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Habitat for Humanity Dominican Republic

Context of Housing in the Dominican Republic

In the Dominican Republic, the housing deficit is more than 2.199.377 housing units of which 60.6% has a qualitative deficit (PNUD, 2010). This means that the number of **inadequate housing** is more than the number of families without the homes. These figures increase annually by 50.000 to 60.000 new housing units. To that you have to add the vulnerabilities that we have to face yearly due to our geographical location which makes us prone to **hurricane and tropical storms**.

FACTS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

- Habitat **started its program in the** Dominican Republic in 1986
- 40,328 **housing solutions** reached to date
- 201,640 **people served** to date
- 50,000 hours donated by **national volunteers and international**
- US\$7,000,000 mobilized to the **housing market in 2023**
- 1,800 families have received **Technical Construction Assistance**
- 2 rehabilitation of **shelters** at a national level
- 32,000 families have received access to **housing microfinance**
- 2,200 families receive **capacity building** in housing support services

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Project Portfolio

HOUSING MICROFINANCE FOR DOMINICAN FAMILIES

Facilitate access to housing microfinance for more than 37,000 low income families up to date. Currently we are reaching around an average of 3,000 families per year in partnership with microfinance institution partners.

BUILDING HOPE STEP BY STEP

Reduce vulnerabilities to more than 2,600 low income families in Haina, Los Alcarrizos, San Cristóbal, Santiago, El Seibo and adjacent areas with housing repairs and improvements with a focus on access to microcredit for families within 3-5 income salary range and subsidy for families on the base of the pyramid. The project includes focus on community participation, housing support services and local volunteering. With the support from the National Government, private donors and individuals we have been able to change more than 2,500 dirt floors for cement floors within this initiative.

DECENT COMPLETE HOUSING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Provide around 20 complete homes yearly to low income in different parts of the country. The National Program has innovated in new technologies with recycling plastic, prefabs and others and help on environment issues.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND PREPARTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

To reduce vulnerabilities in communities affected through the recuperation of disaster by intervene on building housing, water sanitation and hygiene needs. In the past, Habitat DR has provided 800 house repair kits, 566 capacity building for families, 318 housing solutions between repairs and new housing. Another 850 hygiene kits where delivered in vulnerable communities to mitigate COVID-19 effects. More than 200 families were intervened on the recent hurricane Fiona effect on the eastern part of the country.

Habitat New York City and Westchester supports dominicans

- With a partnership of more than 20 years, Habitat New York City and Westchester supports transversally all programs at the community level in the country
- Donation contributed by HFHNYC leverages funds for projects and opens opportunities for more funding
- Helps support and build capacity for the National program in the Dominican Republic
- More than US\$200,000 donated to the Habitat DR program

