



# ShelterBox

## SEPTEMBER UPDATE



### DISTRIBUTIONS COMPLETE IN VANUATU

With the help of CARE Vanuatu, we recently distributed 2,000 ShelterKits to families in Vanuatu, following Cyclone Harold. We also continue to provide aid to:

- Philippines (in response to Cyclone Vongfong)
- India (supporting 1,500 families affected by Cyclone Amphan)
- Ethiopia (supporting 3,500 families affected by conflict and flooding)
- Cameroon (supporting 7,800 families affected by conflict)
- Tanzania (in response to flooding)
- Burkina Faso (supporting 600 displaced families).



### #20KMFOR20YEARS CHALLENGE IS ON NOW

2020 marks 20 years of ShelterBox's operations! We're challenging Rotarians, and Rotary Clubs to take on 20km's (1km for every year of ShelterBox), to help us raise vital funds, so that we can continue our work. You can be part of the challenge in whatever way you choose - you could walk, run, cycle or swim your way to 20km (or something even more creative). You're welcome to do it on your own, in a team, or as a Club. If you're keen to get amongst the action, simply get in touch, and we'll provide all the support and information you'll need to get started.



### COVID-19 OPERATIONS UPDATE

Coronavirus has presented a huge challenge to our organisation, but, for those families left in despair following disaster, the challenge is far greater. This means our aid is needed now more than ever. The ban on international travel has made deploying our Response team difficult - but, our links with local partners worldwide have enabled us to get aid families in need. Our ShelterBoxes now include soap, handwashing basins and PPE, and families are receiving virtual trainings on how to use their aid items, and how to prevent the spread of the virus.

**We are also looking for Club Champions!**

A Club Champion is someone who shares our passion for ensuring that no family is without shelter, and will share that message within their Club. Please get in touch if you're interested.

## MEET BUSHAARO

**"A SOUL WITH NO SHELTER IS THE MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL IN THE COMMUNITY, SHELTER IS ONE OF THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, LET US KEEP IT".**

These are the powerful words of 16 year old Bushaaro. She lives in a displacement camp in Somaliland, and has been the sole carer of her six younger siblings, since her Mum passed away in 2015. Last year, thanks to your support, we were able to distribute aid to Bushaaro, and hundreds of others living in the same displacement camp, with the support of our partner ActionAid.



**"MY HOPE INCREASED A LITTLE WHEN ACTIONAID CAME TO THE CAMP AND TOLD US OF THEIR PROJECT. NOW I HAVE A GREEN BOX CONTAINING EMERGENCY SHELTER AND OTHER ITEMS. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I GOT FROM THE BOX WAS THE SOLAR LIGHT, OUR FIRST NIGHT WITH THE SOLAR LIGHT WAS THE MOST EXCITING NIGHT WE HAD AFTER THE DEATH OF OUR MOTHER".**

## LEARN MORE ABOUT SHELTERBOX: WHAT'S IN A BOX?

Our ShelterBoxes are never quite the same - they're tailored to meet the unique needs of each community we serve. But, they typically include:

- Tents (for shelter).
- Blankets, groundsheets and mattresses (for warmth/comfort).
- Water purifiers (so safe water is one less thing for families to worry about).
- Cooking equipment (so families can spend quality time cooking together).
- Solar light (so families can continue working and cooking after dark).
- Tools (to help families make repairs and rebuild their homes).



## ROTARY: WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

Did you know that our story starts with Rotary? That's right - in 2000, the Rotary Club of Helston Lizard, in Cornwall, championed a simple idea to package up essential shelter items, in our now-iconic green ShelterBoxes, to help those who were left with nothing after disaster. Little did they know that it would become the largest Rotary Club project in the world, with affiliates in various countries across the globe. We are so proud that Rotary remains at the heart of ShelterBox, and are endlessly grateful for the support of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs worldwide, who enable us to provide hope to those who need it most.



**"THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ROTARY AND SHELTERBOX HAS PROVIDED A PLACE OF REFUGE TO PEOPLE FACING SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT AND UNCERTAIN MOMENTS IN THEIR LIVES"**

**JOHN HEWKO, GENERAL SECRETARY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

Thank you for everything you do, both within your own community, and in supporting ShelterBox New Zealand. We look forward to continuing to amplify each other's impact.

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