

# POLAND



**Why we renovate:** Overcrowded and damp housing without proper sanitation is still the reality for far too many of Poland's low-income working families. These families are often forgotten behind the walls of aging Soviet-style apartment buildings. Research indicates that nearly one in four apartments in Poland should be condemned. With a severe affordable housing shortage, low-income families often have no choice but to live in substandard housing that threatens their health and safety.

**Project description:** Volunteers help renovate a flat, either for a family or an empty space, which will be rented at low prices to a family in need – Polish or Ukrainian.

**Highlights:** Poland is a developed country and provides an international experience. Volunteers will have some of the comforts of home while helping to address poverty housing.



## **Warsaw**

**What to expect:** Volunteers arrive in Warsaw and are transported to the hotel (approx. 30 minute ride). Teams travel 15-45 minutes to the worksite each day. During the volunteer week, they will have 1 social exchange day, which will consist of a workshop e.g., with the Advocacy Department or a manual workshop in the ReStore or cooking together the traditional cuisine of the people/families we serve.

Typical volunteer tasks could include finishing work (painting walls and ceilings, plastering, drywall, sanding), putting in doors/windows, replacing and laying floors/panels, removing terracotta tiles, insulating walls and ceilings, demolition or landscaping the grounds/ garden.



## **Silesian Region**

**What to expect:** Volunteers arrive in Katowice or Kraków and are taken by bus 1.5 hours to their hotel. Teams travel up to 30 minutes to the worksite each day. During the volunteer week, they will have 1 social exchange day, which will consist of a workshop e.g., with the Advocacy Department or cooking together the traditional cuisine of the people/families we serve.

Tasks for volunteers include finishing works such as painting walls, laying floors or assembling furniture.