



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HUNGARY

**SUMMARY OF OUR WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS
IN 2025**

**WE BUILD STRENGTH, STABILITY, AND SELF-
RELIANCE THROUGH SHELTER**

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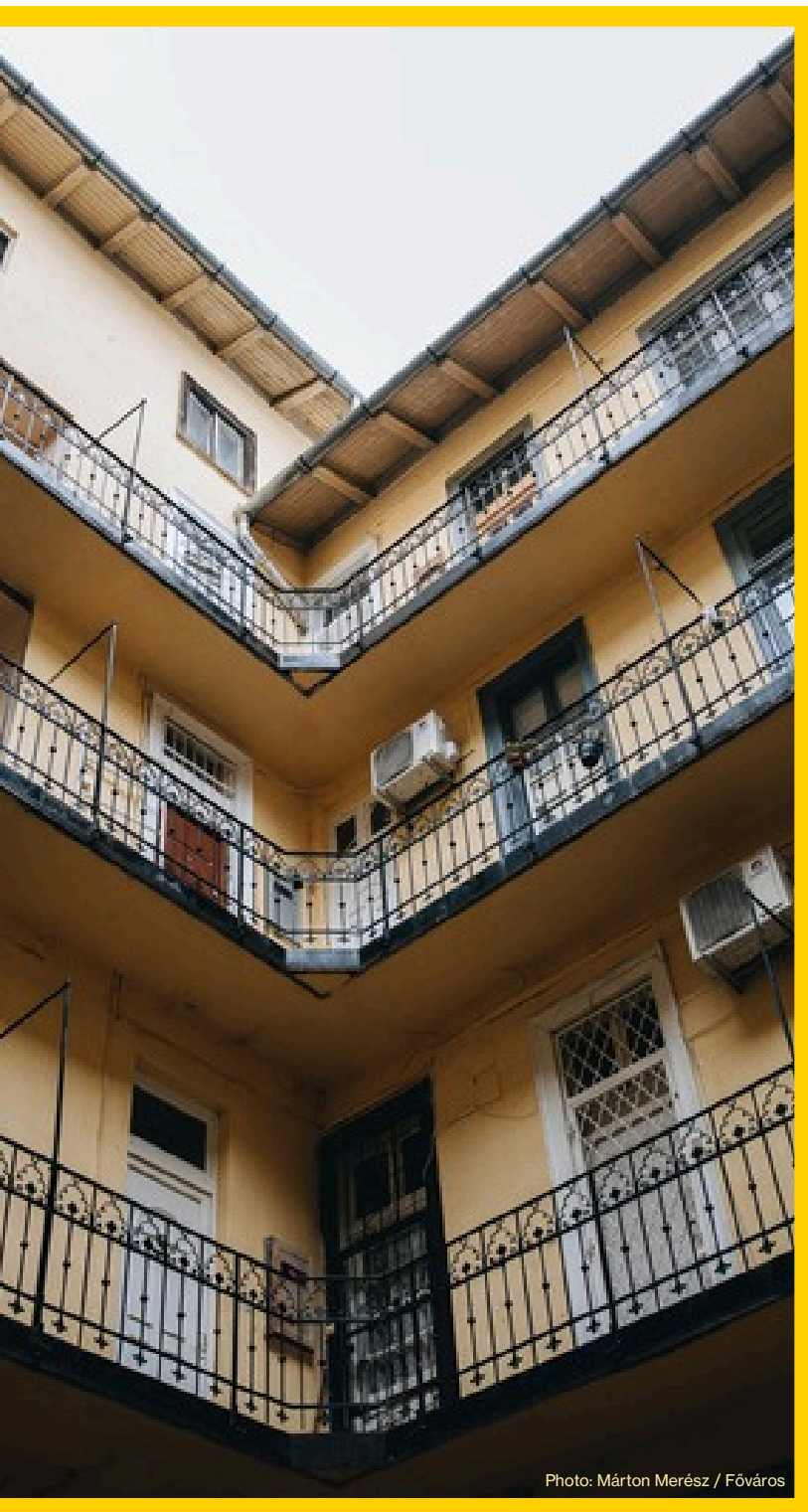


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ABOUT HUNGARY

Located in Central Europe, Hungary is a country of approximately 9.5–9.6 million people. Despite having a relatively high homeownership rate and a housing stock that exceeds the number of households, access to adequate housing remains a significant challenge.

Approximately 3 million people are affected by various forms of housing poverty.

Rising prices, limited affordable options, and regional disparities continue to shape housing opportunities, particularly for vulnerable groups.

Ensuring access to safe and affordable housing remains a key priority for Hungary's long-term social and economic development.



WORDS FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The year 2025 brought many changes to the life of our organization. What has remained unchanged, however, is our mission: we work to ensure that everyone has access to a dignified, safe, and affordable home.

