



ShelterBox

25 Years of Disaster Relief

"AT THAT MOMENT, AN EARTHQUAKE STRUCK WHILE MY MOTHER AND NURSES WERE SHOWING MY BABY TO ME. THE SHAKING WAS INTENSE, I LOOKED AROUND AND SAW EVERYTHING SHAKING VIOLENTLY, WITH MANY THINGS BEING DESTROYED."

-Thiri, Myanmar (2025)



On the morning of March 28th, as the earth groaned and split beneath Myanmar, twenty-five year old Thiri was in labor. The 7.7 magnitude earthquake shattered homes, schools, and hospitals across regions already devastated by conflict. Roads buckled, power lines snapped, and water sources were destroyed.

Thiri gave birth just as the earthquake hit, leaving her family among the **28 million people affected by the earthquake - including 6.7 million children.** The newest of those children is Lin, her newborn son.

"As I focused on my child, I felt lost. My mother hugged me tightly to keep me safe. However, debris was falling from above, and I became worried that my mother might get hurt. I shouted for her to let me go, but she kept trying to protect me."



ShelterBox is delivering life-saving aid to the most vulnerable families left sleeping in the streets or in collective shelters, who are not receiving help from other relief efforts.

Rotary contacts are providing critical on-the-ground support, coordination, and local insight (pictured). Will your club join them to Unite for Good? Please consider hosting a fundraiser or making a donation to support ShelterBox Canada's mission to ensure that no one is without shelter after disaster.

"I would like to thank those who have come to donate to us. I am very grateful for the help during this difficult time. My baby is in good health, and I am proud to have delivered him despite the challenges." - Thiri

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