



The Orphans and Vulnerable Groups Fund supported a project with Habitat for Humanity Nepal to provide housing to former bonded laborers.

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 people in communities around the world.

These groups – children who have lost one or both parents, people who have a disease or disability, marginalized people suffering social exclusion – have very limited capacity to escape chronic poverty themselves. The OVG Fund enables Habitat to provide a hand up through housing solutions for the most vulnerable.

U.S. Habitat affiliates' support of the OVG Fund continues to be incredibly strong.

In fiscal year 2019, 143 U.S. Habitat organizations tithed \$465,000 to the fund. These funds will support programs in Brazil, Lesotho, Myanmar, Nepal 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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\$100,000 TO EXPAND SUPPORT OF EX-BONDED LABORERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEPAL

For generations, vulnerable families in Haliya communities were bonded to landowners because of debts passed down from one generation to the next. This practice has been outlawed in recent years by Nepal's government, and the government designated funds to help the Haliya community. In FY2018, Habitat Nepal, using OVG funds, worked in a Haliya village in western Nepal to launch a project to support the procurement of public funding for former bonded labor communities. This project has expanded with FY2019 funding from the OVG Fund and will serve an additional 90 households with new homes, along with providing water and sanitation facilities for all families served by Habitat Nepal.

\$100,000 TO HELP ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN LESOTHO

Habitat Lesotho provides improved housing and sanitation to orphans and vulnerable children and their caretakers. This support includes the construction of two-room houses and ventilated pit latrines; distribution of ultra-clean biomass cook stoves; and training on house maintenance, basic personal hygiene, and property and inheritance rights. Through the OVG Fund, Habitat Lesotho will serve 23 families with these services in Thaba-Tseka district, a particularly vulnerable community where the unemployment rate is 53%.

\$99,000 TO SERVE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH MICROCEPHALY AND MOTOR DISABILITIES IN BRAZIL

Since 2015, Brazil has been the focus of one of the largest epidemics of arbovirus caused by the Aedes aegypti mosquito spreading Zika, dengue and chikungunya. One of the most serious consequences of this epidemic has been the birth of babies with microcephaly, a rare neurological disorder in which a child's brain does not develop completely, requiring rehabilitation and lifetime specialized care. With the support of the OVG Fund, the families of 25 children with special needs caused by microcephaly will obtain improved housing through Habitat Brazil.

\$90,000 TO ENHANCE INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH HOUSING AND SANITATION IN VIETNAM

Que Son district in Quang Nam province in central Vietnam is a largely agricultural community where 1 in 5 Vietnamese live in poverty. Habitat Vietnam has identified some of the most vulnerable in this district – people with disabilities – and with support from the OVG Fund, will build six new houses, retrofit 10 existing houses, and build 10 sanitation facilities serving people with disabilities and their families. In addition, Habitat Vietnam is piloting a project to bring disability-friendly latrines to a secondary school and to raise awareness of the importance of disability inclusion through a formal communication campaign.

\$88,200 TO IMPROVE THE HOUSING CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN MYANMAR

Habitat Myanmar works in the low-income, flood-prone communities of Bago and Yangon to improve living conditions of families through shelter and water, sanitation and hygiene interventions. Habitat partners with the Korea Housing Finance Corp., Myanmar YMCA and other organizations to serve particularly vulnerable families, specifically those with a family member living with a disability such as polio, leprosy or mental illness. With support from the OVG Fund, Habitat Myanmar will build 17 new homes and repair 16 more with families in these two communities.



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