could hear mice and rats scratching around the flat. Living in such conditions, the children were often ill.

Iosef tried not to dream of a better home. As a Roma, and having left school early, he struggles to earn a living, and a new home seemed impossible.

But then Iosef and other Roma were invited by Habitat for Humanity to build themselves a new community. Suddenly, unexpectedly, Iosef's dream came true. Now the family have heating, space, even a small garden. The kids are healthy and happy. Iosef says, "When Habitat asked us to choose our house, I chose this one, furthest from the blocks of flats, to be furthest away from the unpleasant memories."

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## CAMBODIA

**(Open Team, 15th January – 26th January 2012, £2,400, or Private Groups)**

Cambodia is a country of various legacies: the kingdom of Khmer and the French rule both left their architectural marks, and the beautiful 12th Century Khmer temple of Angkor Wat is one of the Cambodia's landmarks. But the legacy of Cambodia's more recent past is a human one: the crushing of her people under the extremist rule of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge. Thousands of Cambodians (then Kampuchians) were forced to migrate to rural areas, where over 1 million died from overwork, starvation and disease.

After Pol Pot's demise, there was a massive influx from rural areas back to the cities, leading to urban slums and rural poverty. The influx continues today, and 20% of Phnom Penh's population live in squatter camps. Few people here or in rural areas have access to piped water or decent sanitation. Homes are typically constructed of bamboo or wood with a thatch roof.

Habitat for Humanity aims to help 10,000 low-income families have a safe, decent place to live over the next five years, with projects incorporating land rights, the provision of water, sanitation and services, and income generation training. Come and build alongside local Cambodians and be part of the story of hope.



## INDIA

**(Private Groups only)**

With over 1 billion people, India is the second most populous country in the world. Although the country is developing on the back of industry and IT, many do not experience the benefits: over 500 million people (more than the entire population of the United States) live on less than \$1.25 a day, and 50-60 million units of adequate housing are needed.

Three quarters of the population live in rural areas where poverty is extensive. Access to sanitation and clean water is poor. A typical home is made of mud, thatch, grass or other easily degraded natural materials. In the cities, the poor live in crowded slums that run for miles, or under bridges, by railway tracks or canals.

Habitat for Humanity aims to help 500,000 people in India by 2015 with housing and sanitation solutions, both directly and through partner organisations to whom we offer our expertise. Across India we operate Habitat Resource Centres offering finance, construction and design services, and building materials to local people.

This is a very exciting time to visit India and take part in a Habitat for Humanity build – we are sure that you will have a warm welcome and an amazing time here.



## Chea Marady: Disability no obstacle

Chea Marady has polio, but has never let it hold him back.

He used to make a living scavenging old shoes from the dumpsite of Stoeung Meanchey in Phnom Penh. He would carefully repair them and sell them at market.

But then the dumpsite closed down. Chea, his wife and baby were evicted from the small shack they had built out of bits and pieces found on the dump. Homeless and jobless, the usually resourceful Chea struggled for a solution.

He heard that Habitat for Humanity planned to help

dumpsite residents build new homes in Odong, a temple complex just outside the capital. Chea applied for a home, was accepted, and the way was clear to him. He went to set up a business in Odong a year before building even began, so he would have a steady income by the time he needed to start repaying the cost of his home. Chea's disability will never stop him from standing on his own two feet.

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## NEPAL

**(Open Team, 12th November – 25th November 2011, £2,340, or Private Groups)**

Nepal, one of the poorest countries in the world, depends on agriculture, but severe floods, landslides and earthquakes threaten homes, fields and livestock. High unemployment and poverty, combined with ten years of rebel insurgency, has forced one in ten of the rural population to migrate to Kathmandu and other cities.

Around 430,000 families live in poor housing, typically with straw walls on a bamboo or wood frame, and thatch roofs. They collapse easily and 10,000 families lose their homes to fire every year. Safe water, sanitation and electricity are rare luxuries.

