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FACT SHEET

- Number of active affiliates: 2 (Dushanbe & Khujand)
- Years started: 1999
- Number of homes built: 205 *
- Average house cost in Tajikistan: USD 4864
- Population: 6 863 752 (July 2003 est.)
- Capital: Dushanbe
- Area: 143 100 km²
- Languages: Tajik, Russian

* as end of February 2007

Developing Partnership to serve more families

While the official literacy rate in Tajikistan is 98%, the poor quality of education since the collapse of Soviet Union in 1991 has severely effected skills development for successive generations. Khujand State University (KSU) is one of



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the biggest universities in Tajikistan, with more than 12 000 students studying in 15 faculties. Yet even it is still suffering from the severe "brain drain" – the loss of the qualified professors and teaching staff seeking opportunities outside Tajikistan. Over the last 14 years, due to low salaries and inadequate housing, nearly 400 staff have left the university.

The University administration acknowledged the desperate need for decent homes and better living conditions for teaching staff and has established and implemented a partnership initiative with Habitat for Humanity Tajikistan to renovate part-completed nine-story apartment

building into decent, affordable homes for 52 university staff.

Through this partnership, Habitat for Humanity hopes to stem the tide of professor migration, and thereby increase educational opportunities for thousands more students over the coming decades. Directly 52 faculty members and their families, or 270 people, have benefited from this partnership. Approximately 12,000 students at KSU will benefit from the transfer of knowledge and experience provided by university staff.

The project has gained wide publicity in official levels, too. The President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmonov, Sughd Region Chairman and Khujand city mayor participated in dedication ceremony and handled keys to happy beneficiary families. Also it



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worth to mention that this successful partnership has encouraged other Universities in the region to follow KSU example.

More than a dream

Candidate of philological science and docent Olimjonov Muso works in Philology Faculty of KSU. He and his wife, 2 sons and a daughter used to live for many years and call a home a tiny room of university dormitory and had to cope with substandard living conditions without basic sani-



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tary facilities, no gas, limited water and electricity. Later they had to move to one-room apartment in the city but the rent terms and cost was exhausting

and the thought of leaving the university and the country to seek for better-paid job was inevitable. Thankfully everything has changed in the life of



Photo by HFH-Khujand

this young family. "It was hard to believe something like this to happen with our family. I thought I will work whole my life to own a dwelling. But it took only a year and half before we moved in new 3 room apartment – more than we could dream.

Close friends from far

Safar Abdulloev, resident of Khujand city whose family has been facing challenges of substandard housing condition for many years, could never

affiliate staff members filling the foundation and raising the walls brick by brick during 2 weeks of



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dream to build the house of his own and more over with the support of friends from the far country like USA. Habitat for Humanity and its unique Global Village program made his dream come true. Ten volunteers from States worked shoulder to shoulder with Safar's family, local volunteers and



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intensive work in HFH-Khujand build site. Wanda Smith - team leader shared "This is my 23rd volunteer group leading to Habitat countries and the second to Tajikistan. I am happy to return to beautiful Tajik land. This is the country with wonderful, wel-

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with wonderful, welcoming, thankful people eager to help each other and Habitat gives them this unique opportunity. We are blessed to work with Safar and his family helping them to build a decent place to live." Wanda plans to lead another group of dedicated volunteers to Tajikistan coming autumn.



We would like to thank all the members of this team and all GV groups

that have come from so far to extend a helping hand to Tajik people. We are always open, eager and looking forward to welcome new groups to Tajikistan.



Building strong communities in vulnerable Tajikistan

Mountainous and landlocked Tajikistan is vulnerable to various natural disasters such as earthquakes, flash floods, landslides/mudslides. Each year the country experiences over 5,000 tremors and earthquakes which damage already inade-



Photo by HFH-Dushanbe

quate housing and hinders income generation for the working poor.

On 29th July 2006, two devastating earthquakes of magnitude between 5 and 5.5 on the Richter scale struck seven villages of Kumsangir district, Khatlon Region. The damage was enormous: 20 000 people affected, 3 lives lost, 19 people seriously injured,

2600 homes partially and/or completely damaged. Assessment conducted and interviews held with families revealed that the causes of such large-scale destruction were cheap construction, no earthquake-resistant infrastructure, age of buildings and lack of knowledge and financial resources to reinforce or even maintain the homes.

In response to the need of the most affected village of Zamini Nav where 130 homes were com-



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pletely damaged making around 1225 people

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homeless, HFH Tajikistan, with a co-funding support from HFH Great Britain, in partnership with International NGOs Oxfam GB and Global Partners GB is currently conducting training for population on earthquake safer construction techniques

and helps 82 families/769 people in this village to rebuild houses that will withstand future tremors that the area is prone to. So far this intervention has helped 75 families to gain knowledge and skills on seismic safer construction practices, provided roofing materials and supported them to construct

We need your support to help more families

Get involved!

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If you want to support Habitat program to help needy families of Tajikistan out of poverty housing you may do it in following ways:

Mail donations from USA

Send check to Habitat for Humanity International:
121 Habitat Street, Americus, GA
31709-3498. Please do not forget to put HFH-Tajikistan fund code: i6840 to memo line.

Online

Donate online on HFH International website:
www.habitat.org – [Donate online.](#)

Please enter the box which says "Optional Designation" - i6840 Tajikistan



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Global Village

Participate in Global Village Program and build homes alongside with families.

To learn more about GV visit www.habitat.org/gv.

To lead or come on GV trip contact GV coordinator of HFH-Tajikistan - Fakhridin Kuziboev.

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House sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor the house or apartment, you may want to review following projects and costs:

New house construction/duplexes
cost - \$7300 per unit, 54 sqm, 3 rooms

Apartment renovation/rehabilitation
cost - \$6000, 70sqm, 3 rooms

Completion of half-built homes
cost - \$2000, size varies between 40-60 sqm

Disaster response model house construction
cost - \$3735, 36 sqm, 2 room house with possible extension



Thank You!

