

Now more than ever, we need you.



Build your Grab n' Go Bag

Your Grab n' Go Bag should include:

A MINI HYGIENE KIT:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shaver
- Comb
- Brush
- Towel
- Wipes
- Blanket
- Soap
- Sanitary Pads
- Toilet Paper



Build your grab and go bag with us!
Every week using our tips post a photo of your Grab and Go bag using the hashtag #DisasterReady2020 to qualify for our grand prize.

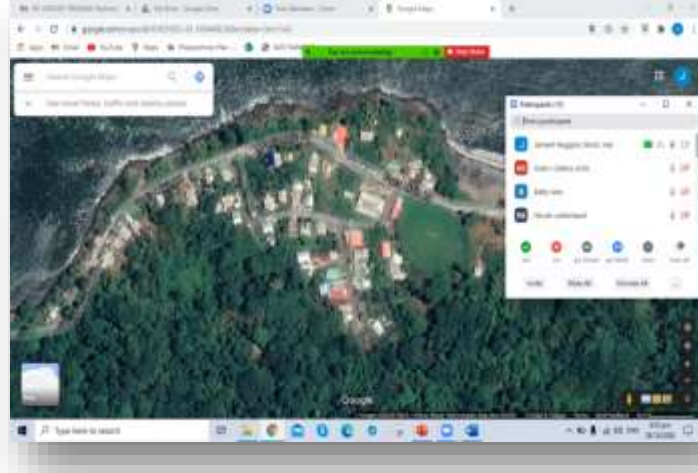


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The New Normal – Online Training



For the first time, our PASSA, and community resilience training sessions were held entirely online. There were challenges in getting individuals to log onto the training in the beginning of the programme, so this was mitigated by engaging more persons before to ensure that the participants rate increased. Persons were educated about preparing a disaster plan and building an emergency kit. Habitat also taught them how to maintain a healthy home during the COVI-19 pandemic by teaching them how to properly clean their homes and maintain a clean space.

- **6 communities trained in PASSA including Penal, Matelot and St. Helena/Piarco.**
- **167 trained in DRR.**
- **215 trained in Healthy Housing Habits.**
- **121 trained in the Construction Technology Training course.**
- **Graduation ceremony for Construction Technology training course where 140 persons graduated.**

Photos: Selected screenshots from Habitat for Humanity's virtual training sessions for PASSA, Disaster Risk Reduction and Healthy Housing Habits.



Construction Training with Proman and Republic Bank

Habitat for Humanity® Trinidad and Tobago (Habitat TT) congratulates their Construction Training Technology Students as they graduate from their six (6) week programme on this World Volunteer Day, December 5th.

Habitat TT partnered with Republic Bank Limited (RBL) and the Proman Family of Companies (Proman) in 2019 for a two (2) year project to support thousands of vulnerable families recover from disasters as well as to train community artisans on the techniques of the construction trade as a strong mitigation measure.

Our facilitators were Dr. Leighton Ellis (Chartered Engineer and senior lecturer at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica with

over 17 years in the construction technology field), Wayne Benjamin (cement, concrete specialist and the Caribbean's only certified concrete professional), Fleville Tinto (former MIC construction technology tutor for 15 years), Raymond La Coa (former MIC construction technology Tutor for 16 years), Cristina Harvey (Architect for 26 years) and Denise Benn Seetal (Risk Assessment and Safety Officer).

140 people completed the disability-and-gender-inclusive training sessions, including 2 disabled students and 36 women

To learn more about how we work, visit our website at habitat-tt.org



Photos: Veena Ramcharan at a practical session , Henry St. Leo with his certificate, Online Training

THE VIRTUAL BUILD



Virtual Build Webinar

At the end of November, Habitat Trinidad and Tobago held its first Virtual Build Webinar, a unique initiative where participants were invited to support a crowdfunding activity to support construction of homes for Habitat homeowners.

A Habitat starter home costs approximately TTD\$250,000. The costs of each critical discrete element of the building were announced, and the participants were invited to commit their organisations to raise the necessary funds for each « adopted » component.. All 18 attendees (18) received free disaster preparedness training from **Habitat's** Disaster Mitigation Coordinator.

What's a Virtual Build?

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- 1 Home
- 4 Weeks
- TT \$250,000.00

Special thanks go out to Nazarene Church, the national group with the largest number of affiliate representatives.

Several more of these meetings will be held in the new year. If your network is interested in hearing more, please email members@habitat-tt.org

YOUR GROUP

- Blockwork & plastering: TT 476,018.00
- Doors: TT 57,422.00
- Roof: TT 822,495.50
- Roosters & Plumbing: TT 38,942.00
- Electrical: TT 14,409.00
- Windows: TT 910,082.00
- Asphalted Apron & Drain: TT 81,140.00

How do you eat an elephant?

