



## Fact Sheet | Rotary and ShelterBox

### Partnership background

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The project partnership between [Rotary](#) and [ShelterBox](#) offers opportunities to collaborate in providing emergency shelter and vital supplies to stabilize, protect, and support communities affected by disasters and humanitarian crises.

### About ShelterBox

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ShelterBox is an international relief charity that provides immediate assistance to people affected by disasters such as earthquakes, volcanic activity, flooding, hurricanes, cyclones, tsunamis, or conflict. With 17 international affiliates, ShelterBox provides shelter, lifesaving equipment, and educational materials to hard-hit communities worldwide. Since its founding in 2000, ShelterBox has responded to more than 200 natural disasters and humanitarian crises in almost 90 countries, providing vital aid for well over 1 million people.

### How do ShelterBox response teams operate?

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A highly trained ShelterBox response team, composed mainly of volunteers, distributes ShelterBoxes at the site of a disaster, working closely with local organizations, international aid agencies, and a global network of volunteers. Each ShelterBox, tailored to the particular disaster, typically contains a relief tent for an extended family, blankets, water storage and purification equipment, cooking utensils, a stove, a basic tool kit, a children's activity pack, and other essential items. Distributions may also include SchoolBoxes containing essential tools for teachers and basic educational supplies for 50 children.

### How can my Rotary club or district get involved?

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Rotary clubs and districts can assist ShelterBox with emergency disaster relief efforts that meet the needs of an affected community. Some collaboration examples include:

- *Organizing and taking part in an event that raises funds for ShelterBox, or making a donation to ShelterBox*
- *Assisting with local deployment efforts by helping to clear aid through customs, accommodating response teams, or training members of local communities in setting up relief tents*
- *Aligning ShelterBox relief efforts with local governments and organizations working in areas devastated by disaster or humanitarian crisis*

### Additional Resources

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[Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects \(605A\)](#)

[Community Assessment Tools \(605C\)](#)

[Rebuilding and Recovering: Serving with Rotary in the Wake of a Disaster](#) (recorded webinar)

ShelterBox's [Disaster Relief: Delivering Aid Worldwide](#)



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