

Habitat International helps Haiti and now Chile

Using its past experience with international disasters and the most current information, Habitat is planning a multi-phrase strategy of response to help rectify the horrific situation in Haiti.



Habitat has designed Emergency Shelter Kits to help families make immediate repairs and construct emergency shelter which are being distributed to them by Habitat employees and partners. Habitat has been operating in Haiti for over 26 years, but the Habitat Haiti office building was destroyed in the earthquake so it is vital to assist Habitat Haiti in restoring its capacity to fully participate in the recovery efforts.

Habitat will assist in the removal of debris and salvaging of materials that can be recycled into new shelter along with assisting in the repairs of damaged homes. Destroyed homes will be replaced by transitional shelters with improvements being made over time and turning them into permanent homes. As well, rebuilding with improved construction quality will reduce risks in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding areas. This will be ensured as Habitat Resource centres will identify gaps in the local supply of housing materials, designs, finance and services that support local livelihoods.

Habitat's response in Chile

While the assessments are just beginning, we know that this devastating earthquake will leave many low-income families homeless.

Habitat will respond to this earthquake and help low-income families by building new homes and repairing existing homes.

Our ability to respond effectively to this disaster will require support from donors, volunteers, churches, corporate partners and other community organizations.