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An 'Unprecedented Event' in Texas



Harvey submerged Interstate highway 45 in Houston with record, widespread flooding on August 27, 2017. REUTERS/Richard Carson

Hurricane Harvey has brought sustained rain and flooding to some of Texas' most populated areas. At least five people have been killed and more than a dozen injured.

Houston, the fourth-largest city in the United States, has seen widespread destruction and devastation. The downpour has been torrential and relentless. Roads in Houston and elsewhere have been turned into raging rivers. By the time the storm ends, some areas may see more than 50 inches of rain.

The National Weather Service tweeted, *"This event is unprecedented & all impacts are unknown & beyond anything experienced."*

A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) has been activated to assess the need for emergency shelter in Houston and other impacted areas. Texas-based SRTs Bruce Heller and Tim Osburn will conduct assessments in coordination with the ShelterBox Operations Team.

ShelterBox USA has been in continuous contact with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to discuss potential shelter options for displaced people and repair options for damaged homes, including the provision of ShelterBox Tents and ShelterKits.

Read complete information: ShelterBoxUSA.org/harvey

Currently, ShelterBox does not offer a dedicated fund to the Texas disaster. Donations will be allocated to our 'Deployment Essentials' fund, which provides support for all costs associated with ShelterBox worldwide deployments, including but not limited to: lifesaving equipment, response teams, transportation and collaboration with local or international partners.

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"ShelterBox is looking at how best to assist in sheltering families during this enormous disaster in Texas. Through ongoing coordination with FEMA and the deployment of our Response Team to assess the most vulnerable communities, we remain committed to helping displaced families in their darkest hours."

~ ShelterBox USA President, Kerri Murray

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