

Five weeks on.....



It is now five weeks since Haiti was rocked by a catastrophic earthquake leaving more than one million people without a roof over their heads.

With your support and that of fellow Rotarians around the globe, ShelterBox has been able to assist with emergency housing, setting up community camps across Port au Prince allowing families to unite and have a sense of some hope for the future.

With the rainy season approaching Haiti, it is imperative that survivors are housed in a warm and safe environment. From Port au Prince, ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) member Jane Nash said 'The rains are going to be really hard and it is going to take a long time to get transitional housing up and running. Our tents can withstand heavy rain. Would you want to be in a tarpaulin sheet in a torrential downpour or a ShelterBox tent?'

To date, more than 7,000 ShelterBoxes and disaster relief tents have been distributed in Haiti and another 1,200 are due to arrive today.

ShelterBox has committed another 5,000 ShelterBox tents which will provide shelter for another 50,000 survivors – these will start to arrive at the end of February.

Australian SRT, Mike Greenslade arrived in Haiti last week and has been supported by the US 82nd Airborne in distributing ShelterBoxes. Mike said 'Conditions in the camps are amongst the worst I've seen with people living cheek by jowl, camping out on piles of rubble, surrounded by rubbish and rotting waste. In this space people have to wash, cook, eat and sleep, many with no more than a bed sheet for overhead cover.'



Rotarians, Medics Sans Frontieres, Red Cross, Scouts, US and Dutch Military, ACTED, IOM, UN, and many others have assisted ShelterBox to deliver our Box of hope – thank you.

ShelterBox assists in Egypt, Peru and Kenya



ShelterBox has sent aid for up to 2,000 people in Peru after the region of Cuzco in the Andes experienced the worst rain in two decades. Flooding has destroyed bridges and roads.

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members are working with local Rotarians and the Peruvian Red Cross in order to distribute Boxes to the worst affected areas

And 224 ShelterBoxes have been sent to Egypt where flash floods have destroyed hundreds of homes. Torrential rains in the Sinai Peninsula have washed away houses forcing families out of their homes.

SRT members are working with local Rotarians, the Egyptian government and local Scouts to distribute Boxes to the worst affected areas. Many villages have been completely destroyed by flooding and families were still living among rubble when our SRT's arrived.

ShelterBoxes were also despatched to Kenya where two ShelterBox Response Teams worked with the Kenyan Red Cross to deliver 224 Boxes of aid to the flood-hit region of Turkana.

Tent recipient Awoi Lomungur, aged 80, from Juluk, said: 'It's good that someone has heard of my need and saved me from the rain, wind, heat and mosquitoes.'

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