HABITAT ET HUMANISME
BUILDING CONNECTIONS

For more than 35 years, Habitat et Humanisme has been committed to housing, including and rebuilding social connections for people in need, to fight against exclusion and isolation.

Habitat et Humanisme commitments are to:
- ensure that people with limited means, who are vulnerable due to their social situation, age, handicap or their health, can access housing appropriate for their needs and financial resources
- contribute to the development of inclusive cities, by ensuring that housing for the disadvantaged is located in socially-balanced neighbourhoods
- offer personalised or group support to encourage rebuilding social connections and inclusion

To fulfill its role, Habitat et Humanisme’s activities are organised into 3 branches supported housing, nursing and care homes, emergency and refugee accommodation.

In 2022, Habitat et Humanisme provided or secured 1,198 new housing units for people in need.

Habitat et Humanisme enabled 1,980 new families in difficulty to access housing.

Habitat et Humanisme welcomed 2,650 people into emergency accommodation and refugee reception centres.

Habitat et Humanisme welcomed 800 dependent elderly people into care homes.

Habitat et Humanisme’s social impact:
- Giving people in need and victims of housing exclusion access to homes
- Making additional places available in residences for dependent people with limited resources
- Creating a new supply of accessible housing for the poorest in society
- Helping create socially balanced urban neighbourhoods
- Fostering strong, impactful public engagement through solidarity saving and volunteering
HABITAT ET HUMANISME PROVIDES HOMES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN SOCIETY WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM HOUSING EXCLUSION.

Inclusive housing for vulnerable people

Before moving into H&H housing:

- **76%** of the families were living below the poverty line.
- Only 33% of the social housing sector accommodates households living below the poverty line. The figure is 22% in private housing.
- **65%** of the families did not have a home of their own and of these:
  - 4% were housed free of charge or staying with 3rd parties
  - 10.5% were in assisted facilities
  - 20% were in emergency housing or in a hotel
  - 38.5% were sleeping rough or homeless
  - 27% were in an institution (health facility, prison, etc.)

- Around **1 person in 2** who moves into H&H housing is out of work.

- The risk of having to make 'an extreme financial effort' to pay rent is increased 3-fold by being unemployed.

A particularly vulnerable community

- **54%** of the families we house are single people and
- **24%** are single parent families
- **16%** of the adults we house are under 30 years old

- Single-parent families are 5 times more at risk of being deprived of having a home of their own and single people are 3.5 times more at risk.
- The under 30s are 9 times more likely to become homeless.

HABITAT ET HUMANISME PROVIDES MUCH-NEEDED, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING TO THE MOST VULNERABLE IN SOCIETY.

Housing from the Habitat et Humanisme Property company

- **88%** of the housing provided by the Habitat et Humanisme Property company in 2022 was accessible to people living below the poverty line, as opposed to 1/4 in the social housing sector.

Housing from Solidarity Owners

Through its 'Solidarity Owners' scheme, Habitat et Humanisme has created a new supply of low-rent housing in urban centres. This accommodation was previously unoccupied or rented at high rates.

- **640** new housing units secured in 2022

HABITAT ET HUMANISME HELPS CREATE SOCIALLY BALANCED URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS.

- For example:
  - **A 71 m² apartment in Paris (19th district)**
  - H&H PROPERTY: 5.57 €/m² per month
  - SOCIAL HOUSING: 10.04 €/m² per month
  - PRIVATE HOUSING: 21 €/m² per month
  - **A 40 m² apartment in Marseille**
  - H&H PROPERTY: 5 €/m² per month
  - SOCIAL HOUSING: 7 €/m² per month
  - PRIVATE HOUSING: 12.5 €/m² per month

More than **3/4** of Habitat et Humanisme’s housing is located in high demand areas where the poorest in society are excluded due to property prices.

In these locations, Habitat et Humanisme charges rents well below market rates.
HABITAT ET HUMANISME PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION IN QUALITY ESTABLISHMENTS FOR DEPENDENT PEOPLE WITH LIMITED RESOURCES.

- Elderly people with limited resources
  The average taxable income of people living in Habitat et Humanisme nursing and care homes is:
  
  15 k€

  ➤ Average taxable income of the over 75s:
  
  25 k€

- Nursing & care homes accessible to the most vulnerable
  The daily rates at the Habitat et Humanisme nursing and care homes are much lower than in the private sector. Almost all places qualify for social benefits.

