



every family

deserves the opportunity
to build a better life.

The deficit of the Dominican Republic is around 2 million housing units, these includes the qualitative and quantitative deficit . The average annual increase is around 50,000 to 60,000 per year. Habitat Dominican Republic's model is based on two variables: considering its target population and the attention approach towards the families. A combination of approaches has been key to offer products and services to families so they can improve their living conditions and be able to build the stability, strength and self-reliance that they need. We invite you to browse our newsletter and find out the innovative ways Habitat Dominican Republic empowers families through shelter. Your contribution is key to work with these families living in the above conditions. Thank you for supporting our National Office!



Words from our National Director

As our fiscal year 2018 ends, we are looking ahead to a year where we remind ourselves- we can have more impact with shelter and empower more families. Once again, I want to thank you for joining us on this initiative to build strength and stability for Dominican Families, by contributing with your donation to our programs an projects. Please browse this newsletter so you can learn more about our work. Volunteer with us and encourage others like affiliates in your state, your SSO, board, etc. so they can join us too. **Cesarina Fabián.**

we build strength, stability and self –reliance through shelter

3rd Housing LAC Forum



Habitat Dominican Republic was the host for the 3rd Housing Forum for Latin America and The Caribbean: Housing at the Center of the New Urban Agenda. An event organized by Habitat for Humanity International through its Area Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.

During this Forum more than 700 participants from Latin-American and the Caribbean joined for a 3-day event identifying progress in the sector towards the implementation of the new agenda, while demonstrating through practices, approaches and policies, how housing interventions can be integrated into a more holistic view of Habitat, thereby fostering inclusion, resilience and sustainability in settlements and the city.



This time, Habitat for Humanity, in conjunction with Cities Alliance, UN-Habitat and other UHPH partners, and with the special collaboration of the government of the Dominican Republic join in this regional space for exchange and discussion to share lessons learned, trends and challenges in housing and urban habitat, in the region. Our CEO, Jonathan Reckford, gave welcome to all the participants.

Tithe Impact 2018

Thanks to affiliates, volunteers, individual donors and local leveraged donations that supported Habitat Dominican Republic program, makes it a very good year. Thanks to the donations, Habitat Dominican Republic was able to leverage donations from local donors and government to be able to have an impact on more than 5,000 families.

Around 88 Families in different areas of Santo Domingo, San Cristobal, Haina and Los Alcarrizos became new homeowners under the "Building Step by Step" Project. Families get a chance to build their homes progressively with the assistance of Habitat engineers who helped them design their future home step by step, with an up to date budget.

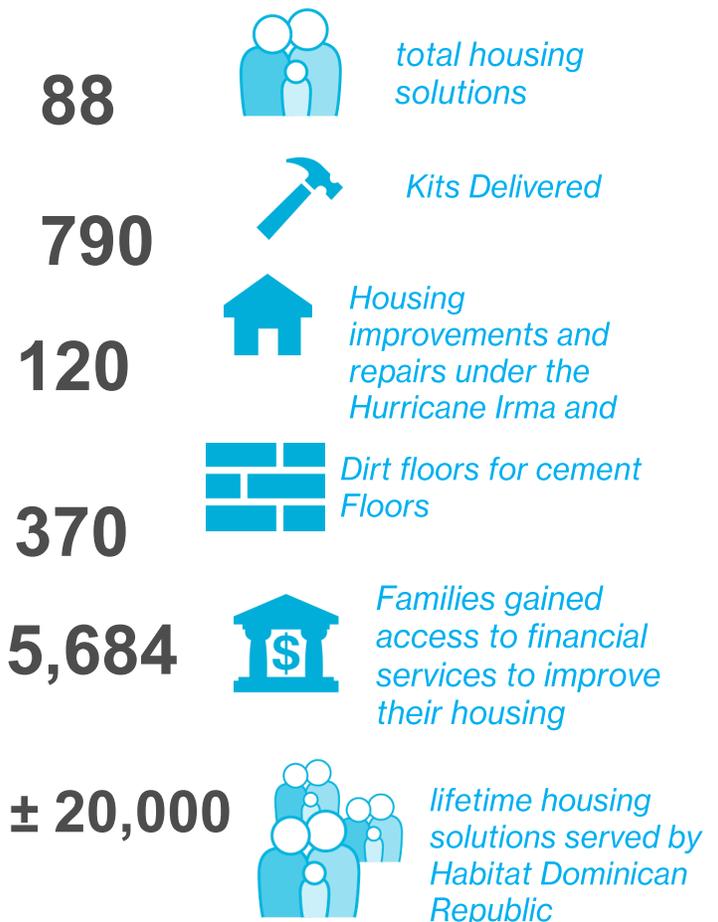
790 kits were delivered in alliance with Habitat International, Shelter Box and affiliates who donated so this in-kind donation could be received by families living in vulnerable conditions.

