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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.

- St Kitts and Nevis – 200 ShelterKits have been delivered
- Barbuda – 1st phase support has been conducted – we have supplied tents to support clean-up workers who are working to get the island functional (40 workers). 2nd phase support – we are preparing aid now for when Barbudans can return to the island. See Dave Rayboulds video update for more detail and images of the devastation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyHxq5W43NE>
- British Virgin Islands – here we are providing support on two islands and have delivered 22 tents which will allow people to go home and start rebuilding their lives. This area is still experiencing bad weather which is making distribution difficult.
- Dominica – 3000 solar lights, 3000 water carriers and 500 ShelterKits are being delivered. There is a substantial rebuild project going on in this island due to the extreme devastation caused by Hurricane Maria.
- Dominican Republic – 800 ShelterKits have been allocated for this area. A small number has already been delivered and the rest will be delivered in the next few days.

Bangladesh

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

Flooding - Heavy rains have caused widespread flooding in Bangladesh, particularly in the northern and central regions. It's estimated that more than half a million households were damaged during the floods, with over 70,000 of them completely destroyed. In this area we are supporting 3000 families - 1000 families who have been permanently relocated and 2000 families who will return to their homes.

ShelterBox has been working closely with the Bangladesh Red Cross and Rotary to identify shelter gaps, develop distribution plans and assess warehouse options ahead of aid arriving. Most of the aid has cleared customs although it's been a very challenging situation. Normally we do one customs clearance process to get aid out and delivered but in this instance we have had to do five customs clearances which has slowed things down considerably.

The aid that has arrived in Bangladesh includes mosquito nets, tarpaulins, solar lights, ShelterKits, blankets, ropes and water carriers. See Rachel Harvey's video

update on our social media feeds for further detail -
<https://www.facebook.com/ShelterBox/videos/10155827768037138/>

A lot of international attention has been on the Rohingya crisis in the south and the areas affected by flooding in the north have really struggled to get support. ShelterBox is now looking at another area of flooding that we can provide support to seeing in response to other aid agencies that are understandably focussing on the Rohingya crisis. ShelterBox takes very seriously the forgotten areas of need.

Rohingya crisis – we are responding to this ongoing mass humanitarian crisis. We are working with other aid agencies to provide tarps, water carriers, blankets, rope and solar lights – all essential items. We have reports of a spike in the crime rate in this region (higher crime rates are generally associated with disasters, crisis and turbulence, as opportunistic people exploit the situation resulting in increases in child marriage, abduction, slavery, drug smuggling etc). This is where solar lights become extremely important, especially for women. People can keep one light at home and take one light when they go out at night – providing a key item of safety.

Here we are supporting 4000 families – 8000 lights, 8000 water carriers (water filters are not needed as other aid agencies are providing water pumps).

The first shipment of aid for Rohingya has cleared customs. Our Special Response Team member Jimmy Griffith has provided a first-hand report on the Rohingya Crisis: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2YVzEvqHlc>

Somaliland

We have supported 441 families here where we are responding to high levels of displacement caused by drought. We are awaiting the full evaluation report from our first distribution which is due this week. When we receive this report we will begin our second shipment of aid. The reason we wait for this evaluation report is to make sure that what we are doing is worthwhile, that we are using our donors' money well and that the money donated has the highest impact it can with our families.

Syria

ShelterBox has helped 10,000 families in Syria in 2017. 991 ShelterKits have been delivered this month and twelve trucks are on route with further aid to be distributed.

Lake Chad Basin

- Niger – this is a very volatile area. We have supplied 448 ShelterBoxes (tarps have replaced tents in this distribution) and other supplementary items. ShelterBox is very serious about tailoring our kit to the situation and providing what is needed most. Here in Niger it was assessed that it was much simpler and more culturally appropriate to provide tarps so that families can erect them on a branch structure and if they need to move on they can take it with them. 896 tailored ShelterBoxes should be arriving in the local port this week.

** We first provide a smaller number of aid, conduct an evaluation to determine if it is appropriate, and then we increase our aid deployment which is what we are doing here in Niger.*

- Chad – we are currently planning phase 2 (Phase 1 consisted of constructing shelters, providing tents and other items)
- Cameroon – we are continuing our ongoing support at Minawao camp. We have been contacted to see if we can provide tents up in the far north of the country. This is a very challenging situation as we would be supporting internally displaced people (people that have left their own communities because of risk/threat but have not left the country and crossed the border but stayed within their own country and moved to a new area). We are currently doing our research to see -
 - if and how we can best provide support, ensuring that we provide shelter in a safe manner

- the provision of aid is located where they can be settled
- aid provided in a location where they won't be at risk of Boko Haram
- our support won't create conflict between those we are helping and the local communities.

Question

How do we assess what aid is need?

Answer

Our teams conduct a rapid needs assessment in-country (which takes 2 days to 1 week) which determines what type of aid is needed and how much aid is required. We then conduct a more in-depth needs assessment to ensure when we go into individual communities we have already identified which families aid will be going to. This assessment is essential to maintain the fair and equitable distribution of aid.

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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