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| **On September 1st, category 5 Hurricane Dorian devastated the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahamas.**ShelterBox response teams have been in The Bahamas since September 6th working closely with local and international humanitarian organizations, the government, Rotary and the private sector.Our teams have conducted exhaustive research, in person, both independently and alongside International Organization for Migration and theÊf;Red Cross.Êf;The teams visited the AbacoÊf;Islands in order to understand the needs ofÊf;people whoÊf;might requireÊf;our support.Families have been evacuated from the affected islands and are being sheltered in government run shelters, or in other accommodation. This means that they have a safe, dry and warm place to recover from the shock of recent events. These families may not be able to return to their home sites for a long time as there is still debris and hazardous waste, limited electricity and it is still difficult to access clean water, food and supplies.**ShelterBox Response**Given the fact that families have been evacuated and have temporary shelter, and will not be able to return to the affected islands for a long time, our teams have determined there is not currently a need for ShelterBox aid.Therefore, our team will be leaving The Bahamas this week, but will stay in close contact with Rotary, the Government and other organizations.We are ready to return should the situation change and if we can play a role in future plans as the recovery process continues.At ShelterBox we always strive to do the right thing to help families and to be responsible to donors. We are focused on providing emergency shelter that gives families the ability to recover. By first knowing exactly who needs support before we provide aid, we ensure our resources are used in the most responsible way possible.ShelterBox is currently providing aid in [seven countries](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001mX9odvXff7g91RCpqFAQGP3fXsfcwmW9uxB14DQYUprnesD-UUlQZTvk9W_ZkRY2O6qXODNXEXlQfDhcxZKFyVZL80K5ECvs3PcPcc56rjQ_5eIgI6OLdfzUU28QNAMDCWjWRPFDNOXrKKR2IeObXQZ0kI7Zw6nQgj5F1PaQr1G2vsGNs_u-6w==&c=Pyyb1Vu1uu-0HP7oUW5HLHiiLoHg8NqAyKIL0Tjrq3SflIEkodZ5NQ==&ch=Ea8Ac3rSA7_t6Uuza_UyKznbqn_H_hPFmIqzFklV6Aa_fYbGWzUs7Q==) around the world. Donations to ShelterBox ensure that whenever and wherever disaster strikes, ShelterBox can be there to understand how best to support communities and, when required, provided the emergency shelter and aid items they need to self-recover.Yours in Rotary, |

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| *Tess Widdifield*Rotary and Community Fundraising ManagerShelterBox Canada&#feff;Member, The Rotary Club of Toronto Twilight |

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