

Habitat for Humanity



Project	Global Village – building new homes - Chatata
Location	Malawi
Dates	Monday 8th July – Sunday 14 th July 2024
Group size	12

Aim and Context of the Project

Habitat for Humanity believes that by connecting communities from around the world, we move closer to a world where everyone has a decent place to call home. To achieve this goal and vision, Habitat for Humanity has been operating a well-established volunteer programme called 'Global Village' which spans 40 countries. Through the Global Village programme, volunteers transform lives and communities by building and renovating homes overseas. The COVID-19 pandemic led Habitat for Humanity to suspend the Global Village programme. During this time, they reflected on the role of volunteering, and how local engagement, volunteering, and capacity could be harnessed to add value to Global Village as well as the wider volunteer programme of Habitat for Humanity.

The more than 1 billion people around the world living in informal settlements, such as slums or favelas, are not treated as equals — their homes often lack basic services, land tenure security. Home Equals is Habitat's global advocacy campaign, which aims to create lasting change so that people living in informal settlements have safe and secure homes. This project is part of the Home Equals programme and, will contribute to global impact goals.

Project Details

Responsibilities/Activities: Chatata is one such informal settlement. Over 6,000 residents there live in deplorable conditions, with inadequate access to basic urban services and infrastructure, and at frequent risk of eviction, with no legal rights over the land on which they live. Habitat Malawi are working with local authorities to transform the area into a formal residential area, with better infrastructure like improved road access, water and electricity supplies. As well as these infrastructure improvements, this project will build new homes for the most vulnerable families. Volunteers can get directly involved, working alongside our construction teams and local volunteers to speed up the build process, completing tasks such as digging, mixing mortar, building walls, laying blocks, painting walls, and moving materials. You will also get see the new homes come to life.

Accommodation - Accommodation in a local hotel with shared rooms with JOA volunteers.