

Housing for disadvantaged communities: Local Lafarge/Habitat for Humanity partnerships

Many of the Group's local Business Units are working alongside the NGO Habitat for Humanity, supplying it with building materials and labor free of charge. Projects include:

The Jimmy Carter Work Project 2000 in the United States

Lafarge North America and Habitat for Humanity signed up to a five-year partnership in 2001. Under the terms of this agreement, Lafarge pledged to supply the organization with \$1 million in the form of grants or materials. The partnership forms part of the NGO's "More Than Houses" campaign, which aimed to collect \$500 million to build 100,000 houses by 2005. Today, Lafarge North America is Habitat for Humanity's largest supplier of cement, concrete, aggregates and plasterboard.

Construction of two Habitat for Humanity villages in South Africa

The Group is supplying and laying roof tiles in the NGO's housing projects in South Africa. As finishing works proved difficult for owners to carry out, Lafarge developed training modules in roofing techniques. This has resulted in good quality housing and professional training for local communities.

The "Love in Action" project in South Korea

Lafarge Halla has financed and supported the "Love in Action" construction project for Habitat for Humanity. Contributions to enable the construction of nearly 400 houses have included volunteers, financial donations and donations of material. A similar initiative has recently been deployed in Romania.

250 houses in Venezuela

In October 2003, Lafarge Venezuela and Habitat for Humanity signed a co-operation agreement to build 250 houses. The project was mainly intended to re-house families who were victims of 1999 floods and landslides in the Vargas region. Lafarge and Habitat for Humanity committed to coordinating and supervising the construction of 56 houses by the end of 2003 and an additional 194 during 2004. Habitat for Humanity supplied support and technical consultancy, and Lafarge supplied the cement required to carry out of the project at nominal cost.

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