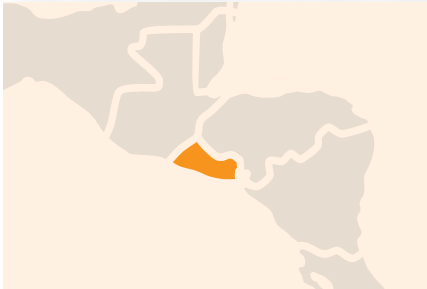


# Partner Profile: Habitat El Salvador



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Approximately eighty percent of Salvadorans live in conditions that a 2016 study by INCAE and Habitat for Humanity describes as “inadequate.” Many families were found to lack access to financing that could be used improve their homes.<sup>1</sup>

**Asociación Habitat para la Humanidad El Salvador (Habitat El Salvador)** is a Salvadoran social enterprise and a partner in Global Partnerships’ Home Improvement Finance initiative.<sup>2</sup>

## WHO IS SERVED:

Habitat El Salvador currently serves over 13,000 clients in all fourteen departments of El Salvador, reaching mostly underserved communities in urban, peri-urban, and rural areas. Fifty-three percent of its clients are female.<sup>4</sup>

## WHAT IS DELIVERED:

Habitat El Salvador provides individual microloans to support home improvement projects such as expansion, construction, or home repairs. Along with the loans, clients receive technical assistance from Habitat El Salvador technicians, including at least three home visits to ensure the successful completion of each home improvement project. With these visits, Habitat El Salvador aims to provide support to clients as they plan construction and development of their projects over time, as well as accurately assess both the quality of the work performed and its impacts on health and safety.

## WHY IT IS IMPACTFUL:

Access to financing and support needed to perform incremental home improvement projects can increase the health, security, and sense of well-being of households living in poverty. Depending on the specific project, clients may be able to reduce risks related to health or extreme weather events, decrease exposure to crime and violence (especially toward women and youth), and mitigate negative impacts on their environment through more efficient use of energy or better-managed waste. Less tangibly, but no less importantly, an improved home can reinforce families’ confidence.

1. “Country Profile: El Salvador,” Habitat for Humanity El Salvador, 2021, [https://www.habitat.org/sites/default/files/documents/ENG\\_ElSalvador\\_AF21.pdf](https://www.habitat.org/sites/default/files/documents/ENG_ElSalvador_AF21.pdf).
2. Habitat El Salvador was a current borrower of Global Partnerships Social Investment Fund 6.0, LLC, Global Partnerships Impact-First Development Fund, LLC, and Global Partnerships Impact-First Growth Fund, LLC, as of March 31, 2023.
3. Data as of March 31, 2023, as reported by Habitat El Salvador.
4. Ibid.