



Houses of Hope

Though basic life necessities are being provided for many earthquake survivors in Sous Savanne through current medical initiatives and the Child Sponsorship Program, some families are still in dire need of adequate housing. **With more than 90% of the buildings in this area destroyed in the January 2010 earthquake, housing is a top priority as we move from disaster response to long-term recovery.**

Other aid organizations have built a number of transitional houses in the area where Sous Savanne is located, but desperate housing needs remain. Some Haitians are still living in disaster relief tents provided by Hope Force in August 2010. Others have makeshift shacks made of tarps, metal, and pieces of wood.



In order to meet the housing need, HFI is initiating the Houses of Hope Project, which will provide durable homes for 15 families in Sous Savanne. These families will be chosen from within the HFI program based on their economic vulnerability, current housing situation, and family composition. They will be required to participate in the construction process and provide basic materials such as sand and water. Local laborers and HFI Reservists will work alongside them to build the homes.

The homes will be assembled from Maxima prefabricated housing kits that include everything from plywood siding to window shutters. The Maxima homes:

- Are made of pressure-treated pine with a metal roof
- Have a four-foot exterior block wall and concrete foundation
- Are 200 square feet inside and 55 square feet under a covered porch
- Can be used as the base for a high-quality wooden house



Each housing unit costs approximately \$5,000, totaling \$75,000 for all 15 Houses of Hope in the program.

Maxima prefabricated unit	\$2,970
Labor for erecting unit	\$250
Transportation of unit	\$75
Materials/labor exterior masonry	\$845
Operational expenses	\$860

Total cost per unit \$5,000

Building homes is the next vital step in accomplishing our long-term response goal of creating sustainable development, rebuilding and recovery for the people of Sous Savanne. Please consider contributing to Houses of Hope to provide shelter for those in dire need of adequate housing.