



**Habitat**  
**for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>  
Canada

# OUR History & Story

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**Founded in 1985, Habitat for Humanity Canada is a national, charitable organization working toward a world where everyone has a decent and affordable place to call home. Habitat for Humanity brings communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership.**

Habitat is more than a volunteer organization delivering affordable housing. We build communities and create generational impact for working families living with low incomes. Beyond the Build, we are committed to helping fund local projects around the world as part of our Global Neighbours program.

A photograph of a woman and three children sitting against a white wall. The woman is on the right, wearing a blue and white striped shirt and a blue patterned skirt. She has a serious expression. To her left are three children: a girl in a black top and blue pants, a girl in a light blue striped shirt, and a younger girl in a red and white patterned shirt. The text 'Why our Global Neighbours work matters' is overlaid in large white font on the left side of the image.

# Why our Global Neighbours work matters

- **1.6 billion people**, or **1 in 4**, in need of access to shelter.
- **More than 80%** of the world's population does not have legal documentation of their property rights.
- People living in poor conditions have a higher risk of illness and disability.
- **More than 10 million** people die each year from conditions related to substandard housing.



## **Habitat for Humanity is a global leader.**

Habitat for Humanity Canada is part of a global organization. Working with Habitat for Humanity International and local Habitats in over 70 countries, we are uniquely positioned to address the global housing crisis.



HOUSING NEED EXISTS IN

# Every Community

**Families in need of safe and affordable housing live everywhere: villages, small towns, growing cities and even your community.**

**Housing need presents itself wherever people live and work. It takes many forms and has far-reaching effects.**

**Behind every example of need, every fact or figure about housing and poverty, there are families — families who partner with Habitat for Humanity to build a safe place to live.**

WHAT IS

# Global Neighbours?

Through our Global Neighbours projects, we work in partnership with communities and local Habitats around the world to help people build better, healthier lives by:

- ✓ Building and repairing homes
- ✓ Training in wills writing, homeownership, property rights and safe household management
- ✓ Improving access to safe water
- ✓ Educating communities on hygiene and sanitation
- ✓ Preparing for disaster recovery
- ✓ Skills training and financial literacy

Thanks to the support of local Habitats across Canada and Canadian donors, funds are invested in high-impact projects in priority low-income countries across the Habitat International regions of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia Pacific. This year, your donations are supporting families in Solola, Atitlan, **Guatemala**, Salima and Chikwawa, **Malawi** and Van Lang, **Vietnam**.

A photograph of a woman standing in the rain, holding a large, light-colored umbrella. She is positioned on the right side of the frame, looking towards a traditional thatched-roof hut on the left. The hut has a steeply pitched roof made of dried grass or straw. The ground is wet and muddy. In the foreground, there is a large black pot and some colorful fabrics. The background shows a hazy, mountainous landscape under a grey sky. The text 'How We Help' is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font.

# How We Help

GLOBAL NEIGHBOUR PARTNER: GUATEMALA

# Empowering Families with People with Disabilities in Solola

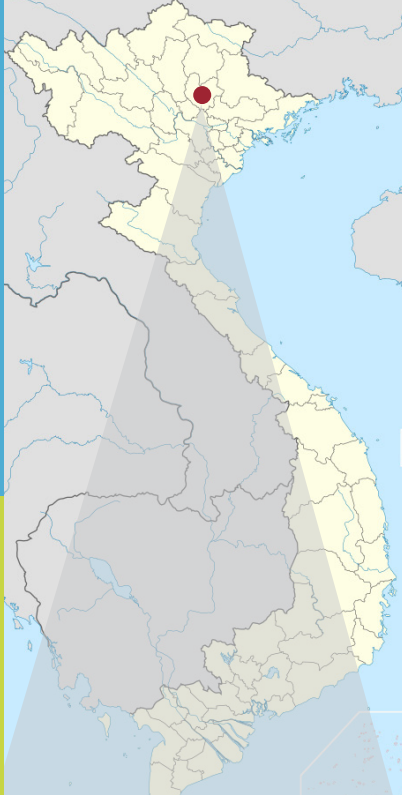
In Guatemala, many families of people with disabilities are living in poverty. Most families that have members living with disabilities do not have access to a safe home, lacking basic amenities like water, electricity, bathrooms or kitchens.

We have partnered with Habitat Guatemala to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and improve community inclusion, growth and sustainability by building accessible and sustainable homes that include space for a commercial business, solar panels, rainwater harvest system, biodigester, smokeless stoves, water and washing stations, family garden and poultry farms.



- Building accessible sustainable productive homes that include space for commercial business adapted for people with disabilities, solar panels, rainwater harvest system, biodigester, smokeless stoves, water and washing stations, family garden and poultry farms.
- Accessible productive homes – same as above without solar panels.
- Retrofitted accessible productive homes.
- Access to health care, nutritional programs, and education integration.
- Capacity building activities and training on livelihood, and advocating for empowerment.





GLOBAL NEIGHBOUR PARTNER: VIETNAM

## Improved living conditions and settlements for ethnic minority people in Vietnam

Trần Thị Hằng, a 57-year old-woman, is the head of the household. She is a farmer who works in the rice and corn fields every day. She has to continue to work in order to support her 32-year-old daughter, Phan Thị Thái, who suffers from epilepsy.

When Phan Thị Thái's husband passed away three years ago, her mother became the primary caregiver for her and her five-year-old son, Hứa Văn Xuân. Hứa Văn Xuân attends kindergarten at a local school.

The family has been living in a temporary house, approximately 30 square meters, since 2015. The house is covered with a bamboo wall, has a temporary cement floor, and a degraded fibro cement (asbestos) roof causing leaks when it rains. The family also does not have access to a toilet and bathroom in this house.

*The whole family has been dreaming of a decent house to live in and through this partnership they will soon be able to lift the walls of their new home.*

### Location:

Văn Lãng  
Đồng Hỷ District  
Thái Nguyên Province  
Vietnam



BUILD THE BEYOND

# Investing in Our Global Program.

## How you can support

- ✓ Consider partnering with Habitat for Humanity Canada through a single or multi-year financial pledge with the confidence that your donation will be used to build the beyond and address the global housing crisis.
- ✓ If you would like to make a monthly or one time gift in support of our international work, please visit [www.habitat.ca/donate-international](http://www.habitat.ca/donate-international)
- ✓ Advocate for access to safe housing, globally.

To learn more about the different ways that you or your organization can support Habitat Canada's commitment to addressing the global housing crisis through our Global Neighbours Alliance Program.

*For more information on our global projects, please visit*