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FACT SHEET

- Number of active affiliates: 2 (Dushanbe & Khujand)
- Years started: 1999
- Number of homes built: 135 *
- 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 June 2006

House Dedication

Started in December 2005 Habitat for Humanity – Dushanbe office has completed a project of building 12 simple and affordable homes for families in need. This success was achieved by setting good relations with partner families and local authorities.

These twelve families were selected by



Loucine Hayes, Program Development Manager and Tohir Ikromov, Deputy Mayor of Vahdat city are cutting the ribbon.

family selection committee of Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity Dushanbe. During the family selection process committee has based on three main principles of Habitat for Humanity. These are:

- housing need;
- ability to partner with Habitat (ability to pay back the long-term non-interest loan);
- willingness to partner (participation in building of their own homes).

The dedication ceremony took place on the new homes site in Vahdat. Repre-



Happy family by their new home

and happiness event. Homeowners were excited with people that came to share with them the joy of getting new comfortable homes.

The ceremony was attended by Director of Programs of Habitat for Humanity International - Europe and Central Asia area office Ms. Lucija Popovska. She



Lucija Popovska speaking

thanked local authority, volunteers and Habitat local staff for their help and contributions, without which Habitat

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and partner families could not reach this success and congratulated partner families with this happy event and wished them joy and

prosperity in new homes. Habitat for Humanity Dushanbe want to thank all those people who took part in building simple and decent homes for these twelve happy families.

Helping Hand

I am a mother of 3 children and blessed with 12 lovely grandchildren, - said Khairinisso Mamajonova, Habitat partner family.

I lived 30 happy years with my husband but the last 4 years our life was full of sad colors. Due to tough generally accepted socio-economic condition in our country my husband and my sons as other thousands able-bodied men of our district went to Russia to seek better employment. Four and half years ago when I was left alone with my daughter-in-law and grand-children there was a fire accident when the whole shelter of our house burnt out. We had no financial or any other means to reconstruct the roof that ended with a collapse of one part of the house. Mud roof

Too much and all at once – my husband couldn't endure that and got heart attack and when he reached home he was sick and crushed.



Khairinisso (left) with her family



Fazliddin is drawing a picture

started to leak as it rained and the house slowly and inevitably begun to ruin.

Being in Russia my husband heard about this accident and immediately left Russia. On the way back he was robbed – he lost everything he earned during a year and moreover he lost earnings of other countrymen working with him who asked him to take it to their families.

Leaking and collapsing house, physical and financial disability did nothing but depressed him even more. Once he said me – “You, know what hurts me most about being robbed in Russia? – Nor money, neither gifts but a watch – wedding present from you that I carried for the last 35 years”.

He died the last year. My pain was doubled as I saw the home, where we lived all our life, was breaking down, too. I don't know what we would do if we didn't get in touch with Habitat. Habitat offered helping hand when we needed most of all. We rehabilitated our shelter with Habitat but that meant for me much more. It was a sparkle of light and the birth of hope in my heart.

I want to thank everyone who works in Habitat for their generosity, compassion and humanity.

Teamwork For A Cause

Twelve students and three staff members embarked on the first Habitat for Humanity project in the history of Tashkent International School, located in Tashkent Uzbekistan. The project was in Khujand, Tajikistan (pronounced Ho-Jan) where students assisted in renovating apartment housing for professors and staff at Khujand State University. The TIS students understood that aiding in housing for professors will help professors be able to live and work in Tajikistan – thus influencing the education of all of the people of the country. It was a meaningful and empowering venture.

The project was the brainchild of Student Council President, Su Yee Jung, who learned about Habitat at a Leadership Conference earlier in the year. “It seemed like a great idea to work together as a team – not just fundraising, but actually building and working ‘hands-on’ - on a project that has a direct impact on a community.” Su Yee researched Habitat for Hu-



Tashkent International school Global Village team

manity using the Internet and found there was a project in nearby Tajikistan. With advisor,

Sheryl Kregel, the contacts were made in January, the budget was planned and a date was set for the long weekend project – April 28-30, 2006. Now it was time to fundraise for the project!



Su Yee Jung is painting balcony rails

Two major fundraising efforts raised enough money to cover the costs of transport, housing, meals and a donation to Habitat. The first was a Talent Show, where students at TIS showcased their talents and food was sold. The second event was “Each One Teach One” – where a group of Korean students and parents offered a Korean Kimbab cooking class to the TIS student and parent community. (FYI: Kimbab is like sushi.) These two events earned the group the \$1200 needed for the project...

Although our international experience was a bit different than a Habitat for Humanity experience in the USA, I would encourage students and advisors to consider a partnership with Habitat in their communities. I was impressed by the organized approach to helping

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that Habitat offers students (different assignments appropriate for age level), the consideration for safety and the support we were given on site. Students work together with people in the community, adding more understanding culturally. It was very much a win-win project.

HFH is a non profit housing organization. It seeks to eliminate poverty housing and home-

lessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Basically this organization invites people from all backgrounds to come together to build houses in partnership with families in need. Please check out their website for more information at www.habitat.org

Sheryl Kregel, Student Council Advisor

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Support Habitat for Humanity Tajikistan

If you want to support HFH-Tajikistan program to provide needy families of Tajikistan with simple, decent, affordable habitation, you may do it in four ways:

1. 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.
2. Transfer your donation to our bank account: "Habitat for Humanity-Tajikistan" Dushanbe, OJSC "Bank-Eskhata", Acc. # 22604840300001000000, Swift: EJSATJ22, ABA: COBADEFF, corresponding acc. # 40088641100
3. Donate online on HFH International website: www.habitat.org/donation Please enter "Tajikistan" in appropriate box.
4. Participate in Global Village Program: build homes alongside with needy families. Please visit www.habitat.org/gv to learn more about GV program.

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