

# LEAVE A LEGACY

*Help ensure no one is without shelter after disaster*



**ShelterBox**  
Disaster relief

Imagine a ShelterBox packed with emergency shelter and essential supplies being hand-carried to the furthest reaches of the latest disaster.

Imagine a family who thought they'd been totally forgotten, feeling safe in their new home whilst they begin rebuilding their lives.

Imagine that your legacy is what made this happen—not only for this family—but for others for years to come.



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Nepal, 2014  
Landslides and flooding

# CREATE A LIFE-CHANGING LEGACY

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*With more than 120 million people having fled their homes, there are more people displaced across the world today than at any other time in recorded history.*

As the scale and severity of disasters and conflicts continues to grow, so does our desire to do more to reach those made homeless by weather-related disasters and conflicts.

For more than 20 years, we have been working every day to provide basic shelter and essential household supplies to families who have lost everything in an instant.

**We were there when the Christchurch earthquake happened in 2011. We were there in 2015 when an earthquake rocked Nepal. We were there in the middle of COVID after Cyclone Harold hit Vanuatu in 2022.**

We've been responding to conflicts in Syria and Africa for years, and now Ukraine. All told, we have helped over 2.5 million people in more than 100 countries.

**Disasters won't stop. Neither will we.**

Your gift will ensure that we can continue to bring life-saving shelter and supplies to vulnerable families around the world, now and for generations to come.

With much gratitude,



*Peggy Carlaw*

**Peggy Carlaw  
Director and Trustee  
ShelterBox New Zealand**

# YOUR LEGACY IN ACTION

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*Your legacy gift will help ShelterBox deliver the essentials people need in desperate times.*

**We believe shelter is a basic human right. We prioritise the most vulnerable people in the most far-reaching places to make sure no one is forgotten or left behind.**

We work hard to provide a timely, effective response. In 2020, when bombs began falling in Ukraine, we mobilised within minutes and were one of the first aid organisations on the ground.

By partnering with organisations like Rotary International we are able to transport aid across continents, bridge languages and take the path that leads straight to the families who need our help.

**Your gift will help us respond to future disasters in this fast and efficient way and will give people in need the power to transform their own lives.**





# THE IMPACT OF A LEGACY GIFT

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**\$10,000** can make safe drinking water available to 200 households

**\$25,000** can light up a small town with solar lights, bringing safety and hope

**\$50,000** can shelter 100 families in the privacy of their own ShelterBox tent

**\$100,000** can help 1,000 people rebuild their homes with ShelterKits

**\$250,000** can transform a community devastated by a disaster



# REBUILDING HOMES AND ENABLING RECOVERY

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*In 2020, Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Harold wiped away homes and villages in Vanuatu leaving 87,000 people without shelter.*



**Risa is a wife and mother of three living on Pentacost Island, one of the more rural islands in Vanuatu. When Tropical Cyclone Harold hit, it destroyed much of Risa's home and many of her family's possessions.**

She said, "When we heard that the cyclone is coming, we managed to tie the palm leaves over the house to protect the roofs. Unfortunately, all those had been blown down when the cyclone hit."

When the wind picked up, Risa and her family moved to the school along with other residents. She says, "We just stood there. I was with my one-year-old grandson. We were just leaning against

the wall. Luckily I moved away before the branch came down onto the wall. In the morning, everyone, especially the mothers, just cried. They had lost most of their belongings, especially the houses and their clothes."

Although this was in the middle of COVID, ShelterBox, working with our in-country partners, provided tarpaulins and tools to make repairs along with a kitchen set and solar lights.

According to Risa, "With all these materials and supplies that have been given, it has helped us a lot. I have had mothers who dance with joy when they open the packages."

