

With a firm **step**



Holcim Nicaragua reiterates its support in the construction of 8 floors



Learn the story of Néstor, the driver of Habitat Nicaragua 5



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On June 30 we close our fiscal year, but it is not just any year, it is the year that takes us one step higher, because in October 2024 we celebrate 40 years of service in Nicaragua by our organization. We are talking about an entire life, and of course, many reflections come to our minds.

As a country director and a collaborator with Habitat for more than 15 years, I proudly take a tour and see all the changes we have experienced. The first feeling that emerges in me is gratitude, for each of the people who have been on the team all this time, gratitude for our affiliates, partners, and donors. What beautiful work we have done!

And speaking of this fiscal year 2023-2024 in particular, I must confess that it has been quite emotional, I will tell you why: we decided that this phase of the construction of concrete floors had to be for families that had at least one member with a disability, an older adult or person with a chronic illness.

Our partner in the north of the country, INPRHU Estelí, did an excellent job selecting the families. When the construction work began, and we personally visited the homes to learn first-hand about their life stories, we confirmed that we were on the right path. In this report, we share with you a particular story, which in itself allows us to see the profound impact that the

project has achieved. It is about Angelito, a boy who was born with Psychomotor retardation, and his mother, who had to do therapy with Ángel on the dirt floor.

Knowing that our work contributed to improving the quality of life of Angelito and his family is one of the greatest satisfactions we have today. Can you imagine the number of lives we have changed in these almost 40 years? Working in the cause of housing transforms you, it is not just a job, it is a reason to get up every day and give more than 100% because those changes depend on us as a team and as an organization.

I want to invite you to read about the work that we did with so much dedication during this fiscal year, to learn more about us, we are proud of what we do and, I am proud of each of the members of our team. We have been hand in hand with the community for 40 years.

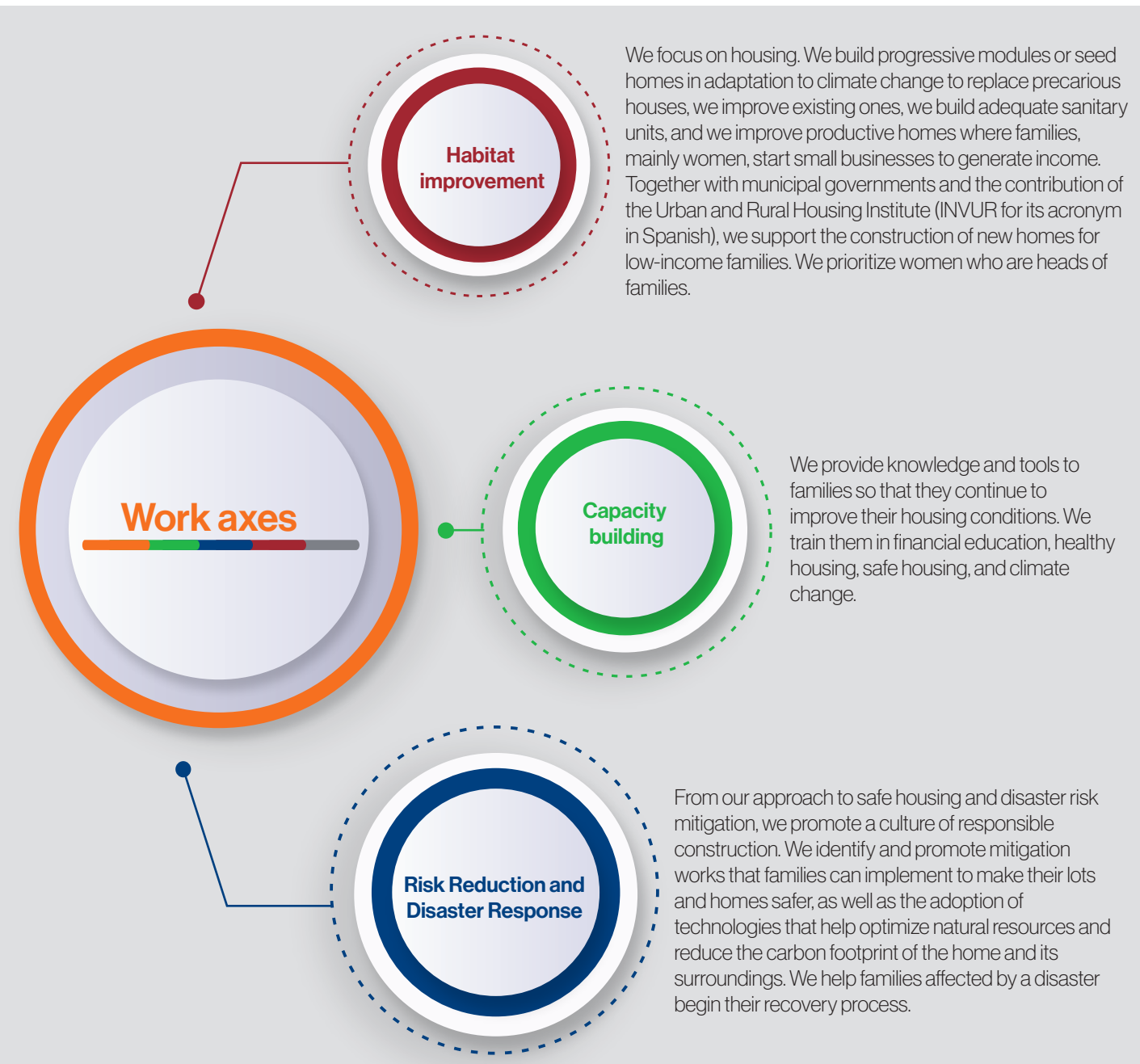
Nancy Aróstegui
Country director
Hábitat para la Humanidad Nicaragua

