



ShelterBox Rotary



CLEAN WATER SAVES LIVES.

Kia ora,

There's nothing more essential to life on Earth than water. Yet 2.2 billion people worldwide currently live without access to safe water.

With March marking Rotary International's Clean Water and Sanitation Month, here at ShelterBox New Zealand, we've been reflecting on the role that we play in addressing the world's water crisis.

We know that Rotarians are helping communities across the globe access clean and safe water. Water, just like shelter, is a human right. Whoever you are, wherever you are – you are entitled to clean, safe water.

But, we know that when disasters devastate communities and force people far from their homes, families often find themselves in inhospitable areas or overcrowded camps, where finding safe water is a daily struggle.

That's exactly why, as part of our aid packages, we provide families with water filters and water carriers - so that safe

drinking water can become one less thing to worry about.

Our water filters can turn up to 1000 litres of unsafe water into clean drinking water, by removing viruses, bacteria, pathogens, chemicals, heavy metals, and fecal matter.

Our water carriers ensure that families have a place to store the purified water, so it can be kept clean and safe to drink.

But, we are only able to provide these items thanks to Rotarian support. Our values mirror each other in so many ways - and this month is another reminder of our shared cause of 'service' on behalf of others.

Yours in service, ngā manaakitanga,



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MAKING SAFE DRINKING WATER ONE LESS THING TO WORRY ABOUT

Imagine this: A disaster strikes, destroying your home and taking away everything you own. You run from the devastation and find yourself living in a temporary shelter, in an overcrowded area, where you are unable to access clean water.

This is often the reality for many families that have lost their homes to disaster or conflict. Hand pumps may break, and local water sources may get filled with debris, dirt, or even chemicals - leaving families to choose between remaining thirsty, or risking illness from contaminated water.

Our water filters and containers eliminate this worry - enabling families to produce safe drinking water. They are a symbol of hope for families caught in the chaos of disaster.



WATER FILTERS

www.shelterbox.org.nz/water/

Our aid packages may also include:



Solar lights: so families can maintain routine & stay safe after night falls.



Mosquito nets: to reduce the risk of dangerous disease & help families sleep better at night.



Blankets: so families can stay warm and comfortable.



Tents: so families can have a place to call home, where they can be protected from the elements.

- Our filters can provide enough clean water for a family of 4, for a month.
- Our water containers are collapsible - families may also use them for food storage, or as an eating bowl.
- A donation of just \$50 will allow us to provide a family with a water filter and container. Head to www.shelterbox.org.nz/donate/ to support our life-saving work.

FROM THE FIELD:

March Operations Update



Honduras

3,000 community members affected by Hurricanes Eta and Iota are currently collecting our aid.

Sudan

Our distributions of 1,000 ShelterKits to families devastated by the worst flooding the country has experienced in decades, are now complete.

Syria

As the Syrian conflict enters its 10th year, we are providing families in Idlib with tarpaulins, rope, tents, mattresses, and kitchen sets.

India

Distributions of 1,850 ShelterKits to families devastated by severe flooding are now complete.

Burkina Faso

Our distributions of tarpaulins, kitchen sets, mattresses, blankets and hygiene items, to support newly displaced families, are currently underway.

Ethiopia

We are extremely concerned by the emerging humanitarian crisis caused by extreme conflict, and we stand ready to respond, with vital supplies on their way.

Nigeria

Distributions of 2,000 ShelterKits to internally displaced families affected by extreme conflict in the Lake Chad Basin, are now complete.

Cameroon

We are currently working to provide refugees and internally displaced families with tents, ShelterKits and other household items.

