

Indonesia

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INDONESIA is the world's largest archipelago with 13,000 islands stretching over hundreds of kilometers along and around the Equator.

In spite of its size, housing is a constant challenge as Indonesia is home to more than 230 million people, making it the fourth most populous nation in the world. Population densities, especially on the main island of Java, are as high as 12,635 per sq. km. Land shortages, plus high land prices and construction costs and hard-to-access credit for housing, particularly in urban areas, are major reasons for the amount of sub-standard housing: nearly one quarter of the population lives below the poverty level. Often land accounts for up to half the total cost of a house.

The December 2004 earthquake in Banda Aceh triggered a tsunami that rendered many thousands of people homeless.

HFH Indonesia built its first houses in 1997 in Yogyakarta, a city in the eastern part of Java, and operates in both rural and urban areas throughout the country.

HFH Indonesia uses "Building in Stages" and "Save & Build" concepts. The former enables homeowners to start with building a basic "core" house based on their financial means. The core first stage home normally measures 12 sq. m. "Save & Build" enables homeowners to have their own more quickly as they benefit from the combined financial of their savings group. It also establishes a saving culture in the community. The average monthly repayment for both types is approximately US\$20.00.

Houses use cement slab foundations and are made from concrete blocks and plywood with wood frames and clay tiles for roofs. It takes between 14 and 30 days to build a house.

There are six affiliates in Indonesia: Jakarta, Bandung, Yogyakarta, Surabaya, Manado and Batam. New affiliates are being formed in Medan, Makassar, Bali and Kupang. HFH Indonesia's tsunami disaster response is centered on Banda Aceh.

Habitat Highlights

- Partnerships with Opportunity International, Operation Blessing, Mission Aviation Fellowships, Mercy Corps and other NGOs create more impact of tsunami disaster response efforts.
- In spring 2004, JW Marriott Jakarta hotel and other concerned stakeholders launched the "1,000 House Campaign" with a target completion date of December 2006.
- JW Marriott Jakarta helped raise funds to build 100 houses. More than 150 hotel employees volunteered during the construction of the houses.
- Sukakarya Project renovated 50 homes damaged by flooding in 2002 through a disaster response project.
- "Join The Boss" program are corporate-sponsored weekends where employees and families volunteer to work on houses.
- "Building On Faith" events bring Muslim and Christians together to build homes.

COUNTRY FACTS

Area: 1,919,440 sq. km.
Population: 234,893,430
Capital: Jakarta
Ethnic groups: Javanese 45%, Sundanese 14%, Madurese 7.5%, coastal Malays 7.5%, others 26%
Languages: Bahasa Indonesia, Dutch, English, and more than 583 languages and dialects
Religions: Islam, 88% Christian, 9% Hindu, 2%, other 1%

HABITAT FACTS

Families Helped
378
Cost Of One House*
US\$2,090
As of April 2005

* international sponsorship cost



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