Who are we?

Habitat for Humanity Nicaragua is a non-profit organization that calls on people to build homes, communities, and hope and thus show God's love in action. Since supporting the first housing project in Nicaragua in 1984, we have benefited more than **20,134 families**, made up of more than **100,670 people** with various alternatives to improve their housing conditions, we have trained more than 19,292 people on different topics and we have contributed to

27,959 people recovering after a disaster.

As Habitat, we promote that the population has timely access to the services and products necessary to produce and maintain their housing adequately and safely. We strengthen people's capacities to self-manage their habitat and focus on safe construction, risk management, mitigation, and adaptation to climate change.



'El Pofi'
We invite you to meet Néstor Antonio Narváez Murillo, our dearest driver

In Nicaragua, there are many words to refer to close friends: 'broder', 'prij', and when the friendship is deep, they are called "pofi". At Habitat Nicaragua, Néstor is The Pofi of the entire office, he has earned it because all his co-workers, without exception, know that we count on him.

Néstor is unconditional. He is always kind, smiling, willing, and always two steps ahead, he is an all-rounder. Originally from Dolores, Carazo, he joined the Habitat Nicaragua family in 2016 in the position of administrative driver, although it is common to see him supporting all areas of the organization. One day he can be on the benches and the next loading and unloading construction materials or assisting as a photography and video assistant.



And the most difficult thing you've had?

When COVID fully entered I had to go around the communities delivering packages. That was hard, I entrusted myself to God every day because I was afraid of getting sick and getting my children sick. I remember in particular a trip to Mozonte, just the communicator and I, we were afraid, but we did what we had to do, and we didn't get sick, but everything is thanks to God who gives me strength every day.

Graduated with a technical degree in tourism and hotel administration, and a degree in business administration, "Pofi" has had to work as a salesperson, cashier, and driver. His versatility and innate curiosity even led him to learn how to use professional photography cameras. Husband, father, and tremendous co-worker, Néstor is one of the most beloved people in the organization.

Insertar secuencia de tres fotos de nestor.

What is the best thing about working with Habitat?

It fits me because I am one of the people who likes to help, especially when it comes to low-income people and families. Every time we do a project, I feel blessed to have been able to be a part of it, to see the families, the children, don't say, that is a blessing from God. The other thing I love about Hábitat is the way they treat people, because, even though my position is as a driver, they have never treated me differently, as happens with other employers. Here we are all equal.