ONE BITE AT A TIME

Connecting with Each Other

Despite the challenges of 2020, Trinidadians and Tobagonians continued the annual tradition of sharing as much as they could with vulnerable families and communities. Xtra Foods, Tru Valu, PLNL, FEEL and Republic Bank answered our call with generous hampers for several communities. [Thank you to our generous donors!](#)



Photos: Xtra Foods Group Marketing Manager Daniel Austin with Carlene Pooran, Habitat Resource Development; Matelot hamper distribution (courtesy FEEL and Habitat for Humanity); Point Fortin Healthy Housing Kits handed over to Her Worship Alderman Saleema McCree Thomas (courtesy RBL); **Christmas "Thank You"** Hampers distributed to Habitat Staff (courtesy Tru Valu); PLNL Christmas Vouchers for their fenceline communities.

University of the Southern Caribbean Volunteers



The University of the Southern Caribbean has been a staunch supporter of Habitat for Humanity for many years. They regularly offer us assistance from their Bachelor of Science in Social Work students. This year, with the post-Coronavirus uptick in applications and need for our services in vulnerable populations, the students not only worked in the office supporting administrative tasks, but they participated in our external social assessment visits to current homeowners and prospective applicants all over the country. This programme is a critical part of their training, as they have the opportunity to see how their theoretical work plays out in real life conditions.





Achievements & Milestones

Our Construction Department had excellent results in the last financial year (July 2019 through June 2020), despite the disruption of the global Coronavirus pandemic. From Disaster training in Dominica, through renovations and repairs from Sangre Grande to Rio Claro, we congratulate the staff and volunteers who contributed to building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter!



Completed homes

4



Home Repairs & Renovations

70



Community Structures

9



Local & Regional Training

750

Our ALL-TIME Results are definitely something to celebrate as well! Our audited results up to June 30 2020 – 960 Housing and shelter Solutions since 1997, serving 28,920 people in the CARICOM region!



Completed homes

254



Home Repairs & Renovations

680



Community Structures

23



Local & Regional Training

4824

Homeowners Transforming Their Lives



Dwarika



Enarie



Habitat for Humanity welcomes new partnership opportunities! Please contact the National Director Jennifer Massiah, or the Resource Development Coordinator Carlene Pooran at 674-2031 or donate@habitat-tt.org

David



Annette



Homeowner Journey Map



Training Sessions

Financial Literacy, Disaster Preparedness, Healthy Housing Habits and Basic Home Maintenance are just some of the courses we offer to our Homeowners.



"Our new home!"

Congratulations! You are on your way to a safe, stable and independent life for you and your family!



"We need a home!"

This is the first thought of a

potential homeowner. Whether you are renting, in informal housing, need to renovate, repair or complete your current dwelling, we can guide you on the best way to achieve your dreams.



Applications

Download an application form from our website at www.habitat-tt.org or call 675-1222 Ext. 35 and ask us to email you a copy.



Selection

The selection process is quite thorough. We do technical assessments of the proposed construction work, social visits to ensure we meet your family's needs, and legal checks on your land tenure. All of this is necessary to get you your new home.



Gather your documents

Review all your land documents, utility bills, payslips or bank statements and place them in an easy-to-access folder or envelope.



First steps

You can find us on Facebook, and make an appointment to speak to our Community Officers online to discuss your needs.