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*I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for taking the initiative to come all the way here as we don't always have people who are concerned about the life of our people.*

*Thank you so much to the aid donors and everyone who has contributed in one way or another to help us come back slowly to the normal life.*



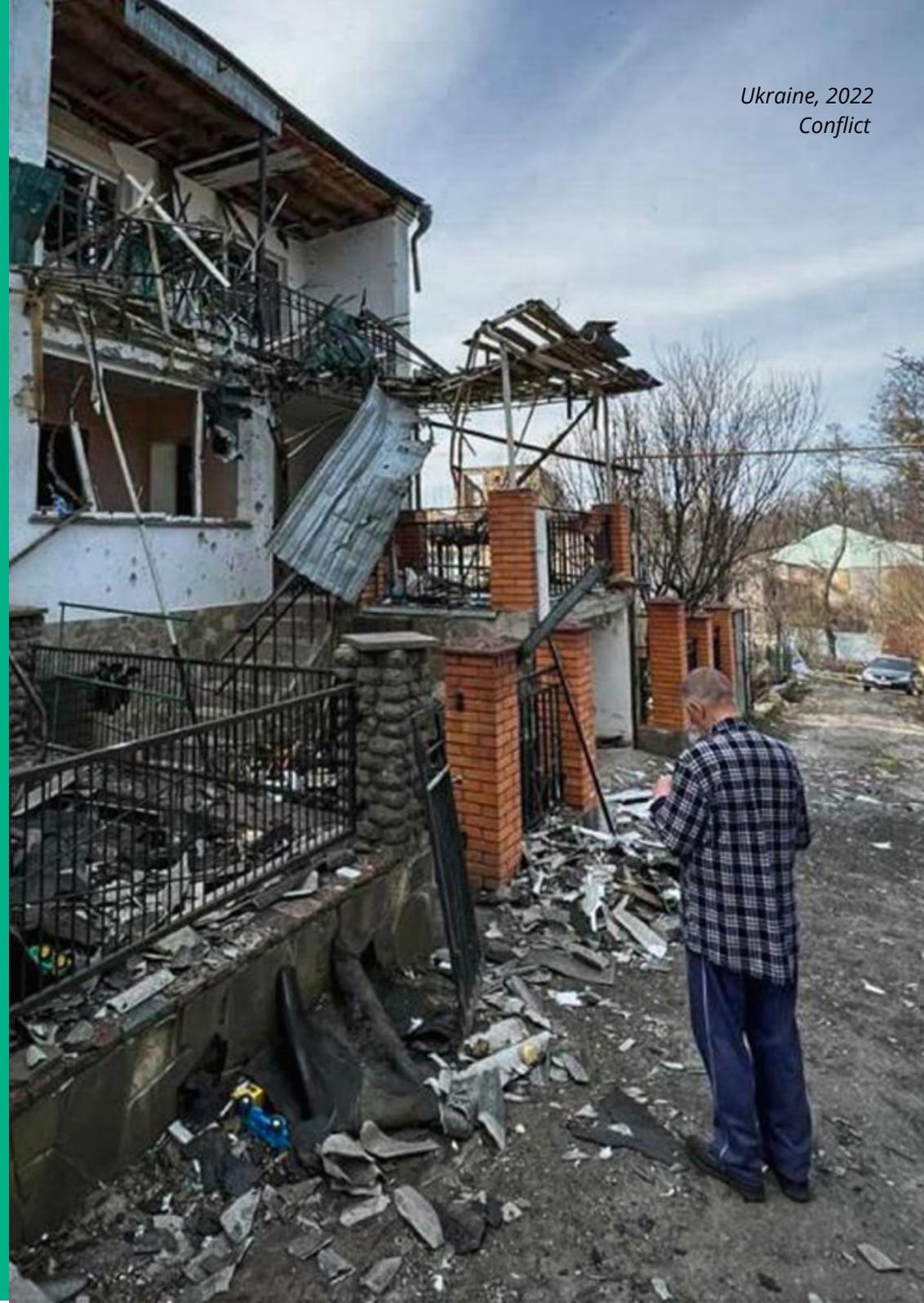
*When the bombs started falling in Ukraine, ShelterBox was in Poland within days working with our Rotary partners and other humanitarian organisations to determine what would be needed for those displaced by the conflict.*

Thanks to our generous supporters, we were able to quickly supply mattresses for people in transit who were sleeping on the cold floor of collective centres.

We provided ShelterKits with tarpaulins, tools, thick thermal blankets, solar lights and water carriers, stoves and firewood to those whose homes had been damaged or destroyed to keep them warm and safe.

