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YEARS
2000-2020

2020 PARTNERSHIP IMPACT REPORT



Risa shows off her kitchen set outside her home, provided to her by ShelterBox following Cyclone Harold. South Pentecost, Vanuatu, April 2020

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Thank you

FROM SANJ SRIKANTHAN
(SHELTERBOX CEO)

We started this year looking at the challenges set before us with coronavirus on top of ever more devastating disasters and long running conflicts. We spoke about this as 'The crisis within a crisis', as families fleeing their homes, now needed shelter and the ability we all deserve: to protect our families from this terrible disease. We also recognised that it is a time for humanitarians to step into, and not retreat from our duty to serve.

Thanks to our unique relationship with Rotary International and other in-country partners, along with our pre-positioning of aid around the world, ShelterBox has been able to overcome many of the challenges we have faced, and still reach communities in need of our aid.

Although the restrictions on international travel have made deploying our operational team abroad difficult, we have continued to adapt and innovate so we can maintain our support to vulnerable families affected by conflict or disaster.

Rotarians have been with us every step of the way, helping us get aid into country, introducing us to affected communities, and being part of our response teams who are ready to respond whenever they may be needed. Our values mirror each other in so many ways. But above all else, we have never forgotten our shared cause of 'service' on behalf of others, which has truly been the calling card of 2020 and our collective response to this virus.



SANJ SRIKANTHAN
Chief Executive



Syria, 2020

CORONAVIRUS: ADAPTING OUR GLOBAL RESPONSE



Tents and shelter kits can help families socially distance. Emergency shelter is vital for helping people move from overcrowded collective centres to a more private space where they can socially distance or self-isolate.



We have modified our distribution practices and are working through our partners. Distributing to smaller groups allows for social distancing; the use of PPE and conducting post-deployment monitoring via phone, all help to limit exposure to the virus.



The provision of personal aid items limits sharing between families. Personal cooking equipment, sleeping mats, and water filters help reduce close family to family contact and potential spreading of the virus.



Custom aid packages improve access to good hygiene. We have added masks, soap and hand-washing basins to many of our aid packages and provided additional training to improve communities' understanding of how to mitigate the risks of COVID-19.

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The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox provides a place of refuge for vulnerable people to stay as healthy as possible.

As emergency shelter experts, ShelterBox has a vitally important part to play in the global response to Covid-19.

