

ShelterBox Canada has confirmed that the ShelterBox purchased by our club in June 2008 (ShelterBox Canada #721) has been sent to Nepal for families devastated by flooding.

The following article were taken from the ShelterBox Canada website (www.shelterbox.ca)

Tuesday 16th September - NEPAL: An additional ShelterBox Response Team member has joined the team deployed in Nepal. The team will continue to distribute ShelterBoxes to those who have been displaced by severe flooding.

Tuesday 9th September - NEPAL: ShelterBox Response Team member (SRT) Mark Pearson has sent a series of images to ShelterBox HQ from the flood-hit area of Nepal, where the team is currently deployed. Sunita Devi holds her four-year-old disabled son Nitish Kumar outside their new ShelterBox tent. She said: "When the floods came, I was with my family. I took my son and ran to the roadside embankment but no one was there to help. Then we found shelter in the army barracks, but it was cramped. I am happy now to have my own shelter and the family can be together again." The Nepalese Army has been helping ShelterBox to deliver the aid to the areas where the displaced have gathered. The ShelterBox tented village is home to hundreds of families who were affected by the flooding of the Koshi Dam area Sunsari, Nepal.

Thursday 4th September - NEPAL: ShelterBox has deployed a second response team to Nepal after severe flooding displaced an estimated 70,000 people. 224 boxes of aid have arrived in the disaster zone and are being distributed by ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members. A further 400 ShelterBoxes have been packed by volunteers in the warehouse at ShelterBox HQ, and are due to arrive this weekend. SRT member Mark Pearson provided the following report today from Itaari, Nepal, 30km west of the Indian border: "40,000 people in the Sunsari district and 20,000 people in Saptari are in need of shelter, and an additional 10,000 people have crossed from India into Nepal, moving north to Saptari." He added: "As a length of dual carriageway has been damaged by the floods, the aid is being transported by helicopter and boat. Displaced people have been directed to higher ground by the Nepalese Army, where camps are being established." The disaster was caused by heavy rains, which caused a breach on an embankment of the Kosi River.