

Volunteering project

"A home, a future" in Baltesti, Prahova county

28-29th of September 2009



A home, a future

Habitat for Humanity Romania and Vodafone Romania Foundation will build together the house for a Roma family from Baltesti, county of Prahova. Vodafone employees will volunteer for two days on the Habitat building site as part of the project "A home, a future".

This is a three year project taking place in Baltesti, Prahova county, and Vanatori Neamt, Neamt county and is being done by Habitat for Humanity and Soros Romania Foundation and financially supported by Timken Foundation from Canton, Ohio and Vodafone Romania Foundation.

Initiated with the purpose of creating a model of helping communities living in poverty housing conditions from Romania, the project "A home, a future" addresses the conditions in which Roma families are living in.

With your help we will be able to provide a safe and decent place to families living in substandard conditions.



Building schedule

The building day will start with an orientation which will provide you with all the information needed to work on the building site. Arun family will be present on the building site together with the Vodafone volunteers.

Work done so far

The two volunteer teams present on the building site worked together with the partner families and the Habitat construction team at building the foundations for the first four houses of the project (digging the foundations, making and pouring the concrete) and building the walls. The roof trusses are to be built next and placing them on the house.

Work to be done by the Vodafone volunteers

The construction activities you will take part in consist of interior finish and exterior thermal insulation. On the interior you will put plasterboards or plaster the walls. On the exterior of the house, you will put polystyrene, the mesh and the adhesive.

Habitat houses are easy to build and building experience is not needed as you will be instructed and supervised by construction specialists.



Join us in turning into reality Arun family's dream to live in a decent home.

Marin, Catalina and Casandra Arun need your support!

Less than a hundred kilometers far from Bucharest, one will find Baltesti, a village where tens of Roma families are living in houses made of clay and straws. Three or four families are living in just one unhealthy house. The families' only income is made of the social allowance and their children's allowance. Some families are making aluminum pots.

Arun family's situation is the same

Casandra Arun was born in a world filled with contempt for people like her. It's not easy to feel the pettiness of the people around you, the humility that you were born in a poor family, that you learnt to walk and to know the world among shacks and rubbish. Casandra's parents, Marin and Catalina, love their daughter and every day of their life is a continuous attempt to build her a future.



"What greater joy than living with dignity in a beautiful house where my daughter can learn and become somebody and without having to live in poverty as we did", says the woman who is selling water melons to be able to send her daughter to school.

Habitat for Humanity Romania – Vodafone Romania Foundation partnership

Vodafone Romania Foundation continues the partnership with Habitat for Humanity Romania for the second year by supporting the biggest volunteering project by building and renovating houses for 43 families in need from 12 localities from Romania.

Beside the amount of 300,000 Euro (the total value of the project) donated by the Vodafone Romania Foundation, Vodafone employees from all over Romania will volunteer on the Habitat building sites.



Thank you for supporting us.

You helping hand will change the future of other families living in poverty housing conditions from Romania!