



DEAR ROTARIANS,

Ongoing Rotary support has meant that in the first half of 2017, ShelterBox has been able to respond to several extreme cases of weather and increased displacement caused by conflict. The last Rotary year saw the Rotary Project Partnership go from strength to strength and we hope in this Rotary year to build on what, together, we have achieved.

Staying ahead of the storm

With the cyclone and hurricane season already starting to wreak havoc on thousands of communities around the world, we know how important it is to stay ahead of the storm.

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We work 365 days a year to enable our teams to move quickly when disasters strike.

We place ShelterBox aid in locations across the globe, near to vulnerable regions, so that we can provide swift and effective support.

We work with organisations such as the Met Office to monitor extreme weather patterns, as well as the amazing Rotary network to understand the situation on the ground. By working in partnership, around the clock, we're able to get straight to the heart of the disaster and the needs of families without shelter.

The updates in this newsletter will share with you and your Rotary Club how we recently responded to flooding in Peru and what the impact was on one particular community; how we've adapted our iconic ShelterBoxes for nomadic families in Somaliland, along with up to date information on all our operations. We are also really pleased to announce the return of Shine for ShelterBox – a great event to get behind if you're feeling inspired.

Let's not lose touch

Every family we help and every disaster we respond to, is only possible with Rotary support and so it is vital that we stay connected. With the start of the new Rotary year, we want to check that you are the most appropriate person to receive ShelterBox communications on behalf of your club. You are also in control of how you hear from us, both a physical and electronic copy of this newsletter is available.

To ensure your club doesn't miss a thing, simply complete the stay connected slip on the back and return in the freepost envelope provided or email us at rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org.nz

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and take pride in being part of the ShelterBox team. With your Rotary Club's support we will be able to prepare for and respond to the next disaster.

In 2018 ShelterBox New Zealand will increase our advertising to sign-up more Rotary Club Champions! The New Year will see us using all of our social media channels to encourage Rotarians to join us as Club Champions and help us to spread the word about ShelterBox and its work. If you know of a member in your club who would enjoy taking on this role, please encourage them to make contact, we would love to hear from them.

P.S. Between newsletters or for more detail on active ShelterBox Operations visit www.shelterbox.org/operations-update or tune in to our weekly Facebook Live updates, every Tuesday at 2.30pm @ShelterBox



COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN PERU



Early this year all but one of Peru's 25 regions were hit by sudden flooding that overwhelmed defences and gutted whole villages. Many people were lucky to escape with just the clothes on their backs.

After sheltering on higher ground, many families returned to find homes heavily damaged or destroyed. In the town of Trujillo alone, 1,800 people were made homeless and 23,000 people had to rebuild their homes. Working in partnership with Rotary and World Vision, ShelterBox delivered vital aid to over 2,000 of the most vulnerable families.

In the district of El Porvenir, so many families had lost everything that the local leaders organised community kitchens. In these kitchens, different groups cook meals each day and the whole of the community eat together.

Yolanda Enriquez is one of the community cooks. Yolanda tells us her story while preparing the day's menu: 'We grabbed a mattress and ran to a building across the road that had a second floor.

We waited for hours for the waters to go down, but we had to spend the night on the roof as the first floor was completely flooded.

Because our house was made out of adobe bricks, everything was lost. We came back here to rebuild the house. We didn't have much, but this is our land. We received a ShelterKit, along with instructions on how to build shelter, and household items like mosquito nets and solar lights.'

Using the tools and materials, Yolanda's husband Santos was able to make the shelters that they are currently living in, and the household items have made life more comfortable. The close-knit community is making sure that everyone is looked after following the disaster.

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The community kitchens have really helped us and have helped everyone as no-one has any money for any food.

Yolanda

'Today we are cooking lunch for 100 people in the community. We are making rice, beans and beef steak with onions and peppers. We take it in turns to cook, so each day a different family cooks for the rest of the community, today it is our turn, we are very proud of our sauce and our seasoning.'

SHELTERBOX RESPONSE TO PERU FLOODING

1,000
SHELTERKITS



1,000
MINI SHELTERBOXES



3,000
MOSQUITO NETS



4,000
SOLAR LIGHTS



2,000
GROUND SHEETS



3,000
WATER CARRIERS



THANK YOU. With your support, these items put smiles on the faces of 2,000 mothers, fathers and children.

SHINE FOR SHELTERBOX

When disaster strikes, families can lose everything - their homes, livelihoods, community, and even loved ones. There is only chaos, devastation and fear, and then the sun goes down. That's why we provide solar lights within ShelterKits and ShelterBoxes, these clever lights are waterproof, inflatable and can last up to 16 hours on one charge, helping families to feel safer and comforted in the dark.

