

## **Housing need in Paraguay**

According to the National Department of Housing, it is estimated that 1,100,000 houses are required in Paraguay, and that number is increasing. An estimated 43 out of every 100 families live in inadequate housing conditions, according to the Inter-American Development Bank.

The figures show that the deficits are primarily qualitative, both in urban and rural areas. Demand for housing improvement is the important part of the qualitative deficit standing at 73%; the rest is demand for expansion or demand for expansion with improvements. The figures also show that of the total of homes that require improvement, 58% have sanitation problems.

The lack of official information on the situation of the deficit is vital; likewise it is known that progressive construction is the main manner in which most Paraguayan families have access to a house.

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