- John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International

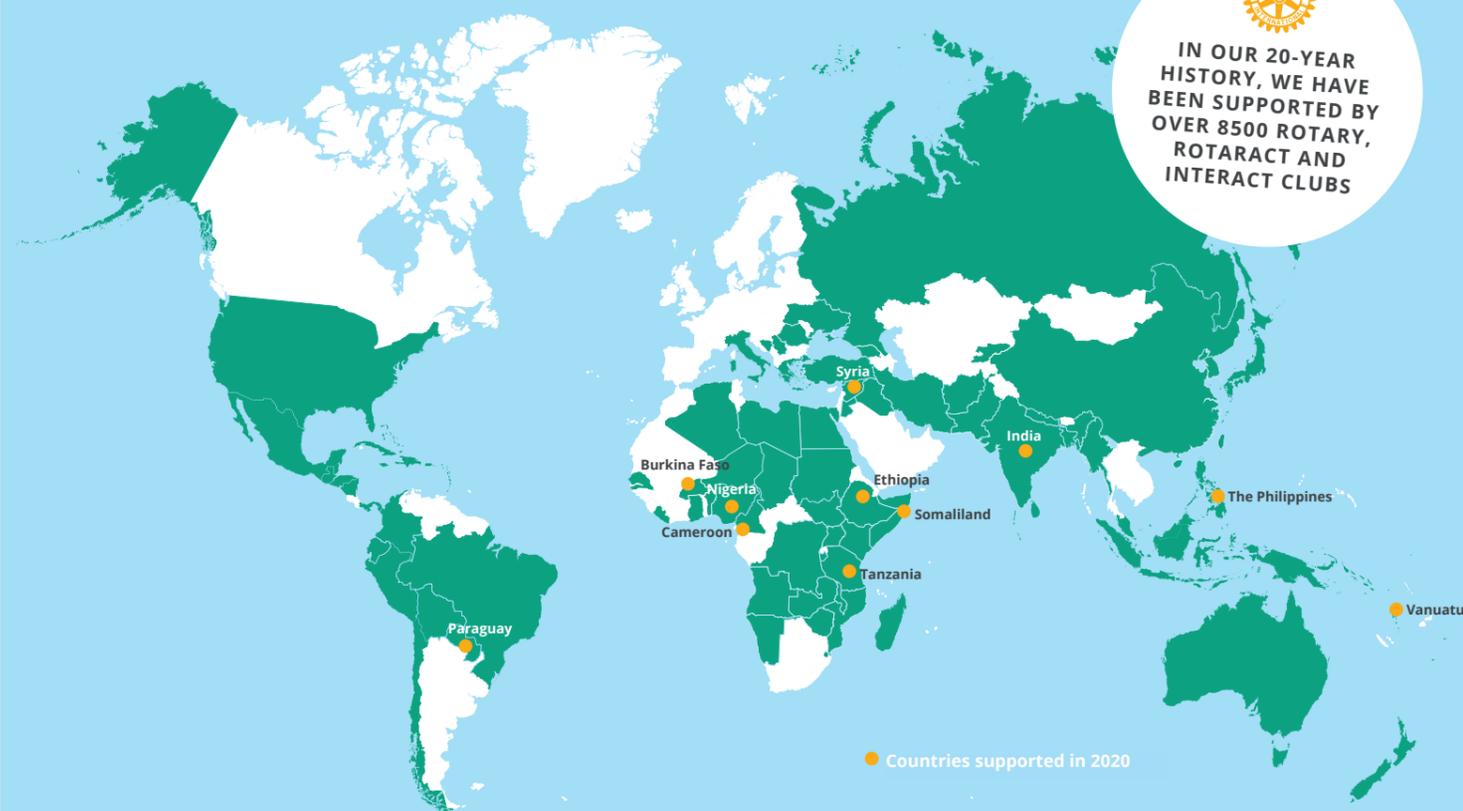


20 YEARS OF SHELTERBOX TOGETHER WITH ROTARY WE HAVE SUPPORTED OVER 1.7 MILLION PEOPLE IN 97 COUNTRIES.

Reaching communities with vital aid is only made possible with help from our partners, volunteers and global network of supporters. We have created this report to say thank you and show how this partnership of action has helped so many families rebuild their lives following disaster. Now more than ever our partnership with Rotary International is fundamental to what we do.



IN OUR 20-YEAR HISTORY, WE HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY OVER 8500 ROTARY, ROTARACT AND INTERACT CLUBS



2020 IN FIGURES



200,000*

People supported



33,000

families supported with emergency shelter aid



6,500

families assisted with essential household items



17

different projects



11

different countries

*Numbers as of 23 Nov 2020 - based on completed responses from 01 January 2020 to date, and anticipated responses to 31 December 2020.

DEPLOYMENT FOCUS: PHILIPPINES

The Philippines is one of the worst disaster-affected countries in the world, and since 2004 ShelterBox has responded 31 times, more than in any other country.

2020 has seen a succession of natural disasters hit the Philippines, in addition to being one of the worst affected countries by coronavirus in South-East Asia. Our partnership with Rotary has this year more than ever been instrumental to our continued operations in the Philippines - Rotary have assisted us on every single deployment since 2004.

✓ Emma stands outside with her daughters, whilst her husband Gerry starts to make repairs to their home which was damaged when Typhoon Vongfong made landfall in Eastern Samar in May 2020.

In early 2020 we were contacted by Rotary in response to Typhoon Kammuri, which hit Northern Samar in December 2019. Coastal communities were badly affected, with many houses constructed from light materials, unable to withstand the impact of the typhoon and associated flooding. Working closely with the Rotary Clubs of Catarman and Calbayog City, we supported 2,786 families with aid packages of shelter and household items tailored to the individual needs of each community. This was the first distribution to include a cash element, which was spent on items such as lumber and cement to begin construction of more permanent homes.