And we provided hygiene kits, warm coats and a small amount of cash assistance to those who left through the border with Moldova to help them with food and shelter as they made their way to safe havens.

We anticipate being in Ukraine until the conflict ends.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**Leaving a gift in your Will to ShelterBox is simple and helps create a world where no one is without shelter after disaster.**

Wills are designed to ensure your wishes are carried out after you are gone.

**This booklet has been designed to assist you in leaving money to ShelterBox in your Will. It does not constitute legal or tax advice.**

**If you have questions about creating a new Will or updating a Will, you should seek advice from a qualified professional, such as a lawyer.**

## DO I NEED A WILL?

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Having a Will is the best way to make sure your wishes are carried out, and is an act of loving care towards your family and any other named beneficiaries. A will can bring calm and reassurance at a time of grief and stress.

## WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A WILL?

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In New Zealand, if your estate includes a single asset worth \$15,000 or more and you don't have a Will, your estate will be divided according to the law of intestacy amongst family members depending on which family members survive you. If there are no remaining family members, your assets will transfer to the New Zealand Crown unless you have a Will.

## CAN I WRITE MY OWN WILL?

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We strongly recommend using a qualified lawyer, as any errors in a Will can cause problems or make it invalid.

If you don't have a lawyer, ShelterBox New Zealand has partnered with online Will-writing platform [Footprint](#) and can offer you a 15% discount with the code SHELTERB.

## WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A WILL?

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You can create and sign a Codicil to change your existing Will by downloading [this form](#). You can instruct your lawyer to update your existing Will for you.

## DO I NEED TO LET SHELTERBOX KNOW I'VE GIVEN A GIFT IN MY WILL?

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We do hope you'll let us know. Not only will it help us plan for the future, but we would love the opportunity to say "thank you" and keep you updated with the amazing work ShelterBox does to help the most vulnerable people. However, we understand if you wish to remain anonymous.



# WAYS TO GIVE

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## *Take care of your loved ones first!*

After that, a gift in your Will may be:

**A residual bequest.** This means that after all specific gifts are distributed to the beneficiaries named in the Will and your debts are paid, the remainder, or a portion of the remainder will be gifted to ShelterBox. This is a popular choice as it automatically adjusts to changes in the value of your estate.

**A specific amount or item.** This means that you want to leave a specific sum of money or an item or items of value to ShelterBox in your Will.

**Family trusts.** If your assets are already in a family trust, then the best way to support ShelterBox is to include us in the memorandum of wishes and make sure that ShelterBox is (or can be added as) a Beneficiary under the terms of the Trust.

Talk to your lawyer about the type of gift that will best suit you and your estate. Remember, gifts left to charities in Wills are exempt from inheritance and capital gains taxes.

## *Suggested wording for your Will:*

- **Provide your lawyer with the following sample language:**

"I give [*the residue of my estate*], or [ $\_\_\%$  of *the residue of my estate*] or [*the sum of* \_\_\_\_\_ *dollars*] or [*a gift of this item* \_\_\_\_\_] to ShelterBox New Zealand for its general purposes."

- **Include this information:**

ShelterBox New Zealand Charitable Trust  
PO 5410 Moray Place  
Dunedin 9054  
New Zealand  
Registered Charity No. CC49035

*You don't have to be wealthy to leave a gift. Even 1% of your estate will make a difference.*

# OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- We understand that your loved ones come first, and encourage you to discuss your intention with them and seek independent legal advice before finalising your Will.
- We will respect your privacy and hold your intention to donate in the strictest confidence.
- If you choose to remember ShelterBox in your Will, we will spend your money wisely where it will have the most impact in supporting people affected by disaster and conflict to recover and rebuild their lives.
- You have the right at any time in the future, to change your mind about a gift in your Will to ShelterBox.
- Your gift to ShelterBox New Zealand will be passed directly to the ShelterBox Trust in the UK. You can review audited annual reports [here](#).



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On behalf of people  
you'll never meet ...

**THANK YOU !**

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*Philippines  
Cyclone Rai, 2022*