



Tithe for International Disasters Fund **FY2024**



Habitat for Humanity Nepal distributed winterization kits, including sleeping pads and blankets, to help people improve their living conditions after a magnitude-6.4 earthquake struck western Nepal in November 2023. Emergency shelter kits and shelter repair kits also were distributed.

Disasters, war and civil unrest displace millions of people around the world from their homes every year. A person's most basic needs – health, water, food, shelter, sanitation, livelihoods and safety – become both more difficult and more critical to fulfill in an emergency. Supported by tithe funds from U.S. Habitat for Humanity affiliates, the International Disasters Fund helps Habitat organizations abroad prepare for and respond to disasters and the subsequent shelter needs 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](#) or contact us directly at tithe@habitat.org.

Fiscal year 2024 International Disasters Fund distribution

In fiscal year 2024, 139 U.S. Habitat organizations tithed \$650,832 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 were distributed as follows:

\$100,000 for flood response in Brazil

In May 2024, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, experienced major flooding – the worst the area had seen in 80 years. An estimated 200,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, displacing nearly 600,000 people. Habitat immediately responded by collaborating with local partners to distribute 300 shelter support kits, which had been pre-positioned thanks to \$55,000 in U.S. affiliate tithe funds from FY2023. After the floodwaters receded, damage assessments were conducted, and Habitat Brazil began to help the most vulnerable families repair their houses. This \$100,000 in tithe support is being leveraged for other funds that will exceed \$1 million to help families in the area recover and rebuild.

\$75,000 for flood and landslide response in Tanzania

Heavy El Niño rains accompanied by strong winds and flooding triggered landslides in the Hanang district of the Manyara region of Tanzania in March 2024. An estimated 100,000 homes were damaged, and more than 150 people died. Through this tithe support, Habitat Tanzania is constructing eight new demonstration homes and training 21 locals as masons. Habitat Tanzania is also conducting community awareness activities on safe shelter construction that will support 1,000 people.

\$100,000 for wildfire response in Chile

In February 2024, a series of wildfires broke out in Chile. More than 100 people were killed in the Valparaiso region, and the entire area was under a state of emergency, with an estimated 6,000 houses affected. With immediate support from the International Disasters Fund, Habitat Chile distributed 500 shelter kits to help families rebuild their homes, along with five kits with larger tools to be shared within the community.

\$100,000 for Jajarkot earthquake response in Nepal

A magnitude-6.4 earthquake hit Jajarkot, Nepal, in November 2023, damaging more than 70,000 homes. Habitat collaborated with local authorities to quickly distribute shelter kits, which were pre-positioned thanks to FY2023 tithe fund support. Within eight days, these kits were assisting 812 families affected by the earthquake – an incredible response time. Additional funds of \$100,000 replenished Habitat Nepal's kit supply, ensuring readiness for future disasters, and enabled leveraging of additional resources. In collaboration with various governments and private-sector partners, Habitat Nepal constructed 130 transitional shelters and 100 sanitation facilities and water supply systems.

\$100,000 for Hurricane Otis response in Mexico

Hurricane Otis, a Category 5 storm, struck southwest Mexico in October 2023, causing an estimated \$12 billion in damage. It was the costliest tropical cyclone in Mexico's history. Over 250,000 homes were affected, with more than 51,000 destroyed and 80,000 seriously damaged. Habitat is working in the Acapulco and San Marcos areas to help families and communities recover. With this tithe support, Habitat Mexico is helping 22 families rebuild their roofs, with a goal of helping 300 families in total. This support also has allowed Habitat Mexico to leverage nearly \$4 million in additional funding to date.

\$140,000 to fund disaster readiness and resilience in India and Honduras

Habitat national organizations that are in disaster-prone areas and have a disaster risk reduction and response program in place as a priority were eligible for tithe-funded grants. These grants are meant to improve the humanitarian response capacity for disaster preparedness and response by supporting Habitat organizations' skills, knowledge and resources for 12 months.



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