

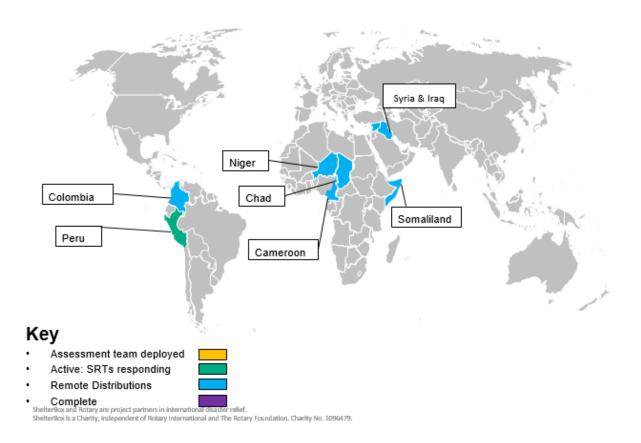
# **OPERATIONS UPDATE – May 30th, 2017**

# **Current Deployments**

Active Deployments: Peru

Remote Deployments: Iraq, Syria, Somaliland, Colombia, Cameroon, Chad, and Niger

**Prepositioned aid in the following cities**: Accra, Ghana, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Las Palmas, Spain, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates



## SYRIA – Conflict

It has been six years since conflict broke out. Since 2011, 6.6 million people have been displaced inside Syria, a further 4.8 million Syrian refugees are residing in neighboring countries. The rebels have lost 90% of their territory as the Syrian government has retaken key areas

**Speaking points:** Syria is a notable example of how our partnerships are essential for us to get our aid to those who are in need of it. This is one of our longest remote deployments and continued support is key for us to be able to give people the aid they need to rebuild their lives. One of our partners Hand in Hand for Syria has recently provided tents for use as school rooms, and is poised to support a large influx being displaced from fighting cities. Our partner ReliefAid is ready to receive our most recent

shipment of 800 ShelterKits that are focused on supporting resilience from summer conditions. The shipment will also include 53 SchoolBoxes (please note that many will ask if they can specifically support SchoolBoxes. The answer is no. We deploy them when they are appropriate, but we do not do restricted fundraising for them as we do not deploy them that often) We have signed a memorandum of understanding with a new partner and are planning for 1,500 ShelterKits to support people displaced from the Raqqa offensive.

## COLOMBIA- Flash flooding and landslides

Heavy rain has flooded the town of Mocoa in the country's south-west, with mud and rocks burying whole neighborhoods and forcing residents to flee their homes. The total death toll now exceeds 300, with hundreds also injured. Currently more than 1,000 soldiers and police are involved in the relief effort in Putumayo province.

**Speaking points:** This is now a remote distribution. 224 ShelterBoxes arrived and 96 have been distributed including non-food items of mosquito nets, Thirst-Aid water filtration units, and solar lights. Please note that there is no shelter in these boxes. This is VERY unique, but does speak to ShelterBox deploying what is needed at the time. Right now, they are fighting cholera, mosquito borne diseases such as Zika, and are in need of solar lights. As we work through our deployment we realized the specific need and have answered appropriately. Further assessments have been completed in Choco where floods and landslides have seriously affected 11 municipalities. 65 ShelterBoxes are due to be distributed in Bagado and Alto Baudo.

## PERU- Flooding

Since December 2016, above-average rains have caused flooding and landslides in 24 of the 25 regions of Peru. Over 99,000 people have suffered losses and over 600,000 people have been affected. 12 Regions have declared a state of emergency. Piura and Lambayeque in the northwest, and Ica and Arequipa in the southwest are most affected.

**Speaking points**: ShelterBox Response Teams are on the ground in Peru. Shipment of 1,000 ShelterKits, with an accompanying 1,000 small ShelterBoxes containing solar lights, mosquito nets, water carriers and groundsheets for la Libertad are being distributed. This is a great example of distributing exactly what is needed. Instead of the ShelterBox with the tent we are sending the non-food items in mini ShelterBoxes and then sending ShelterKits giving the families the ability to build their own shelter that fits their needs best.

## IRAQ – Conflict

Since the offensive began on the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to liberate the people of Mosul City, 377,952 people have been displaced. Iraqi and Kurdish forces have closed in on urban Mosul, leading to more displacement.

*Speaking points:* Like Syria this will not be a short deployment. The Syrian Refugee Crisis fund helps all those affected by this crisis including those in Iraq.

## SOMALILAND-Drought

Severe drought in Somaliland has affected its nomadic population, whose livestock have depleted in numbers by up to 70% in some areas of the country. This has led to elevated levels of displacement as families search for water. Complicating the matter further, women and children have been left to look after themselves as their husbands and sons have gone in search for new pasture. Although the most

urgent need is for food and water, nomadic families have been pushed into camps with shelters thrown together with scraps of material.

*Speaking points:* The is a remote deployment which means that our aid is in country and we are working with an organization to distribute our aid to 441 families in need in the most affected eastern region of Somaliland.

## LAKE CHAD BASIN CRISIS- Conflict based displacement

The Lake Chad Basin Crisis has been called one of the most ignored humanitarian crisis in the world today. 2.4 Million people are currently displaced and 10.7 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance.

#### Cameroon

People displaced by the Boko Haram conflict continue to arrive daily in Minawao camp. ShelterBox has provided tent and non-food item (NFI) packages totaling 5000 households. We are currently deploying 100 school boxes and 1700 tents and non-food items.

#### Niger

Planning for more shelter replacement solutions is underway for refugees and IDPs fleeing Boko Haram in the Diffa region of Niger. ShelterBox is in discussion with Head of Shelter Working Group to see how we can assist.

#### Chad

Locally sourced shelter kits are underway. Approximately 700 out of 1850 have been distributed for the refugee and internally displaced population.

# Monitoring Areas of Concern: (These are areas that we are monitoring to see if further action is needed)

Uganda – South Sudanese displacement Central African Republic – Ongoing conflict displacement Yemen – Conflict displacement Kenya- Flooding Sri Lanka- Flooding Bangladesh- Cyclone Mora