Share 3 Habitat memories that will accompany you for life

One of them is when my son was barely 2 years old and he got pneumonia, he was very ill and everyone gave me their support. The other is when the brigades came and we were waiting for who would arrive each week, that atmosphere was happy; and a third, I don't know, it's difficult because we have worked to support so many families with so many moving stories, which have all marked me in some way.

Concrete floors to play, dance and be happy



Angelito was born with psychomotor retardation, so at almost five years old, he still cannot stand up or walk without help. Every time Diana, his mother, had to take him to therapy, she had to carry the child, in the wheelchair and spend up to an hour waiting for a taxi to agree to take them for a fair price.

Knowing the situation closely, a neighbor gave them a rubber mat so that the child could do the exercises at home, but since



Before

the floor was dirt, the carpet was always exposed to bacteria and, one of Diana's concerns was the frequency with which Angelito got sick, who also suffers from asthma and pneumonia. Insertar secuencia de dos fotos

The story changed when Hábitat, Holcim Nicaragua, and the Institute for Human Promotion (INPRHU-Esteli) visited the family in the Leonel Rugama neighborhood and invited them to be part of the 100 thousand floors to play an initiative that Habitat



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for Humanity and the Inter-American Federation of Cement (FICEM for its acronym in Spanish) is being implemented in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"I am very grateful to God and to you because now I can do my child's therapies at home, in a clean place, where he is no longer exposed to dust and thus will not get asthma or pneumonia. The therapist came to the house and told me to do it in the room before that would have been impossible for me," says Diana.

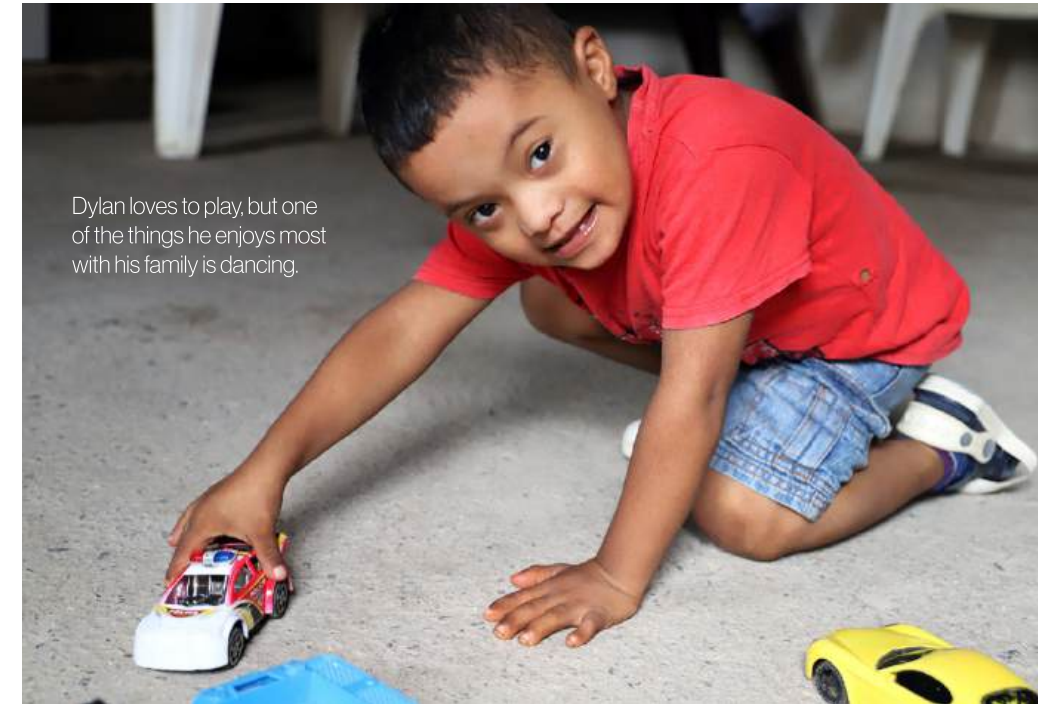
Dylan is healthier and happier

About 15 minutes from Angelito's house, in the Camillo II neighborhood of Estelí, lives Dylan (5 years old). He was born with Down syndrome and at eight months of gestation he was diagnosed with congenital atrioventricular (AV) block, a heart disease, that required open heart surgery, which cost more than 23 thousand dollars and had to be done in Colombia.

