

Rooftops Canada...



**...the international development program of
co-operative and social housing groups in
Canada**

Our Canadian Housing Partners ...

- The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHFC)
- The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA)
- The Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA)
- The New Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Association (NBNPHA)
- la Confédération québécoise des coopératives d'habitation (CQCH)
- The British Columbia Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA)

The Challenge



1.2 Billion people - one third of the global urban population - live in slums. The UN Millennium Development Goals only hope to improve the lives of 100 million by 2015.

Our Response...



Rooftops Canada partners with housing groups, cooperatives, NGO's, trade unions, governments and the private sector to improve housing conditions and build sustainable communities.

Wide Ranging Experience



Our partnerships range from grassroots projects to national and international policy programs.

Areas of work include...



- **Social/co-operative housing development and management; institutional development; housing micro-finance**
- **Community and local economic development; post-disaster reconstruction; housing-linked responses to HIV/AIDS**

Housing People Of Zimbabwe (HPZ)



HPZ works towards improved human settlements for Zimbabweans through advocacy, development cooperation & education. HPZ also works to mitigate the impact of HIV and AIDS on the housing and cooperative movement.

Evictions

- 700, 000 homeless
- Loss of community and sense of security
- Loss of livelihoods, belongings and schooling for children
- Radically reduced access to health services



Immediate impact on housing co-ops

- Families, particularly female and child headed households, needed urgent humanitarian support
- Displacement destroyed co-ops and their ability to save jointly
- Ripple effect on housing rentals which increased by more that 300%.
- Families had their only means of livelihood destroyed
- A large number of the destitute were people living with HIV and AIDS, the elderly and people with disabilities.



HPZ's response to the crisis

HPZ is unable to carry on with its normal business it is struggling to find ways to help in the middle of a crisis.

- Advocacy for land and housing rights
- Housing projects and bulk purchases
- HIV and AIDS
- Livelihoods/Gardens
- Youth
- Gender





Zimbabwe post election

- Several months later: Government of National Unity still under construction
- Militarization – strong visibility of police, arm, militia and war veterans
- Escalated violence
- Displacement of people
- Destruction of homes and source of livelihoods



HPZ's response

- Monitoring the situation
- Assisting people living with HIV and those with AIDS access ARVs
- Part of National Association of NGOs – putting pressure on Zimbabwe to stop the violence, South Africa and SADC to help resolve the stalemate



Demand, a people driven and democratic Constitutional reform process.

Rooftops Canada's response

- Provides support and solidarity to partners in Zimbabwe
- Education and advocacy in Canada and internationally
- Members of Zimbabwe inter agency group in Canada
- Provides guidance to Canadian policy on Zimbabwe



What can Canadian housing cooperators do?

- Support HPZ relief program through Rooftops Canada
- Help inform others: organize an education event
- Visit our display table
- Keep up to date: www.rooftops.ca



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