

## FONDATION MAXIMA

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Tuesday afternoon our world collapsed. At 4:45pm the ground was shaking and buildings were falling down. An earthquake of 7.1 strength hit just near the capital of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. 100,000's got killed, 1,000,000 or more homeless.

At Maxima Foundation, we brainstormed on how we could help. Within the vision of our foundation ([www.FonMax.org](http://www.FonMax.org)) we quickly decided to put our resources to work through our founding company, Maxima S.A., and to start building wooden housing to provide shelter to the homeless as soon as possible.

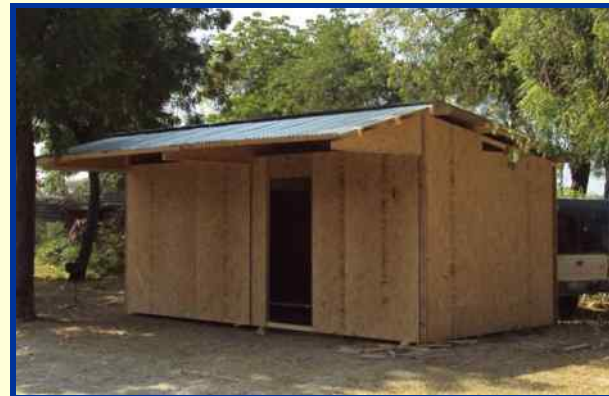
Drawings were made, concepts build, tested, modified and approved, materials ordered, and we now have a wooden house that is prefab, easy to assemble, and will last from 4 to 15 years or longer depending on the additional finish owners will apply over the years to come to transform their house into their new home.

We deeply regret the losses suffered and pray that this program will reach those who need it most. As these houses are Haitian made at Maxima S.A., they provide Haitian homes and Haitian jobs. These are no fees added by FonMax.

### Specifications;

- Construction is made of panels of Oriented Strand Board (OSB) on a Pressure Treated Pine (PTPine) frame to assure maximum protection against termites and be the most weather resistant at the lowest cost. *The **SHELTER** version has OSB on ONE side of the frame. The **HOME** version has OSB on BOTH sides of the frame to give a nicer finish inside and provide added strength to the whole structure.*
- The houses have 2 rooms of 10ft x10ft, each with 1 "window" (opening with wooden shutter/hinges/latch). An inside passage between the rooms, and a front door (with hinges/deadbolt with key lock/door pull).
- The houses also have a front covered porch of 5ft x 20ft.
- The roof is made of 7 rafters and corrugated tin sheets to cover both the rooms and front porch.
- The main frame columns (9) have anchors that go down and are poured into a concrete foundation for maximum strength.
- The outside walls are coated with 1 coat of exterior wall paint. It is recommended that a second coat be put after installation.

**What is included;** 7 main panels (2 front, 2 back, 3 side), screws to put the panels together, 7 rafters per room, steel strap to hold down the rafters, nails to fix the



steel strap, galvanized tin roofing sheets, zinc coated nails to put down the roofing sheets, 9 steel anchors to be poured into concrete. Detailed drawings and instructions.

### What we do NOT provide;

- The unit is delivered ex-factory. We may be able to arrange transport and a crew to do the installation but this is NOT included in the cost.
- The unit does NOT include a foundation. This should be a solid concrete slab, a bit larger than the house. It can be new, or an existing one, preferably with a slightly elevated floor inside. Holes will be cut in the foundation to hold the 9 anchors and sealed in the concrete. To pour concrete only around the anchors and not as a whole floor, reduces the wind resistance of the house.

----- **Each room is 100 sqft with a 50 sqft covered front porch.** -----

**SHELTER version, 1 room is USD 1,300**

**Standard → SHELTER version, 2 room is USD 2,000 ←**

**HOME version, 2 room is USD 2,600**

**each additional room SHELTER style is USD 850**

**each additional room HOME style is USD1,100**

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If you or your organization can not afford the price of these houses, contact us to see if we can combine the efforts of multiple organizations in order to provide relief where it is needed most.

*Fondation Maxima reserves the right to adjust designs, prices and conditions as the program further develops.*

As international code prescribes, a unit like this (2 rooms) is recommended for a family of up to 6 persons as minimum living space (33sqft per person).

These units can be build as a row to provide a small street of houses, while saving cost on the use of common panels.

We can supply an additional single room for a family of 2 or 3 persons, but recommend this only as an addition to other existing units to assure stability and save cost on components.

As shown on our website, we have other configurations. For now we are still building the prototypes and making cost calculations for these different models.

In His service, for the Haitian people,  
**Fondation Maxima**