Many had to move into crowded evacuation centres or stay with family and friends, further increasing the potential spread of coronavirus. Past President Arnold Mendoza of the Rotary Club of Batangas Mid-West provided support to the response by liaising with our partners Yakap sa Kaunlaran ng Bata (YKBI), hiring trucks to haul items from our warehouse to three distribution sites. We supported 1,937 families with shelter materials, household items and mosquito nets, with the focus of the aid to create space for families and reduce the spread of coronavirus.

In April, ShelterBox was approached by Past President Cris Parojinog of the Rotary Club of Cagayan de Oro, to supply shelter materials for the Eversley Sanitarium, a public hospital in Cebu serving the poorest and most marginalised members of the community. The shelter materials provided much needed extra space for the treatment of patients affected by coronavirus. >



< Rotary have been instrumental in our ability to respond quickly to Super Typhoon Goni, connecting us with the Philippines Navy who have provided transportation for aid items from our warehouse in Cebu to Bato and Baras in the Catanduanes region.



TYPHOON VAMCO IS THE 19TH TYPHOON TO HIT THE PHILIPPINES IN 2020

In May, Rotary were once again on hand to support us in a response through our in-country partners, Terres des Hommes (TdH), as Typhoon Vongfong swept through Eastern Samar, destroying 3,000 homes and damaging 16,900 more. We supported 998 families with tarpaulins, rope and household items, with the focus on decongesting evacuation centres and allowing families to social distance.

On 1st November, Super Typhoon Goni, the most powerful storm to hit the Philippines since Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2003, ripped through the Bicol and Calabarzon regions, south of Manila, destroying 30,000 homes and damaging 79,000 more. Barely two weeks later, Typhoon Vamco brought yet more devastation as it moved along a similar path, triggering severe flooding and landslides in the Catanduanes and Bicol regions where repairs and temporary shelters were once again destroyed. It is estimated that over 1.7 million people have been affected with more than 320,000 people forced into evacuation centres. We are working with local partner, Humanity & Inclusion, along with the Rotary Clubs of Old Albay and Manila Metro to support 5,176 families in the worst hit regions.

3,000 homes were destroyed when Typhoon > Vongfong ripped through Eastern Samar.



SINCE 2004 WE HAVE RESPONDED 31 TIMES IN THE PHILIPPINES TO:



22 typhoons



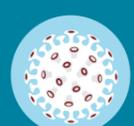
2 floods



2 conflicts



3 earthquakes



2 pandemic responses

DEPLOYMENT FOCUS: TANZANIA FLOODING



ROTARIANS IN FOCUS

2020 has seen continued and generous support from Rotary Clubs around the world, with many clubs and supporters finding alternative ways to fundraise through the coronavirus pandemic.

The Rotary world has been embracing connectivity, with the formation of many new e-clubs, helping ShelterBox to reach communities virtually which have never been reached before.



Congratulations to Rotary Peace Fellow Candidate and ShelterBox Ambassador, Britney 'Bert' Woodrum, who in September completed the astonishing challenge of conquering all 58 of Colorado's 'Fourteeners' (mountains above 14,000 ft) with a ShelterBox on her back. She raised an unbelievable \$80,000 USD in aid of ShelterBox, presenting to Rotary clubs en-route and making many new friends along the way.

In January of this year, torrential rain caused flash flooding across Tanzania. The south-eastern Lindi region was worst hit, with major damage to villages, infrastructure and farmland. An estimated 5,500 families were displaced, with homes severely damaged or completely washed away.

Whilst more than 2000 families were relocated to higher ground, a lack of tools and materials hampered their ability to build adequate replacement shelter.

In February, ShelterBox was introduced to Past District Governor, Sharmila Bhatt, who agreed to provide a letter of invitation required for visa applications. However, coronavirus travel restrictions meant that our distributions were carried out remotely

through our partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), who implemented the response together with the Tanzanian Red Cross Society (TRCS).