This winter, take part in Shine for ShelterBox by hosting a fundraising candle lit supper or organising a wider community get-together. By getting involved, your community can help bring light to other communities around the world, who have been devastated by disaster.

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It was a very enjoyable way of raising money for a good cause and we are hoping to hold another such evening this coming winter. I would highly recommend this to others – it is easy to do if you give it some thought beforehand.

Rotarian Sue Godfrey, Rotary Club of Tiverton



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SHELTERBOX
FUNDRAISING KIT
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PUSHED TO THE BRINK



Somaliland has experienced three years of severe drought. A mostly pastoral nation, this has resulted in a mass loss of livestock and livelihoods. Families have been moving great distances in an attempt to find pasture, but they have reached breaking point.

'The whole world is full of worry, but the thing I am most worried about is our daily livelihood. We used to have many goats but they have almost all died and there is no more pasture for those that are left.' Nimo, wife and mother of seven children.

766,000 people have been displaced since November 2016. Many are pastoralists and have lost up to 70% of their herds. Drought and lack of food has heightened risk of disease and illness; cold nights and scorching days, as well as flash rainstorms are further exacerbating the danger. Providing shelter is essential to protect families from the extreme weather.

Our in-country partner Action Aid, has successfully distributed 441 ShelterBoxes to families across three areas. These ShelterBoxes have been adapted to meet the specific needs of nomadic communities. The tent has been removed and replaced with two tarpaulins, to waterproof existing shelters, typically made putting branches and materials into an igloo shape. All the essential items within these ShelterBoxes are portable, vital for families in temporary camps so they can take them with them when they move on.



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**SHELTERBOXES
DISPATCHED TO
SOMALILAND**

CURRENT OPERATIONS BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2017

COUNTRY	DISASTER	ACTION
Nepal	Flooding	The monsoon season has caused the heaviest rainfall in 60 years in the Southern regions of Nepal. The full extent of the damage is unknown as many places have been made inaccessible by the floods. It has however, been estimated that 35 out of 75 districts have been affected. A ShelterBox team is in Nepal and working with Rotary we are looking at how we can help families in need of Shelter.
Somaliland	Drought	A team has just returned from Somaliland, where they carried out assessments to learn what impact recently distributed ShelterBoxes have had on families and establish whether there is a need for more aid in the area, whilst the drought persists.
Syria	Conflict	ShelterBox continues to work with several in country partners to support families displaced by the conflict. In 2017 alone, almost 7,000 households have been supported with a mix of tents, ShelterKits and other non-shelter aid such as blankets and clothes. Currently plans are being made for a winter intervention and a shipment of 440 mattresses, 798 solar lamps and 3000 blankets has recently arrived.
Iraq	Conflict	Our current focus is on helping families displaced by the recent military operation in and around Mosul and on planning for the winter months to come. ShelterBox has recently supported 571 households through the provision of a variety of shelter and supporting aid items such as blankets and cooking kits.
Cameroon	Conflict	ShelterBox with the help of IEDA Relief, are supporting people displaced by the Boko Haram insurgency. Distributions have focussed on Minawao refugee camp and Internally Displaced Persons just outside the camp. This month temporary shelters continue to be built and the distribution of 2000 mosquito nets is planned in response to an outbreak of malaria.
Chad	Conflict	ShelterBox is working with in country partner ICAHD to provide 500 households displaced by the Boko Haram insurgency with temporary shelter and supporting aid items such as blankets, buckets, jerry cans, solar lights, mosquito nets and ground sheets. The construction of 456 ShelterKit shelters is underway, 216 of which have been completed.
Niger	Conflict	We plan to work with partners to target families who have not yet received supplies from other agencies. A total of 896 households will be supported with shelter and additional aid items.
USA	Hurricane	Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas on 25th August. The Category 4 Hurricane is the worst to hit the country in 12 years. It has caused major flooding and has released 12 months' worth of rainfall. American ShelterBox Response Team Members are providing on the ground information and 500 indoor 'privacy tents' have been sent for families in evacuation centres, as well as rest spaces for aid workers and emergency services. Aid provided is being funded by US based donations.
Bangladesh	Flooding	A team is carrying out assessments in Bangladesh, responding to the extreme flooding in the country which has affected 8 million people.
TYPHOON AND HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE AND WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED SEEING HIGH LEVELS OF WEATHER DISTURBANCE IN THE PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC BASINS. SHELTERBOX WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE GLOBAL SITUATION AND STANDS BY READY TO RESPOND IF REQUIRED		

ShelterBox and Rotary are project partners in disaster relief. ShelterBox is a charity independent of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. *Information correct at time of print.

STAY CONNECTED

As project partners in disaster relief, it's important to us that we keep your club updated.

If you prefer we don't keep you informed via post, please tick this box ☐ By providing us with your email we'll keep you, on behalf of your Rotary club, up to date with our latest deployments, stories and activities.

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