



Impact Build FAQs

Why are we helping in this location?

The project site is in the western lowlands of Nepal in the Banke (pronounced 'Bank-eye') District. The communities are predominantly made of low-income families who survive on daily wages from quarrying river materials, farming or construction labour. A recent study by Habitat Nepal has identified a high incidence of 155 women-headed households, including at least 10 who are war widows from the Maoist insurgency from 1996 to 2006.

Habitat Nepal has not hosted volunteers in this area before, so the impact we will make will be extraordinary, and long-lasting!

The nearest town centre, Nepalgunj is about 18kms away from the build site where a comfortable hotel will be chosen for the team.

Are there any age restrictions?

There is no maximum age limit – as long as you have a reasonable level of fitness you will be right at home on a Habitat build! However, the minimum age is 15, and volunteers under 18 need to attend with a parent, guardian or chaperone.

What does the trip cost?

Registration Fee - \$200 standard / \$100 early bird pricing

Your registration fee covers medical and evacuation insurance, your online fundraising page, police check and a build pack to get you on your way.

The early bird fee of \$100 is valid when registering before 7 October 2019.

By joining the Impact Build in Nepal, you will help rebuild lives and empower women.

You will be a 'Life Builder.'



Minimum Fundraising - \$2,500

This is a tax-deductible donation which can be fundraised. Once received, this will be split between Habitat for Humanity Australia, to help resource the Global Village program, and Habitat for Humanity Nepal, to fund your build experience and other life-changing projects throughout the Banke District and around the Asia Pacific region.

The Global Village team will create an online fundraising page for you, and support you through your fundraising journey. (A reduced minimum fundraising amount of \$1,000 applies to students or anyone under 18 years.)

In-country expenses - typically \$1,000 - \$1,200

These expenses cover your accommodation, meals, bottled water, ground transportation and local activities and must be paid before you depart. They can be fundraised, but are not tax deductible.

Flights, visa, vaccinations, travel insurance and personal expenses are not included in your Global Village trip costs.

Do I need building experience?

No building experience is required. All you need is a reasonable level of fitness, an open mind, and a willingness to get your hands dirty.

You will be working alongside local construction workers who will teach you the ropes and supervise the build.

What kind of thing will I do on a build?

Your team may work on one or several houses, or you may even build a toilet or well. The work will use local construction techniques and materials. You could be mixing concrete, weaving bamboo, digging foundations, laying bricks, hammering, rendering or painting.

What kind of help and support is offered?

Habitat for Humanity Australia, our trained Team Leaders and our in-country partners will support and look after you from registration through to the completion of your build.

Before you leave, we will equip you with all the information and resources you need. Once you arrive in country, you will be met at the airport and transported to your accommodation. The team will receive an orientation and daily briefings will be conducted by Habitat staff.

What personal health and safety issues are involved?

A build usually involves some vigorous physical activity. Team members must be reasonably fit and in good physical health. You are encouraged to consult your doctor or a specialised travel doctor regarding your personal health and recommended vaccinations and/or medications.

All hosting countries, including Habitat Nepal, are accredited to host international volunteers and undergo regular safety checks and training.