Our support is needed more than ever: the number of families facing housing difficulties continues to grow. One of the most pressing challenges in Hungary is the condition of the housing stock: a large proportion of homes are outdated and lack modernization, while many households do not have the financial resources to carry out necessary renovations.

That is why, over the past year, we kept focusing our programs on helping families with renovations.



- Together with our volunteers, we renovated municipal rental apartments in Budapest, enabling families living in temporary homes to move in.
- We supported families with children in accessing the Rural CSOK state subsidy, helping them modernize their homes.
- We also contributed to the renovation of homes in poor technical condition of families facing difficult circumstances, with a particular focus on repairing and renovating roofs in critical condition.

Last year, we improved the housing conditions of around 300 people. However, this represents only a fraction of those for whom adequate housing remains out of reach without external support. To address this gap, we also built on our field experience to conduct research, share our findings in professional forums, and develop policy recommendations for decision-makers, aiming to contribute to systemic changes that can improve the lives of millions.

On behalf of the organization, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making all of this possible.

TÍMEA ILLYÉS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

HOUSING SITUATION IN HUNGARY IN 2025

The housing crisis in Hungary and across Europe has been worsening for years, leaving millions of people without access to affordable, decent housing. Many live in precarious and inadequate conditions or are forced to spend a disproportionate share of their income on housing.

The problem can only be addressed through a comprehensive, consistent, and committed housing policy that focuses on affordability, social security and support for people affected by housing poverty.

30.3% of the population, nearly 3 million people, are affected by housing poverty.

In the past ten years, apartment rental prices have increased by 126% nationwide and 116% in Budapest.



However, Hungary has lacked a professional government representation that has coordinated this system at a national level for decades.

ADVOCACY

Habitat's advocacy work aims to promote systemic change to improve housing conditions, reduce inequalities, housing and energy poverty. We contribute to this with research, analysis and policy recommendations, which we primarily deliver to decision-makers at local, national and EU levels.

Habitat for Humanity Hungary published its 14th Annual Report on Housing Poverty in 2025, which we have been preparing since 2012 with the involvement of our colleagues and external experts. Each year, the publication reviews government measures related to housing, analyzes relevant budget expenditures, presents developments in housing affordability, and, by processing a current, highlighted topic in detail, contributes with policy proposals to the planning of programs to reduce housing poverty. Our report is an important reference for the press, as well as housing professionals and decision-makers.

Our Housing Report was covered by the media on
101
occasions.

11
appearances at local
and international
forums in 2025



Topics of our 2025 Annual Report

Changes in government housing policies in 2024–2025 and budget spending on housing

The chapter examines how the economic policy action plan launched in autumn 2024 and other government measures affect people living in housing poverty. The analysis focuses on financing and regulation, analyzing their impact on vulnerable groups. It points out the almost complete lack of targeted support based on need, and formulates policy proposals to make the system fairer.

In 2025, we conducted
12 consultations
with decision-makers.

