

ShelterBox Australia

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Dear Mike

Welcome to our monthly eNewsletter for ShelterBox Australia



Syrian children receive Shelterbox aid with the help of Hand in Hand for Syria

Events in and around Syria continue to dominate the news and the escalating violence can only lead to more innocent families needing to flee the country. The majority of refugees are not seeking a new life in the West. They are not economic migrants. Rather, they are families like yours and mine who have been forced to flee their homes due to state sponsored violence, civil conflict and the terror activities of groups like ISIS. Most would happily return home if the conflict were to cease.

In the past 3 years, ShelterBox has helped over 8,200 families in countries like Lebanon, Jordan and Iraqi Kurdistan and with the help of Hand in Hand for Syria, inside Syria itself. ShelterBox Australia launched its Syria Refugee Appeal in September 2013, aiming to raise \$500,000. So far, we have raised 44% of that target, with over \$20,000 donated in the last 2 weeks. Thanks to our supporters, we have been able to provide ShelterBoxes, tents, SchoolBoxes, kitchen sets, blankets, solar lights and other non-food items to thousands of families. But the need is not going away any time soon.

Please consider helping these desperate families today by supporting the **'ShelterBox Solution'** or making a donation to our **Syria Refugee Appeal**

Meanwhile, we continue to prepare for the next disaster, pre-positioning aid in the Philippines and Somalia. Only yesterday, we received a cry for help from flood-hit Sierra Leone

This month's quote comes from author, Stephen King, 'There's no harm in hoping for the best, as long as you're prepared for the worst.'

Many thanks for your continued support.

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DEPLOYMENTS



Syria - Conflict

ShelterBox has been working with **Hand In Hand For Syria** for over 2 years. Recently, a shipment of aid to support **1,000 families** in Northern Syria was dispatched from the Helston warehouse. **350 UN spec tents** and tarps have been distributed by the **Violet Organisation** in refugees camps along the Turkish border and a further **200 UN specification tents** are being used by the **International Organisation for Migration** (IOM) to replace worn out tents in long-term camps.



Iraq - Conflict

The UN has announced that the number of people that have been displaced by Islamic State in Iraq has now exceeded 3 million. ShelterBox has working in partnership with **ACTED**, and the Norwegian Refugee Council (**NRC**) to provide shelter to newly displaced people in Iraqi Kurdistan. Since 2012, more than **2,500 tents**, along with various non-food items such as hat, glove and scarf sets, have now been sent to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.



What is a LuminAid?

The provision of light after a disaster can be essential for safety and security. The LuminAid solar light provides a lightweight, compact solution, pumping out 65 lumens on the bright setting. It takes 7-10 hours to fully charge and will give up to **30 hours** of light on its low setting. Each ShelterBox is equipped with 2 LuminAid lights that pack flat and can be inflated when ready to use. The new batteries can provide up to **10,000 hours** of light. Solar lights can also be provided in bulk, as in recent deployments to the Philippines and Vanuatu.

ShelterBox is also busy in Cameroon, Nepal, Niger, and Tanzania.

The Operations Team is monitoring events in Afghanistan, DPRK and Pakistan, whilst planning disaster preparedness projects and pre-positioning in the Philippines & Somalia.

FUNDRAISING



Rotary Club of Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed

In the aftermath of Cyclone Pam, The Rotary Club of Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed made a fantastic donation of **\$50,000 to ShelterBox Australia** to help those suffering in **Vanuatu**. Recently, General Manager, Mike Greenslade spoke to the Club about ShelterBox's response in Vanuatu and the involvement of Australian volunteers, **Peter Pearce & Greg Moran**. The Club arranged the donation through the **Twin Towns Club**. Thanks to everyone involved, your donation made a real difference.



Rotary Club of Castle Hill, NSW

Thanks to the hard work of new ShelterBox Ambassador, Rod Williamson and his team from Castle Hill Rotary Club, ShelterBox Australia had a display at the recent Hills District Orange Blossom Festival. Displays at events like this help raise our public profile and attract new donors. If your club or organisation would like to have Shelterbox Australia present at your next event, please email volunteer@shelterbox.org.au. Pictured here is supporter, Lilian Chia.



WA Rotary & Scouts For ShelterBox

The WA ShelterBox Australia team was busy for the duration of the Perth Royal Show. Working in partnership with Scouts WA, the team was successful in raising funds and awareness at the prestigious agricultural show. Thanks to all the Shelterbox Australia Ambassadors and Rotary volunteers who gave their time to support disaster relief.

Pictured here are Ambassadors, Anthea Gilbert and June Wade.

Have you held a successful fundraising event or are you planning one? Please send the details, including images, for inclusion in the next newsletter and promotion on the ShelterBox Australia Blog to me at mike.greenslade@shelterbox.org.au

Help desperate families fleeing the conflict in Syria and support our Syria Refugee Appeal. Please

DONATE NOW



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