

## Dominican Republic

### Importance of tithe

One hundred percent of affiliate tithe is transferred to Habitat national organizations to support the mission of serving families in need of shelter. This tithe revenue is generally unrestricted once it arrives in the country, giving national organizations the flexibility to use the funds as needed. Tithe donations are often the most significant — and sometimes the only — source of unrestricted funding for national organizations because most other donors fund specific projects. As U.S. affiliates know, unrestricted funding is difficult to raise but critical for supporting day-to-day operations.

Tithes from U.S. affiliates also often provide the seed funding for pilot projects that have transformational impacts on families and communities — innovative projects that have few or no other sources of initial financial support. And tithe is often used to match funds for grants and to build the staff capacity of the organization.

Please consider multiplying the impact of Habitat for Humanity Dominican Republic by increasing your tithe. Below are examples of the work that could be done by Habitat Dominican Republic with your increased support.

### CURRENT PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

#### Floors to play on

Around 55,000 families in the Dominican Republic do not have adequate floors, which hinders their sanitation and health situation. This vulnerability increases the probability of parasitic infection, anemia and diarrhea. Habitat Dominican Republic is partnering with corporations, nongovernmental organizations, governments and individuals to leverage funds to reach 10,000 families in five years by upgrading dirt floors to concrete floors, which is part of a larger regional goal of reaching 100,000 families. Additionally, the project is generating local manual labor to activate the local economy. Community-based organizations participate in the family selection process and capacity building activities on healthy homes, better constructions skills and emergency preparedness.

The estimated budget for one year of the project is **\$1.2 million**. Each floor and community development activity has a cost of about \$1,200 per floor.

#### Decent housing

Habitat Dominican Republic will support families that live in very vulnerable conditions with complete homes made of traditional materials and innovative materials like recycled plastic. These interventions provide security, sanitation, and a decent place to live. The project hopes to link with the circular economy of reducing and recycling materials by partnering with green initiatives and corporations locally.

Habitat Dominican Republic seeks **\$175,000** to serve families.

# Fiscal year 2024 requested tithe – \$800,000.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FY2023 actual budget: \$1.7 million

FY2024 projected budget: \$3 million

## FAMILIES SERVED FY2023

New houses: 10

Improved houses: 429

Progressive housing: 88

Capacity building: 416



## Habitat DR tithe history

FY2021 \$ 357,899

FY2022 \$ 488,584

FY2023 \$ 753,934

### Habitat Dominican Republic's commitment to tithe partners

Habitat DR will share its:

- Impact stories
- Social media updates
- Audiovisual resources
- Thank-you notes
- Availability for meetings with board
- Thank you in annual report
- Website articles in English
- Report on Tithe Impact

**Average cost of floors to play on:**  
\$1,200

**Complete house made of recycled materials:** \$25,000

**Hygienic latrine:** \$600

**Habitat Dominican Republic invites you to be a part of this work!**