Habitat for Humanity has pioneered a method of building permanent homes using the fast growing and sustainable resource of bamboo. It is strong, environmentally friendly and durable, and can be used for a variety of construction purposes. Our programme also uses 'green' bricks made of sundried clay.

These build methods have also helped to build the local economy, as communities can grow and harvest bamboo and make bricks to earn a living.

## SRI LANKA

**(Open Team, 21st April – 29th April 2012, £1,880, or Private Groups)**

For the tropical island of Sri Lanka, the last decade has been one of great change marked by the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 and the end of 26 years of civil conflict in 2009. It is now a time for rebuilding. The government estimates that there is a shortage of 650,000 homes, excluding those still needed for tsunami-affected families.

The majority of Sri Lanka's population live in rural areas, many of them in makeshift shacks, cobbled together from mud and other discarded materials. Those who have moved to urban areas hardly fare better. The shortage of affordable low-cost housing for low income families has led to the growth of slums so much to the extent that half the population of the capital city live in overcrowded slums without decent sanitation or land rights.

Habitat for Humanity works through Habitat Resource Centres to help low-income families to build cost-effective and environmentally-friendly homes. At the Habitat Resource Centres, homepartners are trained to make their own soil bricks, concrete columns, door and window frames, and in general construction techniques. Many homepartners are provided with solar cookers and assisted with setting up a home garden. Habitat for Humanity has so far served over 12,000 families in Sri Lanka, and invites you to help serve even more!



## Dal: A refuge for his old age

Dal, now aged 80, his wife and children fled rural Nepal in 1980 and arrived in the town of Jhapa with only the clothes they wore. Dal could only get work over the border in India. Over two years, he earned enough to return to Jhapa and build a modest home of wood, tin and mud with an area underneath for livestock. But as the children grew up and married, it became increasingly crowded and, as the untreated timbers began to rot and the roof began to leak, increasingly dangerous and uncomfortable.

Accepted onto a Habitat for Humanity project, Dal's daughter-in-law Deepa (shown in the photo with husband Samson) started a grocery store and saved a

little money each month. Dal's son Samson collected together some construction materials including funding, to be paid back with a low-cost loan.

With the help of local volunteers, the family built a new home with a concrete floor and pillars, a strong corrugated tin roof and a separate barn for the animals. They will be safe, secure and comfortable for many years to come and Dal has a refuge in which to live out his days.

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**1. Choose your trip from the options below:**

OPEN TEAMS May 2011 – June 2012 - for individuals or small groups

Country 2011	Dates	Duration	Registration fee	Donation	Travel costs	Insurance	Total	Extra money (1)
Malawi	2nd July – 14th July	12 days	£300	£400	£1,473	£27	£2,200	N/A
Romania	14th August – 21st August	8 days	£300	£400	£765	£15	£1,480	£40
Kenya (2)	13th August – 25th August	13 days	£300	£400	£1,673	£27	£2,400	£40
South Africa Tutu build (3)	10th September – 18th September	9 days	£300	£750	£1,323	£27	£2,400	£30
Nepal	12th November – 25th November	14 days	£300	£400	£1,613	£27	£2,340	£60
<b>2012</b>								
Cambodia	15th January – 26th January	12 days	£300	£400	£1,671	£29	£2,400	£60
Sri Lanka	21st April – 29th April	9 days	£300	£600	£951	£29	£1,880	N/A
Tajikistan	19th May – 30th May	12 days	£300	£600	£1,196	£29	£2,125	N/A
Ethiopia	23rd June – 5th July	13 days	£300	£600	£1,621	£29	£2,550	N/A

(1) The cash you will need on your trip to pay for any scheduled excursions or local cultural activity.

(2) Kenya: please note prices are based on teams staying in a school hall or church within the community. If our build location means we need to use a lodge or hotel instead, then prices may increase accordingly.

