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Dear

I'm currently in Bangladesh as part of ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) looking to help some of the most vulnerable families affected by the recent flooding. Together with colleagues from the UK and Bangladesh, we are also responding to the influx of ethnic Rohingya fleeing violence in neighbouring Myanmar. At the same time, multiple SRTs are deployed in the Caribbean, dealing with the aftermath of the recent hurricanes that wreaked havoc across the region. Busy times for ShelterBox.....

As always, our donors have responded quickly and generously. On behalf of those we help, I'd like to say thank you. Without supporters such as yourself, we can help no one; you are an essential part of the team.

This month's quote comes from *Ifeanyi Onuoha*, "Teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve uncommon results.,"

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Thanks for your support

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DEPLOYMENTS

BANGLADESH - Floods and Rohingya Crisis



Bangladesh is currently experiencing dual emergencies, with the North badly affected by flooding and the Rohingya crisis in the South. Recent Monsoon rains in Bangladesh were the worst to hit the country in 4 decades, with 1/3 of the country experiencing flooding. It is estimated that 524,375 houses have been partially damaged, **77,272 houses are totally damaged**. As the world's media focuses on the Rohingya crisis, it seems many Bangladeshis in the North have been forgotten. ShelterBox aid has arrived in Dhaka, destined for Kurigram.

ShelterBox is working with the the Shelter Cluster as part of a coordinated effort to reach the most vulnerable families. **The Rotary Club of Dhaka Kawran Bazar** has been instrumental in the importation of our aid.

Recent violence in Rhakine state in Myanmar has prompted a rapid exodus of ethnic Rohingya across the border into South Eastern Bangladesh. According to Relief Web, **519,000 Rohingya** have crossed into Bangladesh since August 25th. ShelterBox is working with the International Organisation for Migration, who will distribute **8000 tarpaulins** and **8000 blankets**.

CARIBBEAN - Hurricanes Irma and Maria



Hurricane Irma made landfall on northeast Caribbean islands during the early hours of 6 September. Two million people were exposed to winds in excess of 215 km/h.

ShelterBox Response Teams in the Caribbean are working with local **Rotary** contacts and several humanitarian organisations on the complex task of evaluating need and delivering emergency shelter to the families that desperately need it. We are currently coordinating the provision of aid across six countries, including **Antigua and Barbuda, St Kitts and Nevis, the Dominican Republic, Dominica** and the British Virgin Islands.

500 ShelterKits have been sent to Antigua and St Kitts and Nevis; **50 ShelterBoxes** are being pre-positioned in the British Virgin Islands; **500 ShelterKits** are going through customs in the Dominican Republic. An additional **300 have been requested**; **250 tents** will support clean-up project in Barbuda; **500 ShelterKits** are en route to Dominica (**an additional 1000** have been requested).

Syria - Conflict



"The one thing we needed when we arrived here was to get some shelter for my children so they could hide from the hot sun. Fortunately, your organisation was distributing tents on the same day that we arrived. The distribution team was the one who noticed us first and they immediately recorded our data and set up a tent for us."

Shelterbox continues its work in Syria, working with partners like **Relief Aid** and **Hand in Hand For Syria**. Together, we have helped just over **10,000 families** this year.

ShelterBox is also active in Somaliland, responding to drought and disease, and the Chad Basin, Cameroon and Niger responding to conflict and displacement. Our long-term projects continue to help displaced families in Iraq and Syria.

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Do you want to do something to help those in need?

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/>

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Rotary Club of Chatswood - Oktoberfest 2017



Rotary Club of Chatswood  ^{24th} Oktoberfest

27th October 2017
 Kaiser Stub'n Licensed Restaurant
 Cnr. McCarrs Creek Rd & Rona Vale Rd, Terrey Hills
 6:30 for 7:00pm
 3 course dinner including wine
 \$65.00 pp

For bookings call Jennifer Brown on 0402 228 786
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 All proceeds will be used to support ShelterBox and other Rotary projects

The Rotary Club of Chatswood will hold its annual Oktoberfest on 27th October with all proceeds going to support ShelterBox and other Rotary projects. Always a fun night, it promises good **food**, **good wine** and Bavarian Oktoberfest **live music** and of course good Bavarian beer!

Tickets are \$65 and include three course dinner plus wine. To book, contact Jennifer Brown 0402 228786 or email: michael_qx@bigpond.com

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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