



Lich and her son will be helped through Habitat Vietnam's work to support ethnic minority Muong women with improved housing.

Orphans and Vulnerable Groups Fund distribution

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The Orphans and Vulnerable Groups Fund supports the efforts of Habitat for Humanity organizations to provide adequate shelter and other interventions for particularly vulnerable communities around the world.

These groups – children who have lost one or both parents, people living with a disease or disability, and marginalized people facing social exclusion – are confronted by many barriers to escaping chronic poverty and inadequate housing. The OVG Fund supports Habitat's work to provide these most vulnerable groups with a hand up through housing solutions.

In fiscal year 2022, 180 U.S. Habitat organizations tithed \$572,214 to the OVG Fund. These tithes will support programs in Jordan, Lesotho, Mexico, Myanmar and Vietnam.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can support the OVG Fund, please visit the tithe homepage on MyHabitat – hfhi.sharepoint.com/sites/Tithe – or contact us directly at tithe@habitat.org.

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\$125,000 to support the Middle East Refugee Crisis Initiative in Jordan

Over the years, Jordan has been home to Palestinian and Syrian refugees. Most refugees live in crowded urban centers outside formal refugee camps. The country's infrastructure is now overburdened. With support from the OVG Fund, Habitat Jordan will continue to fill the gap in public services by repairing or extending social care shelters for both Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians. This project will support the rehabilitation of eight communal shelters and will impact 2,400 direct beneficiaries.

\$125,000 to house vulnerable children and their caregivers in Lesotho

Poverty and extremely high inequalities exacerbate living conditions for many in Lesotho, where an estimated 1 in 4 people live with HIV/AIDs. These factors have led to a high rate of orphans – an estimated 27% of children have lost one or both parents – and other vulnerable children. Habitat Lesotho will support 18 families with new housing and sanitation facilities. Families will also receive clean, energy-saving stoves and training in home maintenance, inheritance rights and hygiene.

\$125,000 to increase the resiliency of conflict-affected individuals in Myanmar

Nearly one-half of Myanmar's 55 million people now live below the national poverty line. This impacts all areas of life, including health, education and housing. With support from the OVG Fund, Habitat Myanmar will continue its work in Dala township, home to 172,000 people who are primarily informal workers. This project will provide cash assistance for housing to at least 1,280 very vulnerable people. Habitat Myanmar also will support community development activities for nearly 8,000 individuals.

\$80,000 to support Muong ethnic minority women in Vietnam

In Vietnam, poverty is concentrated among ethnic minorities. Through a partnership with World Vision, Habitat Vietnam has worked to increase housing interventions, with a special focus on increasing vulnerable women's access to safe shelter. Habitat Vietnam will work with women of the Muong ethnic minority by building eight new houses, renovating 15 houses, and constructing 27 water and sanitation facilities. Habitat will also build one communal house that will serve 300 community members and provide a safe space for social gathering. In addition, training in water, sanitation and hygiene and other topics will be supported. One U.S. affiliate also provided funding for this project.

\$125,000 to build better futures for indigenous children in Mexico

In the Guerrero region of southern Mexico, 75% of the population is indigenous Tlapanec. In this mountainous region, drought is frequent, and violence and crime are increasing. These conditions led the National Institute of Indigenous Peoples, or INPI, to establish shelters for the children of day laborers and seasonal farmers to ensure that children ages 6 to 15 receive an education, shelter, food, water and safety. Habitat Mexico will provide comprehensive water and sanitation services to improve the infrastructure of three of these shelters. This work will serve 228 indigenous children with improved toilets, showers, and water storage tanks and collection systems.



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