

VIETNAM



Why we build: Habitat for Humanity Vietnam (Habitat Vietnam) addresses housing issues for low-income families in disaster-prone areas by providing permanent housing, renovated houses, and houses with water and sanitation facilities after disasters through a housing micro-finance system.

Project description: Volunteers assist families in building new homes of concrete block. Typical volunteer tasks could include mixing mortar and concrete, sifting sand, laying bricks, tying rebar or moving construction materials.

Highlights: Every year, with Global Village volunteers' support, more than 50 families will be able to access a decent house and have a fresh start in their life!





Dong Thap

What to expect: Teams arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and are taken to a local hotel for the night. The next morning, teams travel to the project location in Dong Thap and begin construction activities.

Dong Thap Province is the third highest rice producer in Vietnam, but almost a quarter of the population is poor or nearly poor according to the national poverty line. Most houses in Dong Thap Province have temporary stilt raised frames made of local construction materials such as cajuput and nipa trees, and are located along the riverbank. Due to the annual floods and poor construction, many of these houses are damaged and require continual maintenance. Many people cannot afford to renovate or repair their current houses and need to move to safer communities.



Quang Nam

What to expect: Volunteers arrive at Da Nang International Airport and are taken to a local hotel for the night. The following day, teams travel by bus to the project location in Quang Nam and begin construction activities. Cultural opportunities throughout the week are arranged by the team leader.

Many families in Quang Nam live in homes built using temporary construction materials such as straw or thatch for roofing and bamboo for walls that are damaged or destroyed by annual flooding.



Hoa Binh

What to expect: Volunteers arrive at Noi Bai International Airport and travel to transit hotel and are greeted by Habitat staff. On day two, teams will travel 3 hrs by bus to Hoa Binh and have a welcome and orientation. Each workday teams will travel to build sites about 1 hour away. Lunch will be on site. Teams will return to hotel to clean up, have dinner as a team, and have a team meeting with reflection time. On the last build day there will be a build celebration and farewell dinner. Team returns to transit hotel on Saturday and flies home on Sunday.

Hoa Binh province is located in the Northern Upland of Viet Nam and is home to a great diversity of ethnic minority peoples. The area is frequently affected by typhoon, landslides, and flooding. As well, there is insecurity related to housing, water, and sanitation in both the household and community levels.