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Please feel free to send this on to your networks, Rotary clubs and communities and use in any upcoming presentations or discussions with friends and family.

This information gives a great snapshot of the current work we are doing supporting families in need.

Caribbean

We are working across a number of islands impacted by Hurricane Irma and Maria and we are currently planning the distribution of aid. We have an in-country coordinator based in Antigua and four teams out in the field.

- Barbuda – 134 tents and 300 ShelterKits on the island but only 11 distributed – only just becoming habitable as infrastructure being built and controlling the rabid dog population. Team on route to spend more than a few days on Barbuda as infrastructure has been set up to really get impetus going with our distributions.
- St Kitts and Nevis – 400 tarps and 27 ShelterKits have been distributed to families.
- Dominica – 500 ShelterKits and doing Train the Trainer last weekend – gets key community members trained up in how to use our aid, they then go out and give information to families.
- British Virgin Islands – 22 tents and boxes that have been delivered. We have 50 more tents ready to deliver.
- Dominican Republic – in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. As we have a shortage of teams to deploy we are working with our partners to deliver our aid on Dominican Republic. 16 ShelterKits delivered.

Bangladesh

The teams in-country are focusing on two separate responses: displacement caused by the monsoon flooding and the Rohingya crisis.

We are working hard on developing a scheme to get ShelterKits and tarps to the Rohingya crisis. We are currently quoted 6 weeks delivery time by plane of our aid. Logistics team looking at how we can improve the delivery time before we sign up to a new scheme to support our aid delivery in the Rohingya crisis.

Rohingya crisis – it is estimated that 1 million people will be displaced by Christmas time. The UN and Government have things in order and we are fitting in with them. IOM we have 8000 tarps to deploy to 4000 families – it is currently moving through the customs to warehouse to deployment to families.

Flooding – we are working with our partners Red Crescent and Rotary in the north and they have now received increased funding. We have 1000 ShelterKits and 2000 tarps moving through the customs process to be distributed. We have LuminAIDS and mosquito nets as part of our aid.

Syria

We have a plan for 1400 ShelterKits and blankets to be delivered for winter in the next few weeks. We are planning to support 13,000 households in the next few months. Twelve trucks of aid went into Syria in the last few weeks and we have lots of things happening over there. In a war zone, it's difficult to get information across as quickly as we'd like but we'll bring you the news as soon as it's to hand.

Iraq

We are moving tents from Iraq to Syria to assist with their crisis. We have delivered 3500 tents and over 1000 kits in Iraq, both sealing off kits and ShelterKits, this year.

Cameroon

The rainy season and logistical issues are slowing us down here in Cameroon. 440 tents are ready to go, 220 arrived in customs and that will be delivered as soon as the violence and logistical issues allow.

Niger

896 tarps with non-food items - 448 already delivered and 448 of phase 2 is through customs, in the warehouse and ready to be delivered.

We are currently monitoring

- Puerto Rico is suffering from the aftermath of hurricanes that went through the Caribbean recently. We would love to put a team in there and if any teams become freed up from our current deployments we will send them across to Puerto Rico.
- Vietnam has been hit badly by floods
- Sizeable earthquakes have occurred yesterday off the Indonesian coast and another down near New Caledonia way

Question

Do we accept blankets and clothing as donations?

Answer

No. The reason is because we need to make sure all our aid is uniform and the same for - approved and cleared by customs. We are required to provide a certificate of origin for customs – where is it from, what fibres included, and are they the right ones.

We also ensure that all our aid is exactly the same for equity issues for families receiving the aid. The difference between a heavy blanket and a lightweight blanket could potentially cause unrest, violence and rioting in the communities we provide aid to so to avoid this, we ask our generous donors to donate money so that we can buy the same aid for all our families to receive.

Question

How are ShelterBox aid items selected?

Answer

Our monitoring and evaluation team look at what we have delivered, where it can be improved, what families want. We then go out to our suppliers to see if they can provide this cost effectively, in the numbers and in the speed needed. We also have our horizons team look at what aid will be needed in the future.

To get the latest update on our Operations go to our [Facebook update video here](#) or directly in your email inbox each week.



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