



There really is no better feeling than coming home – whether you are returning after travel overseas, or simply after a hard day's work, having a 'home' is something many of us take for granted.

A place that is safe and secure, a place that provides a sense of community but also solitude when needed, a place of laughter and love, a place full of memories – this is what home is to you and me.

For a large percentage of people in Sri Lanka "home" is one room made up of tin sheets, plastic & asbestos, a roof that leaks or no roof at all, no running water, no sanitation, three bricks for a cooker smoking up a room with no ventilation, a makeshift plastic tent on someone else's land.

It's hard to dispute that having a home is one of life's greatest aspirations – though those of us who have always had one may not realise it. For many of us the idea of an adequate house includes several rooms and a garage, in Sri Lanka, a room the size of a garage is home to a staggering 40% of the population.



Since 1995 Habitat for Humanity Sri Lanka (HFHSL) has taken the Habitat principles of 'providing a hand up and not a hand out', 'sweat equity', 'incremental building' and 'community involvement' and refined the process of building low-cost housing down to a science - making affordable housing a viable reality and not a distant dream.

By encouraging home gardening plots, solar powered cooking and composting of waste material as an antecedent to our conventional housing program, we ensure that families are ready to take on the commitment of owning and running a home.

What you should know about HFHSL and Sponsoring a Home

- HFHSL works in partnership with families, building with and for them via affordable, non-profit, inflation-adjusted loans.
- Monthly payments from existing home owners go into HFHSL's revolving fund which is used in turn, to build more homes.
- Families invest their own labour (sweat equity) into building the houses of fellow community members.
- Prospective beneficiaries are selected based on non-discriminatory set criteria which ensures that assistance is given to the most needy families.
- Building costs are kept low by using locally sourced and Building Training Centre (BTC) manufactured materials as well as volunteer labor.
- Incremental housing is encouraged, starting with a simple 'core' house that meets all the basic necessities.
- Families continue to partner with HFHSL to improve on their home, as and when they are ready.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION...

... with either a small monthly contribution or a one-time gift of helping a family improve, renovate or build their home.

As a sponsor you will receive updates on the progress of your sponsored home, a before and after photograph – and where permissible a GPS location.

Make a direct donation to HFHSL

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