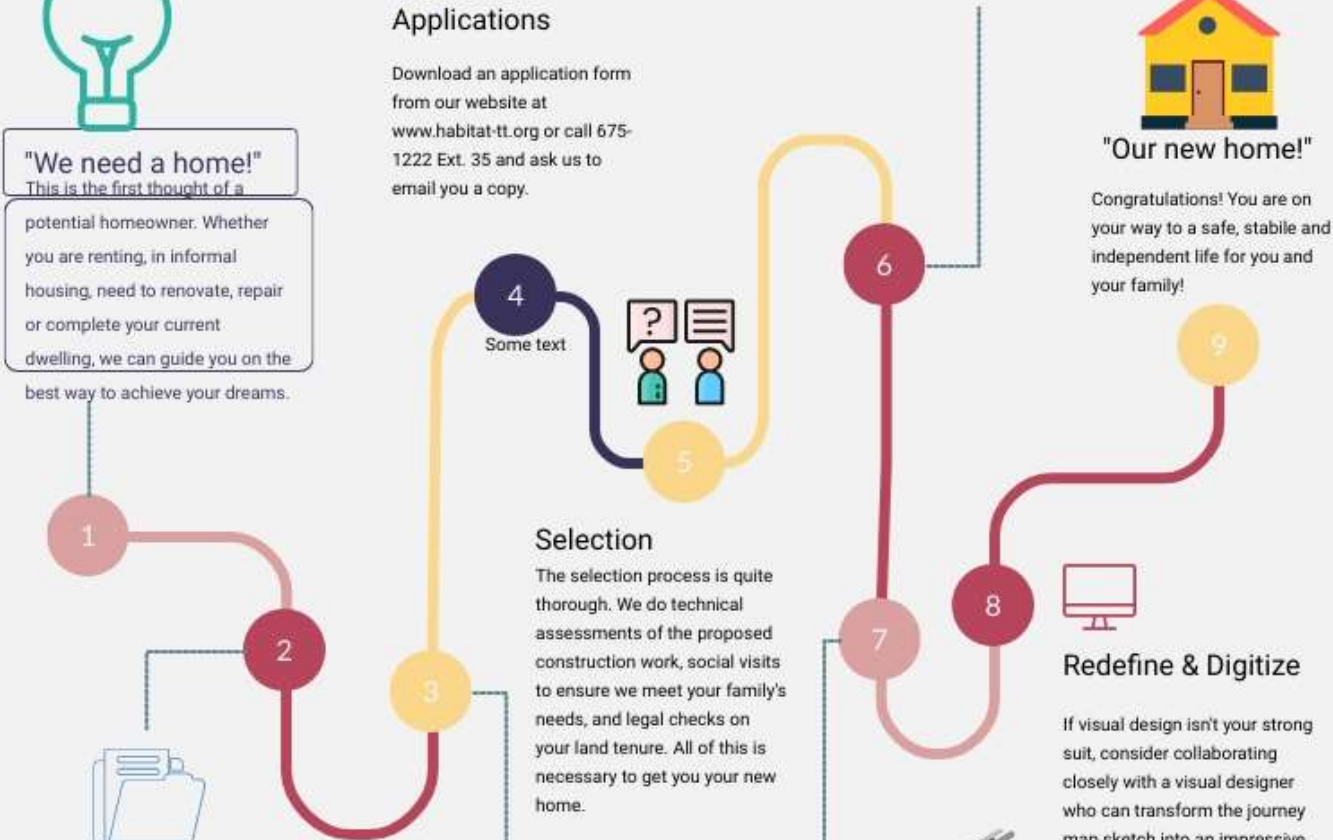
Sign the mortgage

Remember, this is a legally-registered mortgage, with all the responsibilities and rights attached.



Redefine & Digitize

If visual design isn't your strong suit, consider collaborating closely with a visual designer who can transform the journey map sketch into an impressive artefact.



The Housing Need in Trinidad and Tobago



In 2019, Trinidad and **Tobago's** Ministry of Housing & Urban Development estimated that some 200,000 people, about 19% of the population, lived in informal settlements. The waiting list for government-subsidized housing at that time was approximately 139,000 people, some waiting for up to 25 years. The main housing demand stemmed from socio-economic inequity and population growth.

Habitat Trinidad & Tobago partners with entities across the political, corporate and civil society spectrum to advance our **country's** UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG11 – Sustainable cities and communities. We are recognized by the national government as one of two civil society resource for shelter provision.

Our National Shelter Programme

The average Habitat house in Trinidad and Tobago measures 31 square metres. Monthly mortgage payments over a 30-year period are about TT\$700 (approx. US\$100); this is a significantly more affordable cost than the average rent in the local real estate market. Habitat two- and three-bedroom houses are built using culturally preferred materials for construction – concrete blocks and steel roofs. We offer micro-financing opportunities to potential homeowners, including loans for materials, repairs, renovations and labour.

Fundraising & Membership Development

Habitat Trinidad and Tobago raises funds to provide housing solutions for the most vulnerable communities in the country, as well as for post-

disaster recovery projects in the English-speaking Caribbean region. We receive donations of money, materials, professional services and in-kind gifts that support our shelter and training programs. With our no-interest policy, Habitat is often the only option available to low-income families outside of specially-targeted government subsidy programmes. Our membership programme presents structured and sustainable opportunities for support to corporate entities and individuals. Members can execute their social responsibility programmes and create opportunities for communities and individuals to become resilient.

Regional disaster recovery and resilience

With the support of **Habitat's** Latin America and Caribbean area office in Costa Rica, we offer a holistic suite of services to respond to shelter incidents in the English-speaking Caribbean. Our Caribbean Services Catalogue includes: assessment tools & services implemented by architects and engineers, recruitment and training of skilled builders, land tenure specialists, carpentry and masonry training, the Healthy Housing Habits program, the Participatory Approach To Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) programme, and shelter kits.

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In 2021 ...

- Sign up for the next Virtual Build Webinar
- Ask about Disaster Preparedness Training
- Email receipt for Annual Individual Membership
- Share the @Home With Habitat Newsletter with my friends, family and colleagues

#StaySafe
#StayAtHome
#NowMoreThanEver
#WeNeedYou

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Volunteer!
Share!
Speak out!



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