(3) The price quoted above for the Desmond Tutu Building on Faith Week to South Africa includes flights from the UK.

An initial registration fee of £300 is payable when you apply to join the trip. This sum will be used to cover our initial administration costs.

The balance of the total costs comprises the Donation, the Travel Costs and the Insurance sum identified in the

table above. Half of these costs must be paid to us at least 12 weeks before departure and the remaining half at least 8 weeks before the departure date.

Out of each half payment we will pay half the Travel Costs to Key Travel Limited to cover your travel, accommodation and other related costs. We act as agents for Key Travel and we shall issue an ATOL receipt for your Travel Costs payment to confirm that it is protected by Key Travel's ATOL bond (number 3329).

We will retain the Donation identified in the table above (as well as additional donations you make or raise for us) as a donation to the charity.

Donations, the initial registration fee and the Insurance sum are not protected by Key Travel's ATOL bond.



**2. Got lots of questions?**

Please read the FAQs at the back of the brochure and see if your question is answered. If not, please do call us on 01295 264240 or email us at [supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk](mailto:supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk)

**3. Want to book?**

Sign up for an Open Team on [www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk)



and pay your £300 registration fee online.

The registration fee is non-refundable, so it cannot be fundraised and is not eligible for Gift Aid.

We will then send you a Confirmation Pack which contains your Fundraising Toolkit, permission to fundraise and some information about your destination to help you prepare for your trip. You can then fundraise the balance of the trip costs, pay them yourself or combine the two.

# IF YOU WANT TO FORM YOUR OWN PRIVATE GROUP:

## 1. Choose your destination from the options below

PRIVATE GROUP DESTINATION SUMMARY May 2011 – June 2012 - For those wanting to form their own group

Country	Time of year	Approximate costs per person dependent on location
Cambodia	All year except April, Sept and Oct	From £1,995 to £2,920
India	All year	From £1,795 to £2,620
Kenya	January to October	From £2,090 to £2,825
Malawi	April to October	From £1,850 to £2,630
Mozambique	March to October	From £1,995 to £2,795
Nepal	All year except July and August	From £2,195 to £2,860
Romania	March to November	From £1,500 to £2,100
Paraguay	All year except Jan and Feb	Please contact us
Honduras	All year	From £2,050 to £2,700
Zambia	January to November	From £1,995 to £2,850
Sri Lanka	All year	From £1,750 to £2,150
Ethiopia	All year	From £2,150 to £2,510
Tajikistan	March to October	From £1,925 to £2,125
South Africa	All year except Dec, Jan Feb	Please contact us
Egypt	All year except June to September	Please contact us

NB: Special prices are available for schools, youth and student groups. Please contact us for details.

**Team size:** Our average team size is normally 10 to 15 people and our minimum team size is 10 or occasionally 12 depending on location.

**Content:** The approximate costs above are based on standardised content. The lowest cost represents a basic 9 day trip without a Habitat for Humanity Team Leader and the highest cost a 13 day trip with a Habitat for Humanity Team Leader. Please note from January 2012 all teams will be accompanied by an experienced Habitat for Humanity team leader.

**Duration:** Private Group trips are either 9 days (Saturday to following Sunday) or 12/13 days (Saturday to a week Wednesday/Thursday).

**Leadtimes:** We strongly recommend that you allow an absolute minimum of 9 months to plan and fundraise for your trip.

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Please consult the FAQ pages at the back of this brochure. If your question isn't answered there, please contact us.

## 3. What happens next

### Stage 1:

Please contact us to discuss possibilities in more detail.

### Stage 2:

Once the initial framework of your trip has been agreed, we will provide you with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to sign and return. This enables both parties to understand our respective roles and responsibilities.

### Stage 3:

Each of your team members will need to complete their online application form and pay their registration fee.

We will then send each registered team member confirmation their Confirmation Pack which contains the Fundraising Toolkit, permission to fundraise and some information about the destination.

