



# SHELTERBOX AND ROTARY: EDUCATION AND LITERACY



**When conflict and natural disasters destroy communities, they don't just leave families without a place to call home. They also separate people from the things that make a life.**

For children, this often means that they are far from their schools - forcing them to freeze their education. Every day a child misses school, their chance of a good job and a future free of poverty becomes smaller and smaller.

This is why we also provide SchoolKits, along with ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits. Each kit has enough materials for 50 children, along with all the equipment a teacher needs.

When children lose everything, a SchoolBox can bring back education, restoring their future.

Our ingenious SchoolBoxes contain all the items needed to run a school almost anywhere. They include:

- Blackboard paint, which can be painted on any surface to set up a classroom almost anywhere, as well as 1,000 pieces of chalk
- A solar/wind-up radio, which enables classes to tune into lessons taught via radio
- Colouring books and pens, which provide children with a fun way of expressing themselves
- And, yellow school bags, containing a notepad, pencils, and a maths set for each child

In 2014, a dam failed, and flooded a village in Zimbabwe. A group of local teachers soon set up a school for the children who had lost their homes and had become displaced. Although they set up a large, open-sided tent, they had no chairs, tables or books. We knew we could help, so we provided the village with enough SchoolBoxes for all 600 children in the village. The entire village came together to receive them - saying prayers, and delivering speeches. As each child walked away with a bright yellow bag on their back, we knew they had their future back.