677 families were identified as the most vulnerable as they had been unable to build any form of shelter since being displaced. These families were provided with shelter kits to complete construction of their homes and make them watertight, with the versatile tarpaulins and tools also being used to construct latrines, and to separate rooms inside the homes.

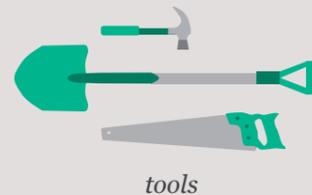
As the resettlement site allocated to families did not have a pre-existing electricity supply, solar lights were included in the aid package, which allowed for family activities including work and education to continue through darkness.



SUPPORTED

677

families with



tools



shelter kits

DEPLOYMENT FOCUS: BURKINA FASO

The conflict in Burkina Faso began in 2015 and five years on has become one of the fastest growing displacement crises within Africa.

2019 saw a big increase in violent attacks by Islamist militants. Civilians have been caught up in the fighting and more than 900,000 people have been displaced, with more than half of these in critical need of shelter. More than three million are thought to be severely food insecure, with farmers forced from their land, and crops left to rot in fields.

Heavy rains earlier this year triggered flooding which has further affected several of the camps where displaced families had sought refuge, along with the impact of coronavirus which has added to the vulnerability of those forced from their homes.

In November 2019, ShelterBox met with Lancina Pare, Past President of Rotary Club Ouagadougou Crystal, and Simon Kafando, Past District President of District 9101, West Africa, to discuss how we could best respond. Rotary provided us with a driver and translator as well as other logistical support in-country and set up a meeting with the Minister of Social Action, who was responsible for the relief effort for Internally Displaced People. Earlier this year, ShelterBox formed a partnership with German aid agency, HELP, to distribute aid on our behalf.

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We are very happy that ShelterBox are in Burkina Faso to help our people. ShelterBox is most welcome and we look forward to seeing how we can work together like we did in 2009.

— Lancina Pare, Past President of Rotary Club, Ouagadougou Crystal.



SHELTERBOX PROVIDED SUPPORT TO 1200 FAMILIES:



600 families received tarpaulins
600 families received household item kits

✓ In November 2019, ShelterBox response team members were invited to a meeting of Rotary club, Ouagadougou Crystal, where we were given an opportunity to talk about ShelterBox's work.

THE IMPACT OF OUR AID

Following the ShelterBox response, our partners gathered data to understand how families had benefited from our aid. These are the 5 main themes that emerged:



Better protection from heavy rain and strong winds



More access to household privacy and improved dignity



Improved feelings of protection and physical safety



Ability to return to family routines with better living conditions



Increased protection from mosquitos



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We are satisfied with the collaboration between Help and our structure because it is one of the rare times we have been involved with the entire process of project implementation

– Community Representative, Boussouma, 2020

100%
OF RESPONDENTS
SAID THAT THEY
WERE HAPPY WITH
THE OBJECTIVITY
OF THE SELECTION
PROCESS



DEPLOYMENT FOCUS: INDIA

In May, category 5 Cyclone Amphan hit India's coastal regions of West Bengal and Odisha. It was the strongest storm to hit the Bay of Bengal this decade, destroying a total of 1.7 million homes, and the world's largest single displacement event in the first half of 2020.



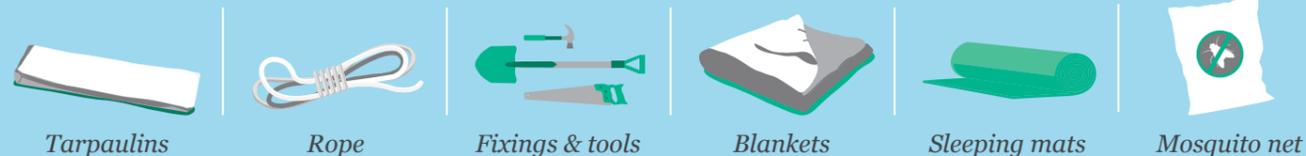
One of the most severely affected areas was the Sunderbans, where 100,000 homes were completely destroyed, with a further 700,000 damaged. Due to the widespread devastation, the loss of livelihoods and food insecurity was a particular concern, and we reached out to District Governor, Ajay Agarwal in District 3291, to see how ShelterBox could best respond.

