

WEEK 4 FOUNDATION MINUTE – SHELTER IN A STORM

Last week, ShelterBox celebrated its 20th Anniversary. What started as a millennium project of a small Rotary club in southern England has grown into an international humanitarian organization serving over 1.5 million people in over 100 countries today. According to RI President Holger Knaack, “coronavirus has made us adapt our work. We’ve joined the global fight to slow the spread of coronavirus, whilst still supporting vulnerable families who are already going through so much. During the global pandemic, we can save more lives and help keep the most vulnerable safe. And in the face of climate change, we can support those who are bearing the brunt of extreme weather and the conflicts it creates.”

Now more ever, ShelterBox is positioned around the world to react quickly when disaster strikes. The ubiquitous green boxes, seen coming off transport planes in Myanmar after a devastating cyclone in 2008, now contain not only tents and cooking pots, but blocks of soap and wash basins to help displaced families stay healthy and safe. We take the privacy and safety of our homes for granted. ShelterBox ensures that those in the most desperate straits can have a safe and private space too.