With a father who worked in a tobacco factory and a mother who was a housewife, Dylan's chances seemed nil, but his parents did everything to achieve the operation. "I walked around with piggy banks, begging in factories and schools. A manager of a tobacco company gave me 600 dollars, and then the child's father managed to get the insurance to pay most of the expenses, it was up to us to put in 6,500 dollars but we barely got 2,200. With that, I left, one month after he was born. "They were operating," Eliza, her mother, tells us.

The surgery was a success, but his condition made him susceptible to contracting a series of diseases, and since his house had a dirt floor, respiratory and skin problems occurred constantly. "Now with the apartment they made for us, he is happier, he plays ball, with his skateboard or whatever, he is calmer and has not gotten sick, thank God," Eliza tells us.

Dylan's family was also selected by the INPRHU Estelí, to be part of the 100 thousand floors to play on initiative. In this phase, 300 families were chosen that, in addition to needing an apartment, had a member with a disability or chronic illness, thus contributing to improving their health and quality of life.



Dylan loves to play, but one of the things he enjoys most with his family is dancing.



Habitat Nicaragua has the goal, of building 1,200 concrete floors by 2028 and has the generous support of Holcim Nicaragua.

"We are very grateful to Holcim Nicaragua because they have been the company that has supported us from the first moment. Without them, we would not be able to see Dylan's smile as he plays and dances in the comfort of his home," says Nancy Aróstegui, Country Director of Habitat Nicaragua.

Good news Habitat

RASNIC prepares for NICARAGUASAN. The Water and Sanitation Network (Rasnic) of which Habitat Nicaragua is a part, is already preparing for the tenth edition of NICARAGUASAN, the National Drinking Water Fair and Forum where specialists in the field meet to share knowledge, and experiences and strengthen alliances “We are delighted because it is the 10th edition and that is a great achievement as Rasnic, also in 2024 the network turns 25 years since its creation, so we hope to have the support of allies and companies, we are still defining several things, but we have no doubt that it will



be a success,” says María Belén Rivas, in charge of the Rasnic Secretariat.



Hand in hand with the municipalities. During this fiscal year, Habitat Nicaragua provided specialized technical support to the municipalities of El Jícaro, San Juan de Limay, San Rafael del Norte, San Rafael del Sur, and San Nicolás, who carried out social housing construction projects and housing improvements. In total, we contributed to constructing 80 homes and 30 improvements.

Holcim reaffirms its commitment to the 100 Thousand Floors to Play on initiative.