Developments in housing affordability

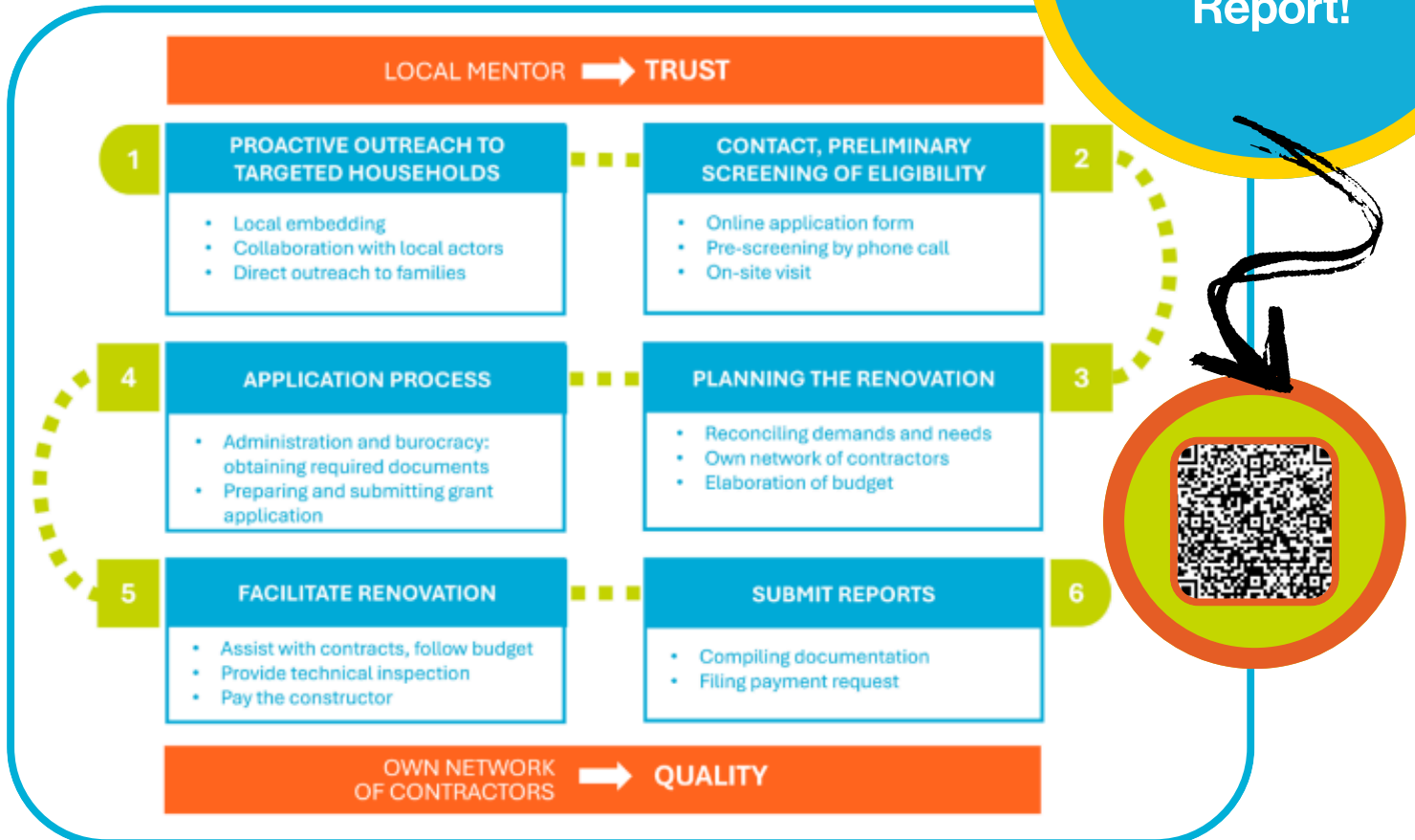
In recent years, housing prices and rents in Hungary have increased significantly, making the issue of affordability increasingly salient. The chapter examines affordability issues affecting the population and policy responses; it analyses the affordability aspect from the perspective of accessibility, financial burden and housing quality.



Policy recommendations for the conditions for building renovation support programs

This chapter, based on the many years of experience of our Family Village program, presents the criteria along which it would be appropriate to develop a national building renovation support program and a one-stop support model to facilitate its implementation, in order to specifically help households living in energy poverty. It also points out that current supports are often not accessible to those affected, even though schemes providing properly targeted and personalized support could significantly improve their situation.

Read our full 2025 Annual Report!



One-stop-shop support pathway
Source: Annual Report on Housing Poverty in Hungary 2025

Reducing energy poverty

EUKI BIOJUST PROJECT

EUKI BioJust is an international project that aims to reduce energy poverty in Hungary and the region. It supports the transition of vulnerable households using solid fuels to cleaner and more efficient heating solutions, and assists decision-makers with policy recommendations and practical guidance.

As part of the project, we also organized two local government professional events in November 2025 under the title "Local Responses to the Challenges of Energy Poverty", together with WWF Hungary and with the participation of the Association of Hungarian Local Governments (MÖSZ).

A total of
70 people
from

35 local governments
participated in our professional events

WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC FORUM

In 2024, cooperation was launched with the Jánoshida municipality, within the framework of which a pilot program to reduce firewood consumption was implemented. In 2025, work will continue in the EUKI BioJust project: together with WWF Hungary, we support the development of a local heat energy plan and measures to reduce energy poverty. The population was informed about the plans at a forum, and an awareness-raising session on good heating practices was also held in schools.

JÁNOSHIDA WOOD STORAGE

In the pilot settlement of the BioJust project, Jánoshida, which will end in 2025, we implemented interventions to reduce local firewood consumption. We structurally strengthened and filled the municipality's firewood drying storage, ensuring the maintenance of drying capacity and creating a permanent firewood reserve and revolving fund. We were also able to contribute to the purchase of equipment to assist in the processing and distribution of firewood.



