



# HAPPY

## Kia ora,

2021 is well and truly underway now, and we would like to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. We hope your year is off to a fantastic start.

The start of a new year always represents a wonderful opportunity to look back on the year that was - and we are very pleased to report that, throughout 2020, ShelterBox provided aid to **40,000 families in 11 countries**.

This has included responses to tropical cyclones, flooding, drought, volcanic eruptions and conflict. Almost all with the added threat and challenges posed by coronavirus.

It is the stories of people like Alejandro, that really capture the essence of this work. After his home in the Philippines was destroyed by Typhoon Vongfong in May, Alejandro received a ShelterKit - *[when I collected the aid] "I had a good and nice feeling. Now we will be protected from the rain and sun. We can eat around the table, rain or shine. I can concentrate with work, not worrying about the security and comfort of my family. Our daughter is smiling more now, because according to her, we have a new house"*.

Despite the challenges 2020 presented, your passion and generosity remained constant - and it is this incredible support that enabled us to give so many families, like Alejandro's, a place to call home. Thank you endlessly.

Together, we have accomplished so much. However, with 104 million people displaced worldwide (more than any other time in recorded history), the need for the work of ShelterBox, has never been greater.

So, we invite you to join us, as we look back on what started as a simple idea - a single green box containing emergency shelter, and reflect on some of the most historic moments that have shaped our global movement. Even more so, we ask you to consider the year that lies ahead, and how you will help us shape 2021.

Kind regards,



Guy Cassidy | Board Chair



Rebecca Aitchison | Director of Rotary Engagement | Rotary Club of Waimate



**ShelterBox**  
Disaster relief

# 2021

## 21 YEARS OF IMPACT



2000

ShelterBox is founded as a millennium project by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, with a goal of helping 10 families per year.



2001

Gujarat earthquake, India and Pakistan. First distribution of 143 ShelterBoxes sent to families whose homes were destroyed.



2002

ShelterBox provides aid in response to conflict in Afghanistan and Angola. ShelterBox goes global, as ShelterBox USA is formed.



2003

ShelterBox distributes almost 800 ShelterBoxes in response to disasters in Ukraine, Algeria, Iraq, Liberia, Uganda, and Iran.



2004

Indian Ocean tsunami. ShelterBox becomes humanitarian leader in the provision of emergency shelter, distributing over 12, 400 boxes.



2005

ShelterBox responds to disasters in India, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Indonesia, Serbia, USA, Pakistan, Bahamas and Guatemala.



2006

ShelterBox New Zealand is established in Dunedin - becoming ShelterBox's third international affiliate.



2007

The Duchess of Cornwall becomes the President of ShelterBox.

5 THOUSAND PEOPLE SUPPORTED.



2008

ShelterBox deploys support to its 50th country, the Democratic Republic of Congo, supporting families displaced by conflict.



2009

The iconic white dome Standard Relief Tent is designed and created by Vango, and they become our official aid partner.



2010

7.0 magnitude earthquake, Haiti. ShelterBox provides 28, 000 ShelterBoxes - emergency shelter for hundreds of thousands displaced.



2011

ShelterBox provides aid in New Zealand for the first time - delivering ShelterBoxes in response to the Christchurch earthquake.



2012

ShelterBox becomes Rotary's official project partner in disaster relief, in recognition of the shared vision.



2013

Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines. ShelterBox supports over 7, 000 families in response.



2014

Super Typhoon Hagupit, Philippines. Essential relief is provided to 1, 000 families. Shelter Kits are distributed for the first time.



2015

Gorkha earthquake, Nepal. Shelter Kits and supplies are deployed.

1 MILLION PEOPLE SUPPORTED.



2016

Cyclone Winston, Fiji is the strongest storm recorded in the Southern Hemisphere. Supplies are distributed to 1, 250 families.



2017

ShelterBox responds to Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean - the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean.



2018

ShelterBox responds to the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia. ShelterBox receives first Nobel Peace Prize nomination.



2019

Cyclone Idai, Malawi. Second Nobel Peace Prize nomination.

1.5 MILLION PEOPLE SUPPORTED.



2020

ShelterBox provides aid to over 40, 000 families in 11 countries, including the Philippines, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Vanuatu.

# 2021

Will you help us shape this year?

With 104 million people displaced worldwide, your support is needed now, more than ever.

# This year, you can help families find hope in their darkest hours.

Since 2016, drought and conflict in Somaliland has displaced thousands of nomadic pastoralists and subsistence farmers, like Adar:

*"The last 3 years have been the worst I have ever witnessed in my entire life. There has been no rain. I used to have hundreds of sheep and goats, now I only have ten left".*

In 2017, alongside our partner ActionAid, we provided Adar, and 4, 500 families in Somaliland with essential aid items:

*[When I received a ShelterBox] "I felt happy, it was very useful and we utilised it. We used items from the box everyday. We use everything. We are so happy to use it ad we are praying you".*

There are so many ways you can help us to help people like Adar in 2021. Why not consider:

- 1. Raising awareness amongst your community:** we can bring the story of ShelterBox to life by speaking, whether virtually or in-person, about our work at your Rotary Club meeting.
- 2. Fundraising:** why not rally your Club to host a unique fundraiser for ShelterBox? You could get behind our Shine for ShelterBox campaign, by hosting a candlelit dinner or supper together, to help families overseas find light in their darkest hours.
- 3. Donating:** for as little as \$20, you can help us provide essential aid to families in need.

Email [ChantelleCobby@shelterbox.org](mailto:ChantelleCobby@shelterbox.org) for more info.



Adar and daughter Rahma  
Somaliland, 2017