

## Greetings

*Habitat for Humanity Armenia is welcoming the spring with its new building season; a new rush of building decent homes for families in need. We are getting ready to host our first GV team of this building season and are looking forward to hosting several more GV teams during this building season.*

*We are also preparing to start up new projects while successfully implementing the existing ones and serving dozens of families in the villages of Khachik and Nshavan, as well as in the villages of Nor Armavir, Sardarapat, and Mrgashat, where Habitat for Humanity Armenia is helping partner families renovate their homes and complete half build ones.*

*Presently, we are also developing the plan of a core house to help more vulnerable families throughout Armenia.*

*We hope that, joining hands with our volunteers and all our supporters, we will be able to have a fruitful building season.*



## News Desk

### Partnering with Ministry of Urban Development

**H**abitat for Humanity Armenia has partnered with the RA Ministry of Urban Development, signing an Agreement of Cooperation. "There are many young families who are currently living in poor housing conditions, but are capable and willing to improve their situation with their own means: all they need is a hand up," says Karlen Gevorgyan, RA Deputy Minister of Urban Development.

Within this collaboration, a request was forwarded to all the regional governments to receive information on the need for simple, decent, and affordable housing.

"The received information highlights the high level of the need for simple, decent, and affordable homes throughout our country," says Irina Vanyan, the Executive Director for HFHA.

### Visit Armenia with purpose: Build simple, decent homes.

**G**lobal Village offers you the opportunity to travel to Armenia and change lives for families in need of decent homes. Come and build hand-in-hand with families in Nshavan, a village of 40 minute's drive from capital Yerevan. Join one of the following Global Village teams to Armenia.

May 23-June 3, 2009 (Saturday-Wednesday)  
July 18-29 (Saturday-Wednesday)  
September 26-October 7 (Saturday - Wednesday)  
October 13-31

To join a Global Village trip to Armenia, please contact:

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## Meet our partner families

### A decent home, at last

For the past fifteen years, Tatoul, his wife, Heghineh, and two daughters Karine (13) and Gayaneh (6) have been living in a rented home which is fourth degree risked to demolition (could be demolished by an earthquake of 5 Richter's.)

Last summer, Tatoul started building a decent home for his family in his ancestral village, Khachik, with a grant he received from the Government. However, the grant was not enough to complete the construction. In the past months, thanks to the loan provided by Habitat for Humanity Armenia, Tatoul completed the construction of his new home and now is working on the interior finishing. In the coming weeks, he will move his wife and two daughters into their completed dream house.

"We are delighted to finally have our own home. We are very happy to have received the loan provided by Habitat and are spending every bit of it on the completion of our home," said Tatoul.

"We pray that in the warmth and comfort of our new home we will be blessed with a new baby," Heghineh added.



### New life under new roof

When Margaryan Lena from the village of Nshavan was selected to receive a loan from Habitat, his son, Haroutioun, and daughter in law, Maretta, who live with Lena, were expecting their first child.

Their home needed an urgent renovation of the roof and the windows. With the approaching birth of the baby, the family was more anxious than ever to bring their desperate housing conditions to an end before the winter. In winter and spring, melted snow dripped from the ceiling into the house, corroding the plaster walls.

To make matters worse, in wet and cold months, Margaryans sheltered relatives living in a nearby shack.

The renovated, warm, and comfortable home enabled the family to offer a warm and comfortable shelter not only for themselves, but also for their extended family. For them, the past winter was the warmest and the most comfortable in years.

In October, Margaryans welcomed the birth of a healthy boy under a renovated roof. The young parents are not worried anymore. Their baby will grow in a decent home, where no wind will blow in through the half-broken windows and where rain and snow water will not enter into the rooms.



## Donate!

Your gift plays a vital role in helping Habitat for Humanity achieve its mission to build simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with low-income families in need.

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