

SHELTERBOX OPERATIONS UPDATE

18/11/14



Current deployments: Iraq, Mexico, Niger, Philippines, Syria, Colombia, Haiti

Niger – Flooding

Overview: Heavy rains and subsequent flooding have affected Niamey, Tillaberi and Dosso regions amongst others.

ShelterBox has signed an MOU with Plan International (an agency that promotes child rights to end child poverty) and a shipment of 200 ShelterBoxes has now arrived and been distributed in country. A restock of supplies in Accra has been planned in for the start of this week.

Mexico - Hurricane

Overview: Hurricane Odile (a category 3 hurricane) made landfall on the Baja peninsula on 15/09/2014 damaging infrastructure and causing some flooding.

ShelterBox has been working with Red Cross and local Rotary contacts. ShelterBox response teams have been working in the Los Cabos area to provide Shelter Kits to families in need.

Philippines – Typhoon Haiyan

Overview: Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines on 8 November 2013. With winds of 195mph, the typhoon was the largest storm ever recorded to make landfall and left the region devastated. An SRT is deployed.

Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines on 8 November 2013 claiming 6,200 lives and destroying a million homes. In the five months following the disaster, more than 100 ShelterBox response team volunteers have delivered emergency shelter to help over 7,200 families, including 1,513 ShelterBoxes. We distributed an additional 5,763 tents but ShelterBox also provided other non-food items including 10,000 solar lights, 870 water filtration systems, 2,300 mosquito nets, 445 tool kits and 30 SchoolBoxes.

Now the need for emergency shelter has diminished, ShelterBox has turned its attention to providing other types of aid that are more suited to the current need in helping communities rebuild their lives.

Iraq - Conflict

Overview: The rapid advance of militant fighters has thrown Iraq into crisis and has now led to overseas involvement in the form of aid interventions.

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ShelterBox has prepositioned stock in Iraq and will be working with ACTED (Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development) to establish a camp to provide shelter for internally displaced people (IDP's).

There are around 1,900 tents in Iraq Kurdistan, of which approximately 600 have recently been distributed. Deployment of the remaining tents is awaiting resolution of various practical issues such as land ownership.

Although daytime temperatures in the region are currently high the ShelterBox Operations team is making provisions to supplement the existing stock of shelter in Iraq with winterisation kits.

Syria – Crisis

Overview: It's been more than three years since the conflict broke out in Syria. Over 9 million people have been forced from their homes in the war-torn country having been exposed to violence and unremitting fighting. The majority now remains within the borders with no home to go to and no possessions.

Distribution of aid through our implementing partner Hand in Hand for Syria (HIHS). Shelter Repair Kits, more tents, mosquito nets, water filters and carriers, blankets, groundsheets, SchoolBoxes and solar lamps have all been sent to assist families in the region.

Colombia – Flooding and volcanic eruption

Overview: In the last few weeks, the country has been affected by both flooding and volcanic activity. A ShelterBox response team of two is in country.

The team has been dispatched to Bogota and arrived yesterday.

Haiti – earthquake

Overview: Haiti is still struggling to recover after the major earthquake in 2010 and many people are still in temporary camps.

ShelterBoxes are being sent out on a trickle basis to help people as they move to new areas.

Monitoring:

- *The operations team has been talking to Plan International about the ongoing **Ebola crisis**. ShelterBox is now looking at the possibility of sending tents to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, but are first checking to see what the intended use of the tents would be.*
- *Following reports of flooding in the northern part of **North Korea**, which has resulted in up to six feet of floodwater in places, the team has received a request for 400 tents. They*

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are waiting for verification before progressing, but are looking at the possibility of sending out Flex 3 model tents, in which a stove can be used, and winterised kits. However, North Korea has strict 21 day quarantine for any foreign travellers coming in to the country as a measure against Ebola, which could cause a significant delay in delivering aid.

- *The team have been in talks with ACTED and ICRC (international Committee of red Cross) in regards to delivering 500 boxes to rural parts of **Gaza**. They are looking at sending an initial 250 boxes to check the logistics of distribution before sending the remaining 250. Packing will commence later this week.*
- *There has been flooding in many displacement sights in **South Sudan**, causing many families to have to relocate. While the ShelterBox offer is not currently needed, the team is going to see if there may be a need of SchoolBoxes or educational supplies.*
- *The team is waiting for Plan International to give the go-ahead for shelter repair kits to be sent to **Pakistan** following flooding in the country.*
- *A team is conducting monitoring and evaluation in **Paraguay**.*
- *The team is monitoring the effect of an earthquake off the coast of **New Zealand**, along with another earthquake in **Indonesia**.*
- *The team is in talks with humanitarian organisation CARE about responding to flooding and displacement in the **Kashmir region of India** and is waiting to hear what types of supplies are needed.*

Key statistics:

- Total disasters responded to in 2014: 24
- Total disaster zones responded to ever: 269
- Total families helped ever: more than 130,000