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### SANGINOV'S FAMILY

Hello to all. My name is Hotam and I am from Kujand city. I'm 30, I am married with 2 children – 10 year-old boy Jahnogir and 8 year-old girl Shahnoza. We live together with my parents and 3 brothers – Osim, Nasim, Samejon. Osim and Samejon are cooks in the local bazaar (market), they make kebabs. Nasim is a migrant worker in Russia and I own my own retail store at the local market. We all are married and have children; except of Samejon – he is 22 and looking for his other half ☺ There are 15 people in our family and all of us live in a 3-bedroom apartment. Our parents owned this apartment in 1985 and at that time there were enough space for us to live in it. But after getting married and becoming a father it is much smaller for us. We have to share our bathroom and kitchen, and at times it's challenging to manage that.

I found out about Habitat from word of mouth, from neighbors and friends. I came to the HFHT office in Khujand and asked for help. They came to my house, observed it, took a lot of pictures and went out saying I would be informed soon. That's how I became a Habitat partner family. I've been provided with land and construction materials. As soon as I started to work on making foundation of the house, 8 GV volunteers from USA joined me to help. I was very happy to work and make my house's foundation with their assistance. In these 2 weeks of cooperative work we became very close friends. I had a chance to show them our city, the local bakery shop and some historical places. On behalf of my family and children I thank all HFHT staff and GV volunteers who worked with me shoulder to shoulder and helped me build my home.

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**SAMADOVS FAMILY**

Samadova Mehri and Abduslom are residents of Khujand city and currently live in a two-room apartment. Abdusalom is a truck driver and Mehri is retired now due to heavy illness which she had recently. She used to work in the local hospital as a cook. The couple has been living together for 35 years. Mehri and Abdusalom had 2 sons Anvar and Muzaffar but the latter died in 2003 from a car accident leaving her little daughter and wife behind. Anvar is 34 years old. He is married and has 3 children – 2 boys and a girl. He is a part time worker. The entire family shares a two-room apartment.

*As Mehri shares: “Our two-room apartment is too small for seven people. My son and his wife sleep in the bedroom and I with my husband use our living room as a bedroom. When some guests or relatives come to visit us with overnight, my husband or I had to go to spend a night in our neighbor’s house or sleep in the kitchen. In the mornings we have to stay in a line to go the bathroom. As the apartments in our block are made of concrete slabs, it becomes very cold in winter”.*

Samadovss found out about Habitat for Humanity – Tajikistan from the local media and word of mouth. They applied for the home and were delighted when their family was selected. The family immediately called relatives and friends to assist in building of foundation and raise the walls of the house. Their Habitat house will have 4-rooms, one bathroom and one kitchen. Mehri is excited to have her own garden too. Sattorovs were very happy and thankful when GV team assisted them in the building of their home.

*“I can’t say how thankful we are to Habitat for Humanity – Tajikistan and all the GV volunteers involved for helping to make our dreams become reality.” – says Mehri.*