

## ABOUT SHELTERBOX

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief organisation. We are made up of people who believe in shelter as a human right – that shelter from the chaos of disaster and conflict is vital.

*We are a cutting-edge charity that hand-delivers emergency shelter and the tools families need to rebuild their lives and communities after natural disasters and conflict.*

Our signature ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits contain the tools to transform lives and rebuild communities.

As an organisation we are impatient to see a world where no family is left without shelter when disaster strikes. This drives us to transform the support of our donors, fundraisers and volunteers into the hope and power of families all over the world – the power to rebuild homes, lives and communities.



## OUR AID

**We deliver the essentials families need to begin rebuilding their lives after disaster.**

Each disaster is different, and so is every community. We don't believe that one size fits all, so we spend time talking to affected families to make sure we provide the right support at the right time.



The emergency aid we deliver helps families to rebuild their homes. For some disaster-hit communities, our family-sized tents are the best solution until they are able to start rebuilding. In other disasters, heavy duty tarpaulins, ropes and nails are needed to create emergency shelter or to patch-up damaged buildings.

Sometimes we even include corrugated iron to make resilient roofing, or mattresses to make warehouses habitable – whatever it takes to help people recover from disaster.



We know that a home is much more than bricks and mortar or tarpaulin and tent pegs. That's why we also offer other disaster relief items that are essential for survival and can help to turn a shelter into a home, like cooking sets, blankets and solar lights.



Last year around 85 million people were displaced due to natural disasters and conflict.

It is predicted by 2050 that 220 million people will be displaced.

*We are impatient to see no family left without shelter, are you?*

Learn more and help a family in need at <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/>

## STATISTICS FOR 2018

In 2018 ShelterBox assisted over 42,000 families with emergency shelter and other essential household items. That's equivalent to more than 210 000 people. ShelterBox has responded 18 times to reach families affected by natural disasters and conflict.

From tropical cyclones, earthquakes, floods, drought and volcanic activity, we have reached across 17 countries. We have worked with our affiliates and supporters around the world to help families in almost all of our 10 responses to natural disasters.

## HISTORY

ShelterBox was founded in 2000 in the small town of Helston in Cornwall, UK.

That same year, the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard adopted it as their millennium project. Little did they know that ShelterBox would become a Rotary International Project Partner, with an ever- growing number of international affiliates.

The first consignment of 143 ShelterBoxes was sent to earthquake survivors in the Indian state of Gujarat in January 2001.

Over the next three years the project matured and by the end of 2004 nearly 2,600 boxes had been dispatched following 16 major disasters. On December 26, 200, news came of the devastating Indian Ocean Tsunami and ShelterBox faced our most significant challenge, one that would change our course forever.

Donations and volunteers poured in and we were able to ramp up our operations on a scale unimaginable just six months earlier.

Over the next few short months, ShelterBox emerged as a major player in the field of international disaster relief.

## SHELTERBOX AUSTRALIA

ShelterBox Australia is a registered charity that has been a part of the global ShelterBox network since 2010.

We have a team of over 112 volunteers across the country who share their passion with us and help us raise awareness and fundraise across the country.

There are fourteen Australian ShelterBox Response Team members who work tirelessly with the rest of the international Response Team to deliver aid to families who need it around the world.

## NOTABLE RESPONSES

2012 - Present Syrian Refugee Crisis  
2018 Philippines, Tropical Storm Usman  
2017 Caribbean, Hurricane Irma and Maria  
2016 Fiji, Typhoon Winston  
2015 Nepal, Earthquake  
2013 Philippines, Typhoon Haiyan  
2012 Horn of Africa Crisis  
2011 Japan, Earthquake and Tsunami  
2010 Haiti, Earthquake