

Cameroon - conflict

The team received a request to provide aid in Cameroon to around 45,000 families. Some of these families are refugees from Nigeria, while others have been displaced due to conflict within the country.

224 ShelterBoxes are being transported by ship from pre-positioned stock in Brindisi, Italy. A team recently went to Yaoundé, the capital of Cameroon, to carry out training sessions with the agency International Emergency and Development Aid (IEDA Relief), who will be distributing the aid. Read more [here](#).

Chile – volcano and flooding

In Chile, people have been displaced by flooding in the Atacama region, as well as volcanic activity in the south of the country.

The team will be working with aid agency Habitat for Humanity, who in turn has been working with the Chilean Red Cross, to provide shelter to families displaced by both disasters. 1,500 shelter kits have been sent to Chile and are due to arrive next week. A ShelterBox response team will be travelling out to coincide with the arrival of the kits.

Iraq - conflict

Conflict in numerous governorates has displaced huge numbers of Iraqi people.

Various aid agencies, including the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), predict that the latest efforts against Islamic State (Isis), which started early this month, could lead to as many as a million refugees fleeing northern Iraq.

ShelterBox has prepositioned stock in Iraq and is working with ACTED to establish a camp to provide shelter for internally displaced people (IDPs). There are around 1,900 tents in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, which have all now been distributed. The ShelterBox operations team is making provisions to supplement the existing stock of shelter in Iraq with winterisation kits.

Nepal - earthquake

An earthquake measuring 7.8 in magnitude occurred between the cities of Kathmandu and Pokhara in Nepal on Saturday 25 April. Since then, several aftershocks have taken place, ranging from 5 to 6.7 in magnitude. On Monday 12 May, a second major earthquake hit Nepal near Mount Everest. It measured 7.3 in magnitude and has caused further damage, bringing down many buildings that were damaged by the first quake.

Please see the [news section of the website](#) for up to date news on Nepal.

Niger – flooding

Heavy rains and subsequent flooding have affected Niamey, Tillabéri and Dosso regions amongst others. In addition, there are people in the south east corner of Niger where people have been displaced by conflict.

ShelterBox are working with Plan Niger. An initial shipment of 200 boxes was distributed in Niger in October, followed by a further 368 ShelterBoxes have been sent to Niger and have been distributed. Another 448 boxes, have arrived in the country. 200 of these boxes have now been distributed in Diffa in the south east corner of the country, where many people have been displaced due to conflict.

Pakistan - flooding

Areas of southern Punjab suffered from severe flooding last September and a request was made to ShelterBox to help people through the winter.

1,000 shelter kits and 224 ShelterBoxes have been shipped to Pakistan to assist people affected by flooding and they are currently being distributed by aid organisation Plan Pakistan in the Muzaffargarh District. All aid has now been distributed to the most vulnerable families in the region, such as people who are chronically ill or disabled, families headed by children, women or elderly and families that have lost their livelihoods.

Philippines – Typhoon Haiyan

Typhoon Haiyan, the largest storm ever to make landfall, struck the Philippines on 8 November 2013. After the need for emergency shelter diminished, ShelterBox turned its attention to providing other types of aid to help communities rebuild.

ShelterBox is working in partnership with the international agencies Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), Handicap International (HI), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) on four separate projects to provide more than 8,000 vulnerable people with a safe, durable home.

Syria and bordering countries – crisis

It has been four years since conflict broke out in Syria. More than 10 million people, almost half of Syria's population have been displaced. Around four million people have sought refuge in other countries.

ShelterBox has ensured distribution of aid through implementing partners including Hand in Hand for Syria (HIHS). Shelter kits, more tents, mosquito nets, water filters, water carriers, blankets, groundsheet, SchoolBoxes and solar lamps have all been sent to assist families in the region. HIHS are continuing to distribute aid throughout the country including to areas in the Aleppo governorate and the Syrian/Turkish border.

Read [Sam Hewett's piece on the fourth anniversary](#) (which was on Sunday 15 March) of the Syrian conflict.