



## Country profile

# Malawi

### The housing need in Malawi

Habitat for Humanity Malawi (HFHM) was established in Malawi in 1986. Malawi has about 4.8 million housing units of which 58.9% are sub-standards homes. These houses are characterized by mud walls and grass thatched roofs and the families in these housing units live with little hope of ever being able to afford a decent house. To meet the current housing demand, approximately 21,000 new units must be constructed for the next 10 years.

Anchored by the conviction that safe and affordable housing provides a path out of poverty, HFHM has helped over 41,000 families to access decent housing. Through Vulnerable Group Housing (VGH); Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); Disaster Risk Reduction and Response (DRRR); and Informal Vocation Training programs, HFHM help families and communities enjoy the dignity and hope the house brings to the family and children. HFHM also advocates for security of land tenure and housing policies.



### COUNTRY FACTS:

**Capital city** -- Lilongwe  
**Population** -- 17.5 million  
**Life expectancy** -- 64.31 years  
**Unemployment rate** -- 18.5%  
**Below poverty line** -- 51.5%

### HABITAT FACTS:

- Habitat started in Malawi in 1986.
- **Individuals served in FY2019** – **10,117**
  - Through new construction – 152
  - Through incremental building -- 6,464
  - Through market development – 0
  - Community Structures 1
  - WASH 3,500
- **Volunteers hosted in FY2019** – 666

# How Habitat addresses the need

## **Vulnerable Group Housing (VGH);**

Through VGH programs, HFHM provides fully subsidized houses and sanitation facilities to orphans and other vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities in rural communities. The program also provides complementary services to the targeted households services such as malaria, HIV and property and inheritance rights trainings.

## **Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

The program seek to improve the sanitation status and wellbeing of slum dwellers and rural communities. Key program interventions include construction of sustainable and user friendly WASH facilities, hygiene and sanitation campaigns for communities and capacity building of WASH management structures.

## **Disaster Risk Reduction and Response (DRRR)**

HFHM works disaster affected communities to prepare, respond and adapt and adapt to disaster and empowering local communities on how they can Build Back Better and Safer. This this program, HFHM provide disaster resilient houses to the affected families and equips the local masons with knowledge and skills on how they can build houses that can withstand the disasters.

## **Informal Vocational Skills Training**

The program is aimed at contributing to increased inclusive access to equitable, sustainable, informal and formal technical entrepreneurial and vocational education training. Under this program, HFHM is providing six months informal training to disadvantaged youths in brick laying and making; and carpentry and joinery.

## **Advocacy**

HFHM advocates for increasing access to land and housing, and promotes policies and systems that increase access to decent housing for vulnerable and low-income groups in Malawi.

## What you can do

### **DONATE**

To donate directly HFHM, please contact us to learn more.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Join one of the scheduled Global Village trips to Malawi or lead your own.

### **TITHE**

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