

ROMANIA



Why we build: Latest statistics show that:

- 35.8% of Romanians are at risk of poverty and social exclusion
 - 45.6% of the Romanian population is living in overcrowded dwellings
 - Housing issues affect 3 out of 10 Romanians (29.1%)
 - 24.2% of Romanians are living with no toilet inside the house
 - 22.8% of Romanians do not have a bathroom or shower inside their home
- In 2026, we aim to build four homes (two duplex houses) for four families from each community.

Itinerary: Teams arrive on Sunday to Iasi International Airport (IAS) and are transported 3 ½ hours to accommodations for the week in Comanesti or Moinești depending on the availability and team needs. (If needed, teams can choose to arrive on Saturday, accommodations for the night can be made in Iasi and the team will be transported to the location for the week on Sunday.)

Monday through Friday from 9:00am-4:30pm teams will work on site at a new construction build. A Social Learning Exchange Activity will take place on the build site one day during the week.

On Saturday, teams travel back to Iasi to depart for home or continue their individual travel plans.

Other options for arrivals and departures are:

Bucharest International Airport (OTP) – 6 hours from accommodations

Bacau Airport (BCM) – just a few flights a week – 1 hour from accommodations

Volunteer activities: Depending on the project status, volunteer tasks may include: building wooden walls, roof trusses, roof boarding, roof tiles, mounting OSB panels on exterior, exterior insulation, plastering, mounting OSB panels on the interior walls, interior insulation, plasterboard, gypsum filling, painting, parquetry



Zemeș

This commune with a population of 4,300 people, close to Moinești, will be a new community for Habitat for Humanity and in 2026, we will build four homes (two duplex) for families in need.

Since 1840, oil has been extracted in these parts, and less than twenty years ago, most of the population of Zemeș was working in the oil extraction industry.

Since 2004, the whole industry has went through a complex modernization process, one outcome being that most of the workers have been laid off and their jobs were taken by machines. Out of more than 3,000 people working in the oil industry, less than 500 have managed to keep their job.



Moinești

The Municipality of Moinești has hundreds of applications for social housing indicating the great need in the community, but it can only resolve a small fraction of them.

Because of their low income, our Partner Families don't have the possibility to access a loan from the bank or to buy a house in order to improve their living conditions.

Most young families are forced to live with their parents, usually in a small apartment. The lack of intimacy leads to conflicts between family members causing emotional imbalances, especially for children with serious consequences in their development.

Habitat for Humanity Romania has built 37 homes for families in need (8 quadruplexes, one triplex, and one duplex) all on one single street that the locals call "Habitat Street."