

## Flooding in Niger leaves 100,000+ homeless

ShelterBox is currently distributing more than 15 tonnes of emergency shelter and humanitarian aid to survivors of the devastating flash floods in Agadez, Niger, West Africa where it is estimated more than 100,000 people in the poorest communities have been left homeless.

Rivers that have remained almost dry for 90 years were swollen by torrential rains and then burst their banks. The seasonal rains in West Africa are now thought to have affected more than 650,000 people across seven countries.



The French government and Military offered ShelterBox a Military C130 to transport our disaster relief but our aid had to be in Orleans France within 24 hours. Our ShelterBox volunteers in Cornwall commenced packing immediately and the aid was driven through the night to make the delivery flight.

Working with UNICEF, Red Cross and Médecins Sans Frontières, ShelterBox has set up (to date) 250 disaster relief tents designed to withstand the extreme African climate.

Speaking from the ShelterBox camp on the outskirts of Agadez, ShelterBox Response Team member (SRT) and photographer Mark Pearson said: 'There are thousands of people in squalid conditions with no shelter or food and only foul, stagnant water. Most have received no help and malaria and other diseases are taking their toll.'

Also SRT and General Manager UK, Lasse Peterson added: 'Families left homeless have now started moving into ShelterBox tents. It is hard to describe the emotions of gratitude and hope seen in their eyes – we have given them a lifeline and security of shelter together with basic survival necessities. We are doing everything in our power to help.'

## 'Doing the most for the most'

ShelterBox Founder Tom Henderson has won the forum3 Alternative Rich List from 100 people who were nominated for the award. This award recognises society's true heroes; the people whose wealth is measured not in money but in the way they have enriched the lives of others through their actions.

On hearing he'd topped the Rich List, Tom was pragmatic as ever: 'I always say life is about doing the most for the most. To win this award is a tremendous honour but one I share with the thousands of ShelterBox supporters and volunteers around the world.'



'It is because of these friends and the people who work tirelessly that ShelterBox has been able to respond to more than 90 disasters in close to 60 countries across the globe, providing hundreds of thousands of survivors who have lost everything with shelter, warmth and dignity.'

The past five weeks have seen ShelterBox stretch to the very limit responding to Typhoon Morakot in the Philippines, Taiwan and China, the 7.3 magnitude earthquake in Indonesia and the catastrophic flooding in West Africa.

Tom said: 'In the past five weeks alone we've sent aid that will provide emergency shelter for close to 15,000 people in seven countries. We're stretched, we can't do this by ourselves and we need people's generosity to help replenish stocks of aid – please help if you can.'

## Rotarians call for help

Hurricane Jimena struck Mexico's Baja California peninsula with wind speeds reaching in excess of 165km/h causing considerable damage to 500 homes.

Our fellow Rotarians contacted ShelterBox requesting assistance in emergency shelter for those who lost their homes. US SRT members deployed and commenced the distribution of 48 ShelterBoxes from Vancouver. These ShelterBoxes were stored in readiness for any emergency shelter need that could arise from the wildfires sweeping through Western Canada earlier in the year.

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\$1200 makes a huge difference to those most in need.

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