OUR FIELD PROGRAMS

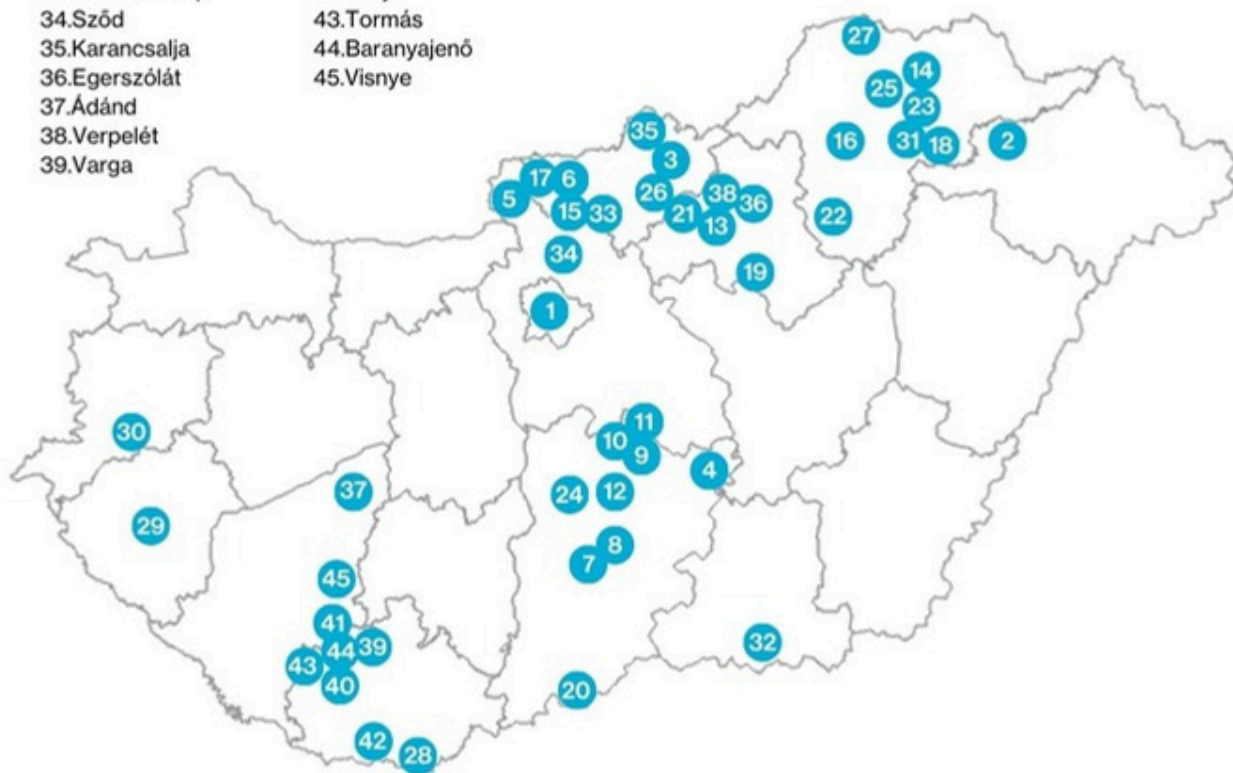
Habitat for Humanity Hungary's direct assistance programs, following the initial house construction phase, now primarily focus on improving the living conditions of people experiencing housing poverty and those in municipal rental apartments. These efforts aim to make homes safe and livable through renovation and modernization, in response to domestic housing challenges. A distinctive feature of the programs is that supported families are actively involved in the process, becoming participants in the renewal of their own homes.

LOCATIONS WHERE WE PROVIDED SUPPORT IN 2025

1. Budapest
2. Paszab
3. Vizslás
4. Tiszakécske
5. Ipolytölgyes
6. Szügy
7. Kecel
8. Soltvadkert
9. Kecskemét
10. Ladánybene
11. Lajosmizse
12. Ágasegyháza
13. Detk
14. Fáj
15. Mohora
16. Miskolc
17. Drégelypalánk
18. Taktakenéz
19. Heves
20. Madaras
21. Gyöngyöspata
22. Tibolddaróc
23. Pere
24. Szabadszállás
25. Baktakék
26. Pásztó
27. Tornanádaska
28. Matty
29. Pölöske
30. Győrvár

31. Taktaszada
32. Magyarcsanak
33. Cserháthaláp
34. Szöd
35. Karancsalja
36. Egerszólát
37. Ádánd
38. Verpelét
39. Varga

40. Bakóca
41. Sásd
42. Sellye
43. Tormás
44. Baranyajenő
45. Visnye



Support for Families

The aim of our support program is to improve the safety of the homes of households struggling with housing difficulties through minor renovations and interventions.

In 2025, we helped most families with:

- bathroom renovation
- replacement of doors and windows
- roof renovation

We have helped more than 200 households nationwide since the launch of the support program in 2019. The program does not just provide financial assistance: it creates safer and more livable homes for families and seniors who otherwise do not have sufficient resources for construction or maintenance work.

Learn more!



In 2025, we helped
43
families make their
homes safer



In 2025, we
handed over 2
renovated
apartments.

Second Chance



The Second Chance program aims to provide independent, safe and affordable housing for families with children who, due to the loss of their home or the lack of affordable rental housing or their own property, have lived in temporary homes for years.

