

Turning Hopes into Homes



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

* as of September 2005

100th House Dedication Ceremony

The ceremony of 100th house dedication took place in Habitat District, Khujand at September 30. A lot of guests were invited to the ceremony: the State Administration, Deputy Chair-



Mr. Abdusamiev, HFH-Tajikistan Director speaking

Photo by HFH-Khujand

man of Regional Government, the Heads of most Local Enterprises and Non-governmental Organizations of Khujand and Dushanbe, our donors and the organizations we are partnering with, and homeowners of Habitat community and especially our 100th house homeowner, a teacher of literature in the secondary school # 15, Khujand City, a mother of three children. Habitat houses were highly appreciated with the State Government representatives, guests and also with our 100th house homeowner - Firuza Jalolova:

-- "I'm very glad that I have become a homeowner of Habitat. During these 16 years, I wished to have my own habitation and today with the help of "Habitat for Humanity – Tajikistan" my dream becomes true. Today I have a simple and decent home with courtyard. The house is provided with natural gas and electricity, with running cold and hot water. I want to thank everyone who contributed their time and efforts to build this home: GV volun-

teers, local volunteers, HFH staff, our neighbors and local government". Thank You!

During the official part, the floor was given to Muhammad Muhammadjonov –Deputy Chairman of the Regional Government and Salimov Nosir, Rector of Khujand State University (KSU). They thanked "Habitat for Humanity" for their close cooperation and their great help of eliminating homelessness and poverty housing in Tajikistan.

It was a great joy and honor for us that the Vice-president of Habitat for Humanity International, Europe and



Mr. Don Haszczyn, Vice-president of HFHI ECA

Photo by HFH-Khujand

Central Asia, Mr. Don Haszczyn joined us in this ceremony. He expressed:

-- "Tajikistan is one of the countries that Habitat is going to support. In a close four years we are going to build 700 homes in the territory of Tajikistan. We have already finished the construction of 100 homes and I'm very glad to participate in handing the symbolic key to the 100th homeowner of Habitat in this country. This program is directed on improving the living conditions of needy families and eliminating homelessness and the poverty housing in Tajikistan".

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Then the floor was given to Director of "Habitat for Humanity – Tajikistan" Mr. Fazliddin Abdusamiev. He said that:

-- "HFH-Khujand has a wide experience in both apartment renovation and new house construction projects and continues to seek for more cost effective housing solutions to provide low-income families with simple and decent homes. Also the Habitat program is widening its geographic area in Tajikistan by opening an affiliate in Dushanbe. Recently the cooperation agreements was signed with the Chairman of Gissar and Vahdat Regions on building homes for needy people of this area. We invite everyone to join our forces to eliminate poverty housing in Tajikistan and throughout the world"

Dedication of 100th house shows that Habitat for Humanity – Tajikistan works in close cooperation with State Government (Hukumat) and people of Tajikistan. It proved to be reliable to cooperate with local enterprises. After all, Habitat for Humanity – Tajikistan offers a unique and very successful

program for families in need of housing to build and have their own habitation. The main activity of the organization was directed on improving the level of living conditions, eliminating homelessness and providing the



Photo by Steffan Hacker, HFHI

simple and decent homes to needy families of Tajikistan. By the dedication of 100th home in Habitat district, Habitat for Humanity – Tajikistan makes it clear that the program is not over; in coming year the ambitious plan is to finish and dedicate 200th house in Tajikistan, giving hope and helping more and more people to have decent place to live.

HFH-Khujand has received Millard Fuller's Award

Habitat for Humanity - Khujand has received Millard Fuller's Award 2005. This award is established to support HFH organizations for highest achievement in increasing families served and homes built. HFH-Khujand has built 29 homes in 2005 fiscal

year, which is best result of HFH-Khujand since beginning of the project. This Award is the best indicator of that HFH-Tajikistan and its affiliates on the right way towards eliminating poverty housing in Tajikistan.

