

## **NEPAL**

Why we build: Like many other places in the world, decent shelter is a symbol of social dignity. Most residents of East Nepal live in shoddy thatched homes. Some people's access to other essential services, like education, health care, water supply, and social mobility, have been hampered by a lack of adequate housing. Helping families improve their housing conditions gives them a social boost and enables them to move forward in improving their lives.

**Project description:** Bamboo is a locally accessible, affordable, and sustainable building material that Habitat Nepal advocates for in the East. Volunteers may be asked to mix mortar, move bricks, prepare bamboo columns and beams, weave bamboo walls, apply mud mortar to walls, and paint.

What to expect: The volunteers fly into Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu and spend the night there. Teams will arrive at the project site the following day and stay there for a week Nepal is a culturally diverse nation, home to numerous ethnic and tribal groups that each have their own distinctive traditions. Working with

partner families will provide volunteers with culturally rewarding opportunities. Volunteers may participate in religious celebrations and travel to nearby tea gardens and temples on their own free time.