Within the framework of the program, we renovate vacant, poor-conditioned municipal rental apartments with the involvement of our volunteers and the families moving in, making them rentable and providing an affordable solution for families to build a stable life. The program has been operating since 2015, and during 2025 we handed over the 22nd renovated apartment.

Mariann has been living in the Temporary Home for Families with her two children since 2023, after losing her apartment lease. Thanks to our Second Chance program, the family was able to move into their new home, which we renovated with the help of our volunteers and supporters.




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Főváros

READ MORE
ABOUT THE
PROGRAM HERE



Family Village Program

Within the framework of our Family Village program, we work with families with children so that they can access Rural CSOK state subsidy, which can help them renovate or modernize their homes.



Why don't many people have access to the Rural CSOK?

- The support comes afterwards, after the construction is completed, and many families do not have enough savings for pre-financing.
- Eligibility criteria are strict, and typically those who need it most are excluded from support.
- Without help, applying for support is too complicated and lengthy.
- Construction poses technical and financial risks, the management of which requires expertise.

What does the program offer?

It provides simple, comprehensive support for families.

Pre-financing

We prepay the costs of renovation work, so families do not need to have their own capital to get started.

Personal mentoring

Our specialists will assist you in preparing the application, handling banking procedures, and making decisions related to the renovation.

Quality implementation

Habitat uses verified, reliable contractors to ensure that renovations and modernizations are durable and safe.



Thanks to the one-stop support model, families received a total of **43,000,000 HUF** in support.

In 2025, we helped 6 families in 5 settlements to access and use the renovation grant:

Cserháthaláp
Sződ
Karancsalja
Egerszólát
Tibolddaróc

Roofs and Walls

Key and essential renovations in the homes of families in difficult circumstances.

The Roofs and Walls program aims to provide nationwide support for the renovation of residential properties where the structural elements of the building – primarily the roof and walls – are in such poor condition that they endanger the safety, energy efficiency and habitability of the home.

The program follows the principle that it is worth starting the renovation of a home with the most structurally critical elements: a stable roof and solid walls can prevent further deterioration and create the basis for safe housing.



**18
RENOVATED
ROOFS**



**57 PEOPLE
SUPPORTED**



**7
LOCATIONS**

Why is this program important?

Primary protection:

Roofs and walls are the most critical parts of a building; if they are not adequately resistant to weather conditions (e.g., water ingress, wind, heat loss), they cannot adequately protect the building and the effectiveness of further repairs is reduced.

Increasing energy efficiency:

The condition of roofs and walls is also key to energy efficiency – poorly insulated or structurally defective elements cause higher utility costs and energy waste.

Significant progress:

The program helps supported families to remedy fundamental structural defects.



SELYE

VISNYE

TORMÁS



VARGA

BAKÓCA

SÁSD

BARANYAJENŐ



HABITAT CREATIVE CENTER

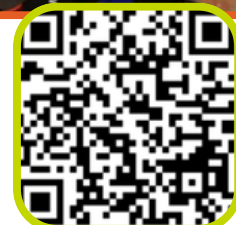
The Habitat Creative Center is Habitat for Humanity Hungary's community and event space in Budapest, focusing on the cause of decent and affordable housing. It serves as an open space for professional and community programs, workshops, exhibitions and discussions, where knowledge sharing, shared thinking and action related to housing are emphasized, while also functioning as the organization's office.

DIY Fixing Workshop

- A practical workshop on fastening techniques used in home renovations and DIY projects.
- We introduce tools, methods and principles suitable for different wall and surface types.



Current
programs



Plumbing and sewer installation workshop

- A hands-on workshop that helps you learn basic installation, repair, and maintenance work related to plumbing and sewer systems, such as installing faucets, siphons, and cleaning drains.
- It is led by experienced instructors who convey both practical and theoretical knowledge in a clear manner.



Safe tool use workshop

- A practical workshop on safe tool use that introduces the most commonly used hand and power tools and helps you understand how, when and for what they should be used.
- Participants can also try out the presented tools with expert guidance, so they can work more confidently and safely during home renovations or DIY projects.

**HOUSING
MATTERS!
FILM CLUB**

**BOOK
LAUNCHES**

ECOCLUB

61
VOLUNTEER DAY

366
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

**BECOME OUR
VOLUNTEER!**



VOLUNTEERING



Volunteering is an important and traditional element of Habitat for Humanity's work. For a long time, the organization worked with volunteers exclusively on construction and renovation projects, but in 2025 we renewed our volunteer program. From now on, new members will learn about Habitat's work and the most important issues of housing during a training course. After that, they will have the opportunity to participate in tasks related to communication, office work, and events in addition to renovations.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP – SHARED RESPONSIBILITY, REAL IMPACT

For Habitat for Humanity Hungary, corporate partnerships play a key role in ensuring that we can provide predictable, professionally-based assistance to people affected by housing poverty on a solid basis.