Housing Need in Tajikistan

A former soviet republic, Tajikistan gained independence in 1991, but plunged immediately into political turmoil and civil war that lasted until 1997. In the years of tenuous peace, Tajikistan's economy has had difficulties recovering and the country has struggled to lift itself out of extreme poverty. Most of the population struggles by on subsistence agriculture and the money sent by family members working abroad many people depend on the humanitarian aid for survival. Tajikistan is among the poorest countries in Europe and Central Asia. Almost 65% of Tajikistan population is considered to live in poverty.

Due to the war and ensuing economic collapse practically all house buildings has come to a halt. Many unfinished homes are

scattered all across Tajikistan while the ex-



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isting housing stock deteriorates because of neglect. Families live in houses made of row break or clay with dirt floors. Their homes are not only decaying and unsanitary but were not built to withstand earthquakes in a region prone to such disasters.

Partnership Agreement with KSU

NARD office and HFH-Khujand signed a partnership agreement with Khujand State University on rehabilitation of 9-storey apartment building in Khujand. This project focuses on rehabilitation and renovation of the existing building through aiming to provide simple, decent and affordable homes for disadvantaged families of the University staff members. This building consist of 34 three-room, 16 one-room and 4 two-room apartments . As a result of this partnership project, which started in July 2005, fifty four families will receive simple, decent and affordable



Photo by HFH-Khujand

9-storey building in Khujand apartments.

Meeting with Kosimov

At September 23, 2005 Director of NARD office Mr. Fazliddin Abdusamiev has met with Chairman of Sogd Region Mr. Kosimov R.. The purpose of the meeting was discussion of the further cooperation of the organization with regional authority, realization of programs of HFH-Tajikistan. During meeting Abdusamiev has informed the chairman about projects which the fund realizes now in Sogd Region, and has shared with him plans of the organization for coming years, and also obstacles which the organization meets at realization of programs of HFH-Tajikistan.

From his part Chairman thanked NARD Director for implementation of the noble mission which HFH-Tajikistan is realizes and



Photo by HFH-Tajikistan

Fazliddin Abdusamiev, HFH-Tajikistan Director (left) and Kosimov R., Chairman of Sogd Region

has expressed readiness of regional authority to further cooperate with HFH in eliminating poverty housing in Sogd Region.

HFH-Dushanbe has started to function

Habitat for Humanity—Dushanbe, the new affiliate which will work in the South Tajikistan, was officially registered in November 24. This event will allow to spread HFH-Tajikistan activities in the South of Tajikistan. HFH-Dushanbe has already received land donation from the Local Government, which is enough to build 65 (16 duplexes and 33 single storey) simple, decent and affordable homes for needy families of this districts.



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Global Village Program in Tajikistan

Habitat for Humanity Tajikistan hosted its first ever Global Village trip in June this year. A group of 12 individuals, led by Wanda L. Smith, traveled all the way from the U.S. to help fight poverty housing in Khujand.

A global village trip—or, a holiday with a purpose—means traveling to another country



Photo by HFH-Khujand

Volunteers working on the HFH-Khujand construction site

and building alongside the local people, while getting to know another culture in a way no tourist trip can provide.

Tajikistan, a beautiful and remote country in Central Asia, boasts the impressive Pamir

mountain range, with peaks higher than 7000 meters. Tajik people are renowned for their hospitality, despite the harsh conditions in which most of them live.

Khujand is the major city in northern Tajikistan and is one of the country's oldest



Photo by HFH-Khujand

Behind the row of Habitat houses the Pamir mountain range stands out in the distance.

towns—founded by Alexander the Great more than 2300 years ago. Due to its climate and a beneficial geographic location, it has enjoyed great riches throughout its history and is still the wealthiest town in Tajikistan.

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 HFHI website: www.habitat.org/giving/online.html Please enter "Tajikistan" in appropriate box.
4. Participate in Global Village Program: build homes alongside with needy families. Please visit <http://www.habitat.org/gv/> to learn more about GV program.

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