### Stage 4:

You will receive information about your destination to help you to prepare for your trip.

If you can get together at least 10 members of your team around 1-2 months ahead of your trip, we can run an Orientation session at a central location. This will cover logistical and background information. We strongly advise you to do this.



## Money Matters

### Costs

**Costs include:** Flights and accommodation, transfers in the host country, meals, water, the services of an English speaking Habitat for Humanity team leader and some cultural activities during your trip. You also make a payment of £300 as a registration fee and £15 - £30 for insurance, dependent on destination.

**Costs exclude:** Visa and other travel documents, vaccinations, travel to and from UK airport, personal protective equipment (e.g. hard hat, boots etc – allow around £50), arrival or departure tax where required, spending money, and any allowance specified towards excursions.

### Donation

The total sum includes a minimum donation of £400 which increases to £600 from February 2012. However, we would love you to raise more – every penny counts in the fight to help people out of poverty housing!

Bear in mind that the cost of a typical Habitat for Humanity home in the developing world is just £1235. Could you take on the challenge to raise this much donation? You'll be helping a family escape poverty housing for good!

If you raise over the minimum donation of £400 / £600, we will use these funds where there is greatest need.

### Fundraising

Once you have paid your registration fee, you can choose to fundraise the remaining balance. Please ensure that your sponsors understand that they are helping to pay for costs and that it is not just a donation that they are making. You can choose to fundraise for everything except the £300 registration fee – although many people also choose to put their own money towards the trip costs. If you are organising a company team, a company may also put money towards the trip costs.

When we receive your registration fee, we will give you permission to start fundraising and send you:

- Your personal fundraising code
- Confirmation Pack which includes your Fundraising Toolkit, permission to fundraise and some information about your destination to help you prepare for your trip
- A link to set up your fundraising page on our website where you can share information and photos with your sponsors and receive donations

### Fundraising online

If you fundraise through your page on our website, the whole amount (minus Gift Aid) will count towards your

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fundraising total. You could also use JustGiving, but please note that they will deduct around 7.5% from the total by way of fees. These charges will be taken from the Gift Aid where it is claimable but from the gift itself where no Gift Aid can be claimed.

### Gift Aid

We encourage you to ask your sponsors to Gift Aid their donations, but Gift Aid does not count towards the minimum sum required. It is used by Habitat for Humanity to help cover our general costs, as this kind of funding is hard for us to raise, but absolutely vital to our future.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## Frequently asked questions

If your question isn't answered here, please contact our Supporter Services team on 01295 264240 or email [supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk](mailto:supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk)

## General questions

### Why volunteer – why not just send the money?

**To see for yourself:** By volunteering you can experience poverty housing for yourself. It's an opportunity to become a passionate advocate for change in this world.

**To provide practical support:** In many of the places where we work, there are few machines and manual labour is a key element of a build. You will help us to build or renovate homes faster.

**To provide encouragement:** The excitement of your being there and your willingness to give up your time, money and energy will lift the spirits of the local community and give them fresh motivation

**To provide funding:** The donation part of your costs will help more families to have decent homes.

**To understand:** This is your opportunity to be personally and practically involved in international development, through which you'll get a better understanding of the complex issues and impacts of housing poverty.

**To raise awareness of poverty housing:** Raising funds for your trip gives you the perfect excuse to tell others about the issue of poverty housing and get them involved.

**To pass it on:** When you return from volunteering, you'll be able to show photos and videos of your trip to your sponsors to spread the message about poverty housing and what can be done about it.



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## Practicalities and limitations

### Do I need experience of building or DIY?

No – most of the work is manual labour. Our homes and renovations are all designed to be volunteer friendly. You'll be shown what to do and supervised by an experienced local construction worker. All you need to do is arrive ready to get dirty, work up a sweat and have a great time.