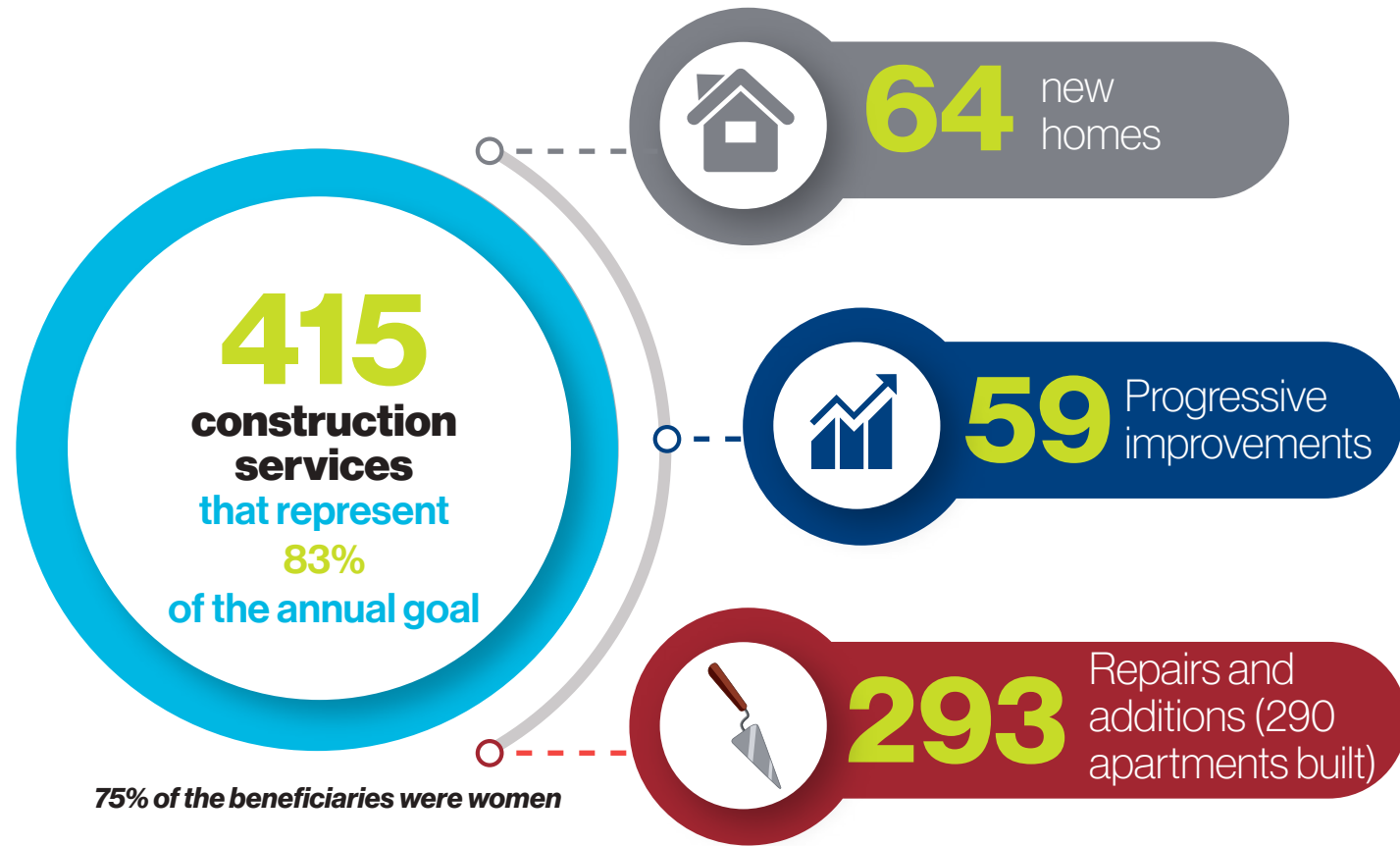
“We are super happy with all the work that has been done, it has been a very emotional visit. At Holcim we knew from the first moment that this project was aligned with our objectives, having the opportunity to meet the beneficiary families is motivating,” says María Mercedes Gómez, Corporate Social Responsibility Specialist at Holcim Nicaragua.

This is the third visit that Holcim Nicaragua has made to the project site since the initiative started. Gómez had the opportunity to see up close how a concrete floor changes the lives of girls and boys with disabilities, and how this is directly connected to their health and well-being, so at the end of the visit he reaffirmed that they will continue to support Habitat Nicaragua during the next fiscal year.



Alliances for WASH in Estelí. In February of this year, we were honored to be visited by the Country Manager of Food for the Hungry (FH) Nicaragua, David Bradford, who together with the Program Manager and Global WASH Manager of FH, took a tour of the projects of water and sanitation that we implement in the city of Estelí. The objective of the visit was to look for points of synergy and coordinate future collaborations between organizations.

Our fiscal year 2024 achievements



1,017 non-constructive services that represents **89%** of the goal

Capacitaciones en

- ✓ Training in financial education
- ✓ Safe housing
- ✓ Use and maintenance



- ✓ Healthy housing with an emphasis on healthy floors
- ✓ Climate change
- ✓ And safeguarding

76% of the people trained were women

Thanks to affiliates

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