Our corporate partners in 2025

- helped us implement our programs through financial and in-kind support worth 84 million HUF.
- With this help, we improved the housing conditions of 66 families across the country.

Our corporate collaborations allow us to provide direct assistance flexibly to families' different life situations, while applying energy efficiency and sustainability aspects and keeping housing security in mind, and to also work for systemic changes and the promotion of a socially targeted, fairer housing policy.

What does the Habitat partnership mean?

- Transparent, measurable social impact
- Professionally based programs
- Long-term cooperation opportunities
- Connection to energy efficiency, sustainability and housing issues

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CORPORATE
VOLUNTEER DAY

84 MILLION
HUF
CORPORATE
DONATION

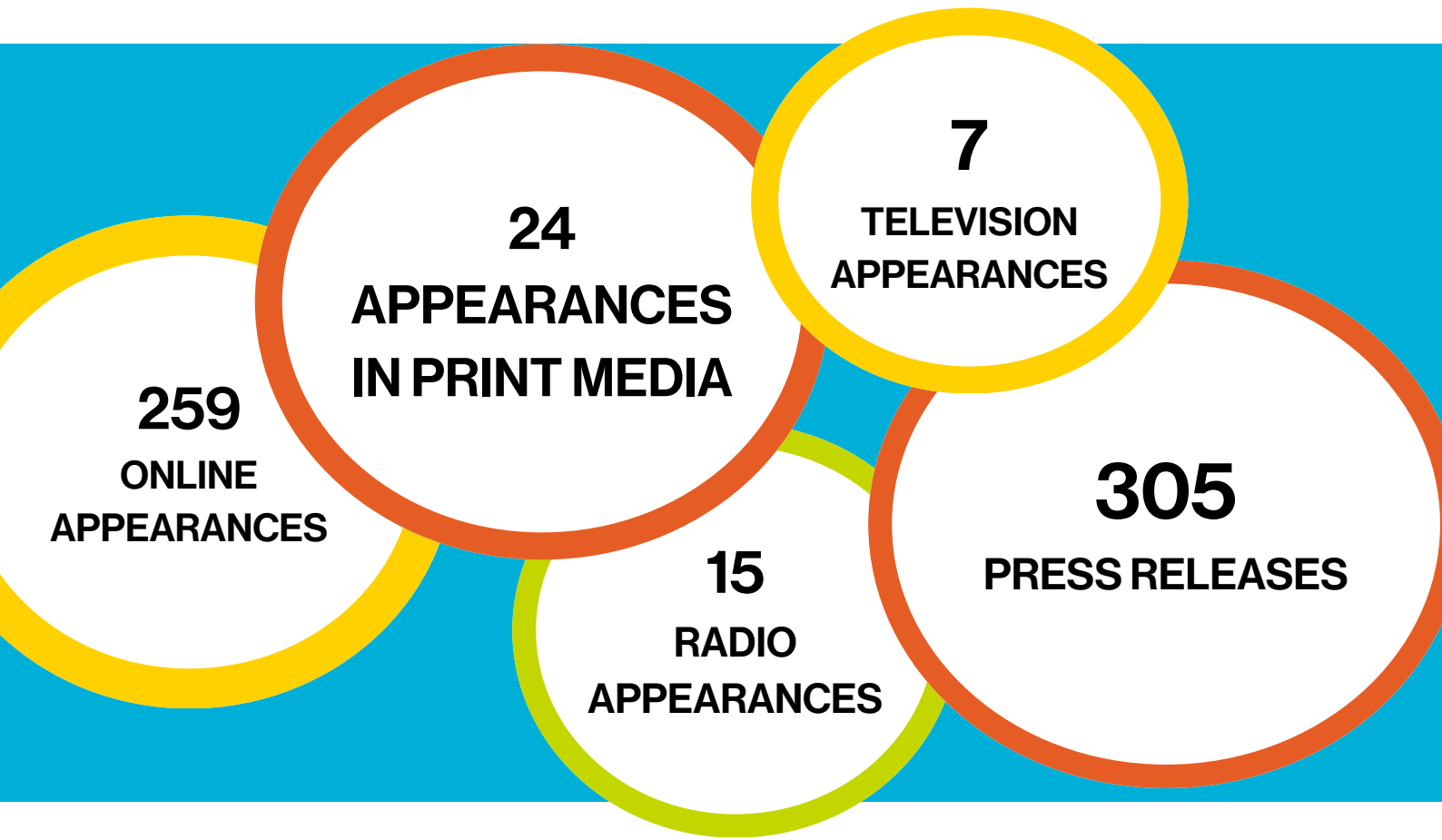
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PRESENCE

