

Tropical Cyclone Seroja struck  
Indonesia in April 2021.



# Tithe for International Disasters Fund FY2021

Natural disasters, war and civil unrest displace millions of people around the world from their homes every year. The ability to fill a person's most basic needs — health, water, shelter, sanitation, livelihoods and safety — becomes both more difficult and more critical in an emergency. Supported by tithe funds from U.S. Habitat for Humanity affiliates, the International Disasters Fund helps Habitat organizations

abroad respond to disasters as they occur. Funding also may be used for responses to protracted humanitarian emergencies.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can support the International Disasters Fund, please visit the tithe homepage on MyHabitat — [hfhi.sharepoint.com/sites/tithe](https://hfhi.sharepoint.com/sites/tithe) — or contact us directly at [tithe@habitat.org](mailto:tithe@habitat.org).

# Fiscal year 2021 International Disasters Fund distribution

In fiscal year 2021, 144 U.S. Habitat organizations tithed \$366,240 to the International Disasters Fund. This fund is designed to maintain a balance so that Habitat can respond quickly to disasters as they occur. In the past year, portions of affiliate tithes to this fund were distributed as follows:



## **\$100,000 TO TROPICAL CYCLONE SEROJA RESPONSE IN INDONESIA**

Tropical Cyclone Seroja struck Indonesia in April 2021, causing a series of disasters, including flash floods and landslides that killed or injured hundreds. More than 50,000 Indonesians were displaced, and more than 16,000 homes were significantly damaged. Habitat Indonesia partnered with local government and community leaders to conduct immediate response work, supporting 1,786 families with transitional shelter construction and 36 other families with technical assistance in Lembata district.



## **\$150,000 TO RESPOND TO HURRICANES ETA AND IOTA IN NICARAGUA, GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS**

In 2020, hurricanes Eta, a Category 4 storm, and Iota, a Category 5 storm, hit Nicaragua before weakening and heading into Honduras and Guatemala, causing significant damage to homes and infrastructure. Habitat Nicaragua has distributed 1,947 water and sanitation kits containing hygiene items, water filters and masks, and also 716 home repair kits to support families in their rebuilding efforts. Habitat Guatemala partnered with World Vision to support 48 families with a range of interventions, from new concrete flooring to new roofing. Habitat Honduras delivered 3,289 clean water backpacks and 3,208 emergency shelter kits in more than 110 communities.



## **\$50,000 TO TYPHOON NOUL RESPONSE IN VIETNAM**

Typhoon Noul struck central Vietnam in September 2020, damaging more than 20,000 houses. Habitat Vietnam provided 70 families with emergency shelter repair kits, which included corrugated iron sheeting, wire, pliers and more. Habitat Vietnam also provided 600 low-income households with hygiene kits, including hand soap and masks, to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and 100 community members received technical assistance in disaster-resilient construction.

## **\$100,000 TO ROHINGYA REFUGEE RESPONSE IN BANGLADESH**

After enduring decades of systematic discrimination, statelessness and targeted violence in Myanmar, most Rohingya women, men and children have been forced to flee the country and seek shelter in Bangladesh. Habitat Bangladesh is partnering with the government and other international NGOs to pilot a program in Cox's Bazar, the largest Rohingya refugee camp. Habitat Bangladesh is providing shelter materials for 100 families, along with water, sanitation and hygiene interventions to provide clean water and sanitation for thousands. This work is also supported by a special tithe of \$30,000 from one U.S. Habitat organization.



285 Peachtree Center Ave. NE, Suite 2700, Atlanta, GA 30303-1220 USA  
322 W. Lamar St., Americus, GA 31709-3543 USA  
(800) 422-4828 fax (229) 928-8811 [publicinfo@habitat.org](mailto:publicinfo@habitat.org) [habitat.org](http://habitat.org)