### Is there a minimum age?

We usually require people to be between 18 and 80 and of general good health. We can take 16/ 17 year old volunteers if accompanied by a parent or adult acting in loco parentis.

### How fit do I need to be?

You will need to be relatively fit. The pace tends to be relaxed, but you are undertaking manual labour which by its nature is physical. If there are certain activities you cannot do because of a health limitation (e.g. lifting because of a bad back), you can do something else instead. It's about teamwork!

If you have health concerns, seek your doctor's advice. We are unable to accept applications from volunteers who are travelling against the advice of their doctor.

### How many people are on a team?

Generally 10-15 with a maximum of 20. Selected destinations can take larger teams

### Who leads the team?

For Open teams we provide a specially trained Team Leader as part of the cost. Their role is to look after your welfare and sort out any minor hiccups. In the unlikely case of a crisis, they will also implement our Emergency Plan.

**We strongly recommend that Private Groups also use a Habitat for Humanity Team Leader. We would encourage you to consider this option, especially if you are travelling with us for the first time. Alternatively the group organiser and another member of the team can choose to undergo our Team Leader and first aid training and lead their own team. Please note that from January 2012 our policy will change and every team will be accompanied by an experienced Habitat for Humanity Team Leader.**



## About the build

### Sample 9 day itinerary

#### Saturday

Depart UK

#### Sunday

Arrive, transfer to affiliate for welcome briefing and dinner

#### Monday to Thursday

Work on site

#### Friday

Work on site and farewell celebration\*

#### Saturday

Cultural activities and depart destination

#### Sunday

Arrive UK

### Sample 13 day itinerary

#### Saturday

Depart UK

#### Sunday

Arrive, transfer to affiliate for welcome briefing and dinner

#### Monday to Friday

Work on site

#### Saturday and Sunday

Some hosts build on Saturday but all will arrange cultural activities at the weekend

#### Monday and Tuesday

Work on site

#### Wednesday

Work on site, farewell celebration\*

#### Thursday

Return to the UK

### What will the accommodation be like?

You will stay in simple, clean accommodation which can vary from school or church halls to hostels, guesthouses or hotels, depending what is available at the location of your work-site. You will be advised if you will be sleeping on the floor of a school/ church as you will also need to bring sleeping bags and/or mosquito nets.

### What is the food and drink like?

You will eat simple but satisfying local food. Fresh drinking water is provided on site. In the evenings, you will go to selected restaurants or eat at your accommodation.

### Will I get the chance to do any sightseeing?

Our trips are about service, learning and involvement with the work of Habitat for Humanity, rather than hitting the tourist trail. Itineraries may include a little local sightseeing, and/or some local cultural activities involving the community. We are unable to organise any more general sightseeing for you at the end of your trip.



\*Farewell celebration depends on the particular project, and is likely but not guaranteed.

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## Trip Preparation

### What about health and safety/insurance?

Personal travel insurance which also covers your time on the work site is included.

Health and safety in most countries where we work is not up to UK standards. We ensure that sites are as safe as possible for you to work on. We provide safety briefings for you on site, and require that you comply with these, even if the local people do not.

Your team leader is trained in appropriate first aid and will be given information on any pre-existing medical conditions of team members in case of emergency.

We have an established emergency procedure, with a member of Habitat for Humanity staff on standby both in the UK and locally in case of emergency. Habitat for Humanity has full third party liability insurance.

### What about visas and vaccinations?

We will provide a health brief which outlines recommended and optional vaccinations and medication for your destination. However, we require all volunteers to take advice from a medical practitioner before travel as we are not able to provide such advice. We will also provide information on how to obtain your visa if necessary.

### Terms and conditions

To see our terms and conditions go to: [www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/GVterms](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/GVterms)



## If Global Village isn't for you

Our Global Village volunteering programme is just one way in which you can support us. However, if Global Village isn't for you but you want to help people in the developing world to have a safe, decent place to live then go to our website, [www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk) or call 01295 264240.



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