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CORPORATE
DONORS

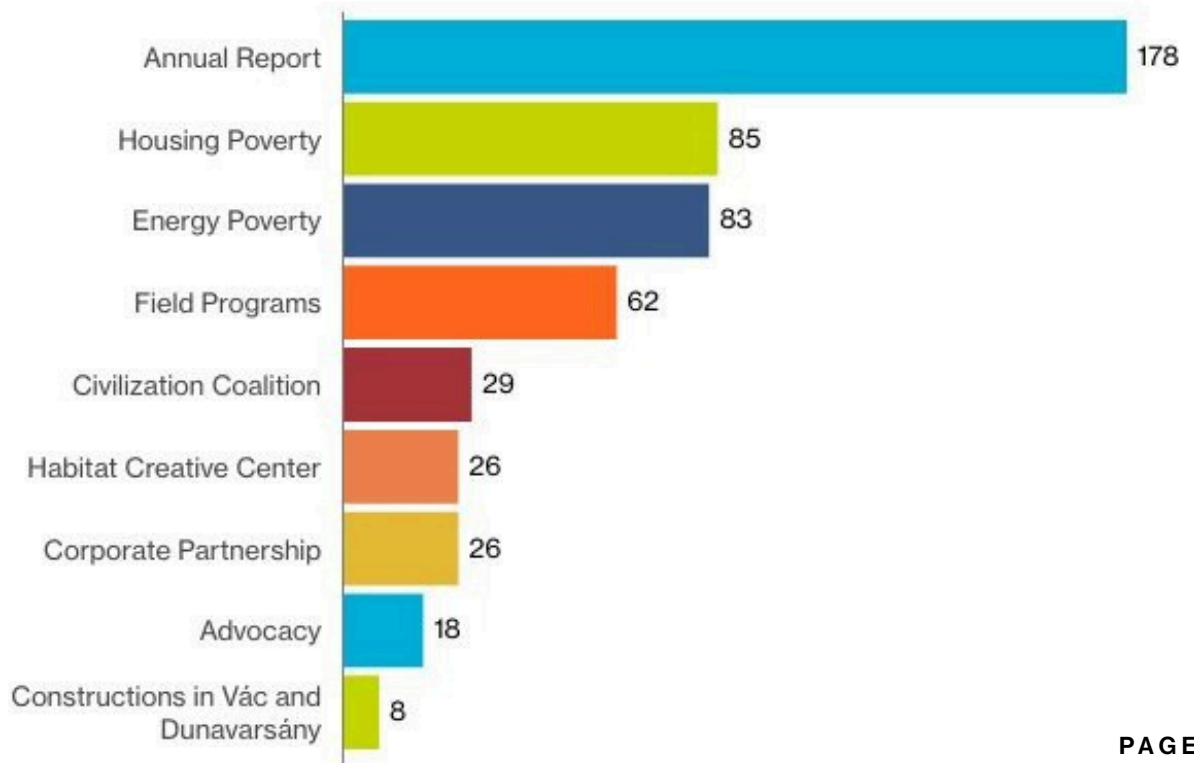


PRESS AND MEDIA



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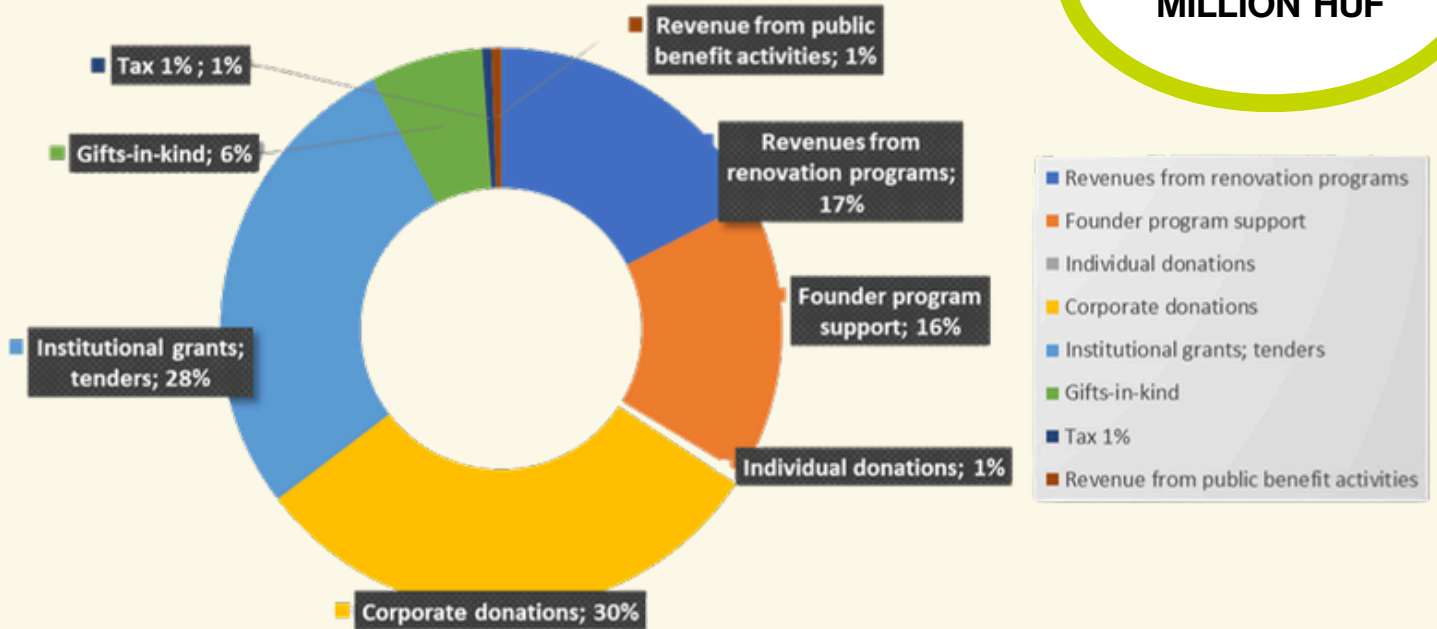
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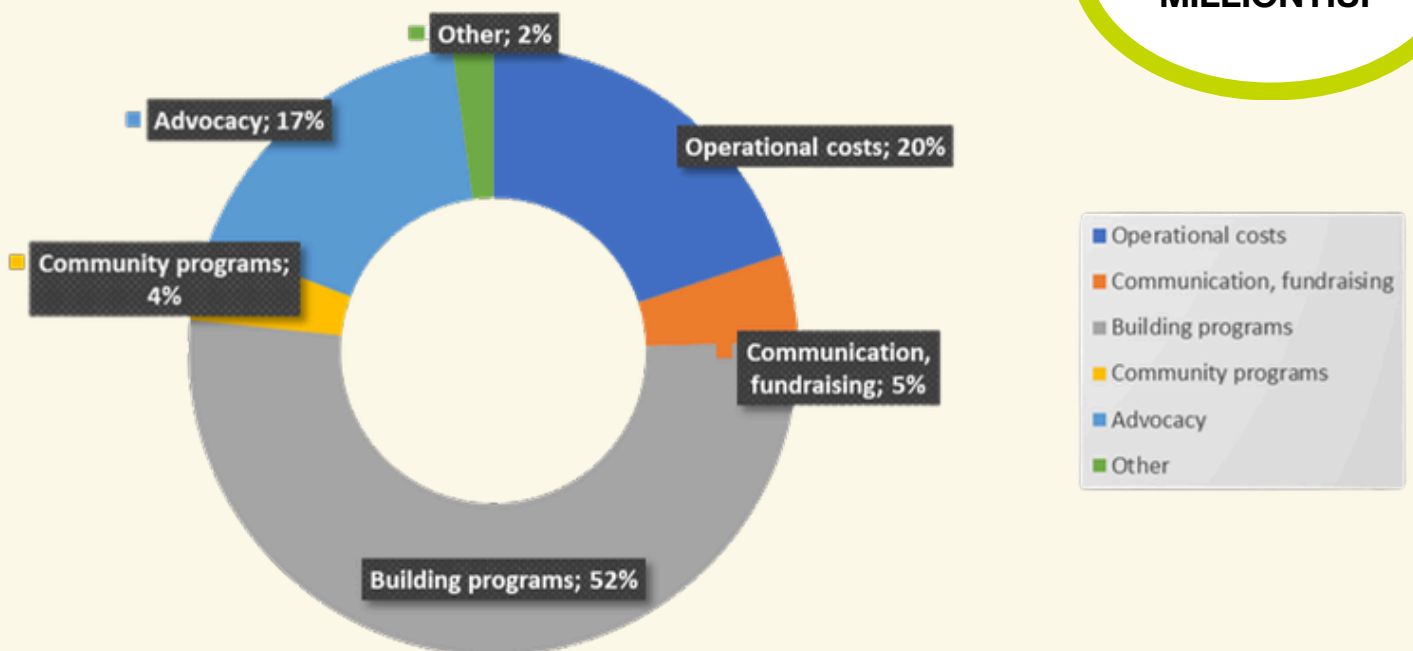
Revenues 2025

277
MILLION HUF



Expenses 2025

302
MILLION HUF



*pre-audit data

Thank you!

The results of our work could not have been achieved without those who believe in the power of decent housing.

The collective decisions of volunteers, partners, donors and supporters all contribute to what we present in this publication. Thank you for your trust and cooperation!

Our tasks do not end – the goal remains the same: safe, affordable and sustainable homes for all.

We continue on this path.

