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Dear

By providing emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster or conflict, you and ShelterBox are transforming despair into hope.

In 2017, we have seen unprecedented disasters. From the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh to Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean. ShelterBox Response Teams have been on the ground during these disasters and many others, hand-delivering emergency humanitarian aid to people in need.

This site provides an overview of ShelterBox's past and ongoing disaster relief work in 2017: [**YEAR IN REVIEW**](#)

By the end of 2017, ShelterBox will have helped **32,000 families** or **160,000** people who have lost everything through conflict or natural disaster. We have responded to world events **24 times this year** and deployed aid to **20 different countries**. Rotary groups around the world have helped us provide vulnerable people with emergency shelter and aid in almost all of the countries we have worked in affected by natural disaster.

In 2017, we also surpassed the highest number of days ever deployed in one year. This includes 84 ShelterBox Response Team volunteers who deployed for a total of **1,530 days**. That's an average volunteer deployment of 18 days each.

It's your support that makes all this possible. I'd like to take this opportunity to **thank you** for all you have done this year. Together, we can achieve so much as we strive for a world where no family goes without shelter following disaster.

This month's quote could have easily been written about one of our \$100 ShelterKits and comes from Charles Dudley Warner, "*The excellence of a gift lies in its appropriateness rather than in its value.*"

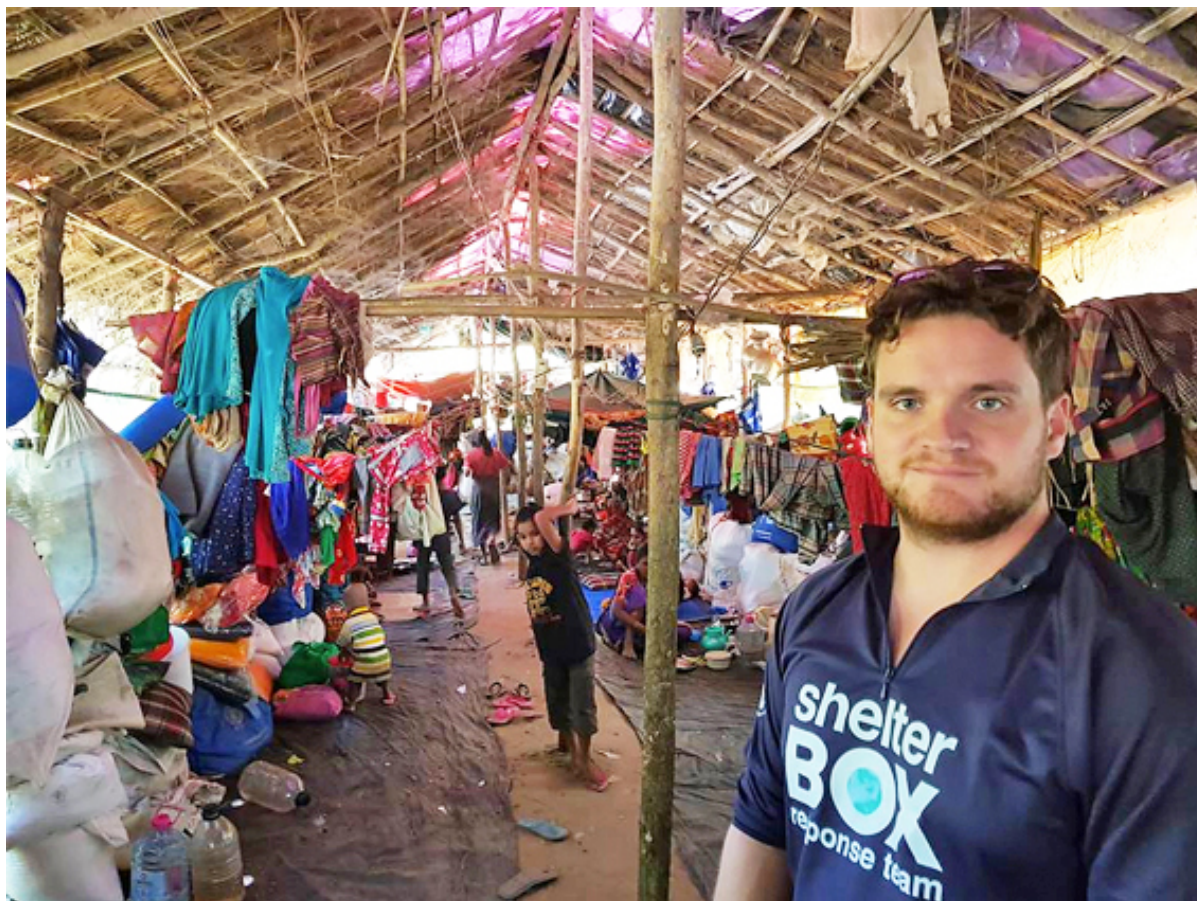
I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Thanks for your support

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BANGLADESH - Rohingya Crisis Christmas Appeal



Violence in Rhakine state in Myanmar prompted a rapid exodus of ethnic Rohingya across the border into South Eastern Bangladesh. More than **621,000 Rohingya** have crossed into Bangladesh since August 25th. ShelterBox has committed to help 4000 families and is working with the International Organisation for Migration, to distribute **8000 tarpaulins, blankets, water carriers and 8000 LuminAids**. Australian SRT volunteer, **Tommy Gray** deployed to Bangladesh as part of this response and was shocked by the conditions of the camps. Shelterbox will continue to monitor the situation in Cox's Bazar.

Our Christmas Appeal is raising money to help displaced Rohingya families and others affected by disaster and an anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations in the next week (**up to a total of \$30,000**).

So far, supporters have given a total of **\$7928**. There's still time to **double your impact this Christmas** by donating here:

DONATE NOW

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Are you stuck for Christmas gift ideas? Make a donation to ShelterBox as a present for someone else and receive one of our custom cards to give in lieu of your gift. You'll also be giving the gift of shelter to a family you'll never meet but who will always be thankful. Warm fuzzy feelings all round! For details see:

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Any donation over \$20 qualifies order today to ensure delivery before Christmas these cards must go!



Are you looking for a challenge in the New Year? Have you been thinking about signing up for our amazing Nepal Trek? **Sign up before the 22nd December to be assured of your place.**

Join us on the ShelterBox Nepal Trek 2018 and help ensure no family goes without shelter following disaster or humanitarian crisis.

Trek the majestic Annapurna region and raise funds for ShelterBox. Every step you take you helps us rebuild communities after disaster strikes.

ShelterBox Australia has partnered with Inspired Adventures to bring you an enlightening and engaging experience. For details see:
<https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/ShelterBox-Nepal-Trek-2018/>

PLEASE SHARE THIS LINK WITH FRIENDS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED

If you're running in the event and want to raise even more money for ShelterBox, why not create your own fundraising page at: [Create Your Own Page](#)

Have you held a successful fundraising event or are you planning one? Please send me the details, including images, for inclusion in the next newsletter and promotion on the ShelterBox Australia Blog at:
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Support the 'ShelterBox Solution' and help families who have lost everything to disaster. Please

DONATE NOW

EFT: Westpac: ShelterBox Australia: BSB 032 189: Account no. 230 147 (please email sbaoffice@shelterbox.org.au to notify us of your donation and receive your tax receipt).

Cheques can be mailed to: ShelterBox Australia, PO Box 254, Parramatta, NSW, 2124

All donations above \$2 are fully tax-deductible



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