120 homes are underway with critical repair need after Hurricane Irma and Maria.

370 families changed their dirt floors for cement floors with funds from the National Government

All of this made us have an impact on the housing sector with alliance with other Microfinance Institutions serving indirectly around 5,684 families.

Thanks to affiliates, volunteers, individuals and local donations, Habitat DR has a total of more than 20,000 lifetime housing solutions to date.



THANK YOU!

We are your Global Neighbours

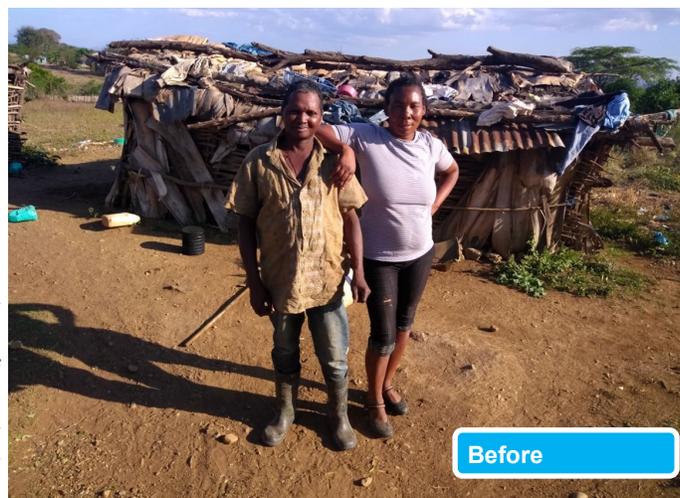
Together with Habitat Canada under the Global Neighbours Partnership around three (3) families became new homeowners under the “Building it Together for Families in San Juan Project” with complete prefabricated homes made of concrete slabs with tin roofs. Volunteers from Habitat Canada led by HFH Edmonton, Dana Fernell and many more joined hands and hearts to build alongside Dominican Families.

Meet Tomas and Deisi

A large family with seven children who are: Maribel (21 years); Carmen (20 years); Alexis (17 years), Margarita (14 years), Senaida (10 years), Marieli (9 years) and Deilin (7). Additionally, they also live with one of their grandchildren. Her eldest daughter has a mental disability.

This family has a daily income of about five dollars of farming activities. However, with this type of income this family was not able to obtain a credit to build a decent home. Despite their living conditions, Diego and Deisi's children do very good at school. One day the teacher became aware that they did not attend school. When the teacher asked about the reason for the absence, she was informed that their uniforms were wet. This teacher decided to visit their home and she realized the family lived in a house in very vulnerable conditions. The house was made of twigs and any type of material that they could find. It only had one room for all the family with no sanitary facilities. The teachers of this local community of Hato del Padre in San Juan de la Maguana came together to raise funds to obtain a land for the family. After that, they approached the local priest of the community to learn if they can apply to the HABITAT/FUNDASEP program.

The local priest canalized the petition to our local partner FUNDASEP so this family can apply to the program with Habitat Canada. This family now is the new homeowner of a prefabricated home and are safe under the storm. The *Global Neighbours Alliance* (GNA) was launched in 2014 as part of the Tithe donation via HFH Canada. Habitat DR is happy to be a new Latin America and Caribbean partner.



Before



After



Your financial support, your time and your voice will help bring independence to families in need of a decent place to live

Volunteer with us!



For 2019, Habitat Dominican Republic is not only building in the southern part of the country but also new slots are being opened in the capital of Santo Domingo and in the northern part of the island. Does your affiliate want to organize a Global Village trip and see how your tithe is contributing to Habitat's mission globally? Global Village Trips teams volunteers to build affordable shelter in partnership with families through



our Global Village Program. Join Habitat Dominican Republic for a 9 day trip to the southern/northern part of the country to build hand in hand for Dominican families with complete homes or housing improvements. Or you can also join us for a *shorter day trip* to build housing improvements in the nearby slums of Santo Domingo capital. Additionally both experiences are rich with activities to also learn about the Dominican culture. Please write to us soon so we can start planning!



AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

We are already planning for groups for the year 2019. Please contact our Global Village Specialist or write to us at ddrr@habitatdominicana.org. Slots book fast so please write to us as soon so you can have a life changing experience. We would love to build alongside your affiliates and volunteers.

Lend a helping hand to those in need of decent and simple shelter. With these trips you can also learn about the global need for cross-cultural understanding and simple, decent, affordable housing. Learn about the paradigm in the discovery of affordable housing that addresses the magnitude of the problem and the availability of resources. Then you can return home and become an advocate for Habitat DR programs and habitat's mission around the world while you learn about another culture.



Thank You!



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