  AVERAGE H&H CARE HOME PRICES
  50€ to 75€

  AVERAGE PRIVATE SECTOR PRICES
  80€ to 130€

- People are happy living in our facilities
  The surveys we conduct every year among our residents and their families show a high level of satisfaction:

  WELL-BEING
  89,5% of the residents feel “at home”.
  95,3% of the families are welcomed by their loved ones as if they were in their own home.

  SECURITY
  84,5% of the residents feel safe in the facility.
  94,9% of the families believe their loved ones feel safe in the facility.

  VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION
  98% of the residents and 94,2% of the families appreciate the participation of the volunteers.

  SUPPORT
  92,1% of the residents feel well cared for by the staff.
  90,4% of the families think their loved ones are well cared for by the staff.

  ACTIVITIES
  89,3% of the residents enjoy the activities on offer.
  88,3% of the families think that the activities and entertainment on offer are appreciated by their loved ones.

HABITAT ET HUMANISME FOSTERS A STRONG, SOCIALLY IMPACTFUL COMMITMENT FROM THE PUBLIC.

- Habitat et Humanisme mobilises private and employee pension savings as solid leverage to develop affordable housing and care home accommodation.

  The Habitat et Humanisme property company and ‘EHF’ Entreprendre pour humaniser la dépendance property company are both socially responsible companies which have the ‘ESUS’ (Entreprise solidaire d’utilité sociale) and SIEG (service d’intérêt économique général) accreditations. They call on solidarity employee savings and private solidarity investments to raise capital to finance their operations. This is in addition to state and local authority subsidies and long-term loans from the ‘Banque des territoires’ and other banking organisations.

  These solidarity investments have a high leverage ratio:

  1€ CONTRIBUTED = 3€ INVESTED IN HOUSING OR A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

  For example:

  36 000 €

  invested in the Habitat et Humanisme property company enables us:

  ➤ to provide a 44 m² housing unit
  ➤ to house a family of 2 to 3 people for 3 years** minimum

  * average amount of equity to produce a 44 m² home
  **average time spent in temporary accommodation

- In 2022,

  More than 5 600 volunteers gave their time to Habitat et Humanisme, the equivalent of 376 full time jobs.

  290 000 volunteer hours were dedicated to supporting and caring for our residents.
The Habitat et Humanisme movement has pioneered the development of intergenerational homes, an innovative solution in the fight against the isolation and exclusion of the most vulnerable in our society. They bring together under one roof the elderly, the young and mostly single-parent families, all of whom have suffered isolation and have limited resources. Everyone has their own home and use of the common areas (a community room, courtyard or garden, laundry room) encouraging a convivial atmosphere and shared activities, as part of a participative and mutually supportive approach.

In 2023, there are 50 Habitat et Humanisme intergenerational homes in France and twenty or so more are in the pipeline. The recent impact study carried out on this project confirmed the merits of these homes, some of which have received the ‘inclusive housing’ accreditation. A vast majority of the residents say they feel happy in their home, that they take part in the activities on offer and that overall, their feelings of isolation are improving.

For 98% of residents, the volunteer has become a friend. 97% of residents say their social worker helps them, of these 76% say the help they received was significant. 97% of residents say their social worker helps them, of these 76% say the help they received was significant. 98% of residents say the volunteers listen, 93% say they support and encourage them.

For 32% of residents, the volunteer has become a friend. 41% of residents have, themselves, volunteered their help.

The specific effects of intergenerational life
Over and above these pointers, the survey shows that living in an intergenerational home has a significant effect on all the residents in terms of well-being and improving feelings of isolation.

We can also weigh the benefits according to specific groups and their needs. Intergenerational dynamics work!

93% of the residents say they are satisfied with their accommodation, 54% very satisfied.

A home where you feel happy

93% of the residents say they feel happy.

Friendly places putting an end to isolation

53% exchange favours with their neighbours.

76% are on friendly terms with some of their neighbours and 90% are on polite terms with all their neighbours.

THE IMPACT IS SIGNIFICANT ON ALL OUR RESIDENTS

65% of residents feel better psychologically.

63% have more confidence for the future.

45% have made new friends.

Specific impacts on specific groups

82% of the elderly residents feel more independent.

47% of the families say their family relations have improved.

34% of the youths have found a training course and 27% a job.

Volunteer help includes:

- Moving in or moving out/ furnishing
- DIY in the home
- Administrative documents and formalities
- Job hunting and training
- Looking for financial aid

44% Recreational workshops (cooking, gardening, writing, etc.)
33% Cultural outings
32% Festive meals, parties
21% Trips
21% Environmental workshops
19% Activities for children
12% IT workshops
10% Job hunting workshops

46%
46%
30%