We worked with our trusted partner, Habitat for Humanity India, who were already present in the affected areas. They conducted needs assessments through one of their local partners, Living Hope India, deciding to focus on providing aid for 1,400 of

the most vulnerable families - these included female-headed households, those from marginalised lower castes, and those living significantly below the poverty line.

India is the second worst affected country in the world after the US, with more than 8.6 million recorded cases of coronavirus and over 127,000 deaths. The rapid increase of the virus adding to the vulnerability of families who had lost their homes. We adapted our aid package to include a basic hygiene kit, with Covid messaging and training provided to all families receiving aid.

1,400 FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH SHELTERBOX AID, CONSISTING OF:



and Hygiene kits (5 x masks, 3 x soap, 1 x bucket)

ROTARY AND SHELTERBOX GO VIRTUAL!

John Hewko
CEO
Rotary International



Sanj Srikanthan
CEO
ShelterBox



June was a busy month in the virtual world. Highlights included:

It was an honour for Sanj Srikanthan, our CEO, to be invited to join John Hewko in the second episode of 'Rotary Responds' to talk about the work ShelterBox is doing in response to coronavirus. If you missed it you can catch it here: [facebook.com/7268844551/videos/3059643284100882](https://www.facebook.com/7268844551/videos/3059643284100882)

#RotaryResponds LIVE

TOGETHER TALKS

And later in the month Sanj was also invited to join the Rotary in Britain and Ireland 'Together Talks', their weekly series of conversation events, connecting people from across the globe to a range of leading speakers from the worlds of business, volunteering, the charity sector and more. Sanj spoke about 'Going the last mile as a humanitarian': [youtube.com/watch?v=IDLi9X5aDro](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDLi9X5aDro)



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION

We were delighted to take part in Rotary International's first ever virtual Convention. With a short film in the general session, three breakout sessions, and a booth in the virtual House of Friendship, it was a great opportunity to connect with so many of you around the globe. It isn't too late to watch our breakout sessions:

-  The Power of Partnerships with ShelterBox and Habitat for Humanity
Watch The Power of Partnerships breakout session
-  Rotaract Breakout Session: *High Stakes Leadership*
Watch the High Stakes Leadership breakout session here
-  YEO Breakout Session: Inbound Service Projects-Inspiration with the next generation:
Watch the YEO Breakout session here



ROTARIANS IN FOCUS

Every December, The Rotary Club of Kimberley in British Columbia, Canada launches their ShelterBox Global Gifts campaign. The Rotarians in the club encourage fellow club and community members to give meaningful gifts for the holiday season by donating pieces of ShelterBox aid through Global Gifts. Last year alone, The Rotary club of Kimberley raised over \$5000 for ShelterBox through impactful gift giving.



When Warwick Rotary Club donated £500 after booking a virtual speaker to hear more about ShelterBox's work in response to the coronavirus pandemic, Rotary Club member, Camille Sethi, decided to take it one step further and ran a half-marathon in July, raising a further £400.



IMAGES FROM THE FIELD: VANUATU



Vanuatu is an archipelago made up of around 80 islands, situated in the South Pacific.



^ Vanuatu has had no reported cases of coronavirus. The Government closed the international border to humanitarian aid workers and introduced a quarantine for cargo arriving from overseas.

In April this year, Vanuatu was hit by category 5 Cyclone Harold, destroying thousands of homes, damaging food crops and infrastructure and causing widespread power outages.

The northern provinces of Sanma, Malampa, Torba and Penama were the worst hit, with around 160,000 people thought to be affected.

ShelterBox Operations started the challenging process of remote assessments through liaising with local partners and Rotary contacts from District 9910 (based in Auckland, New Zealand), who connected us with Greg Procter, President of Port Vila Rotary Club.

^ We used sea freight to deliver aid materials to Vanuatu from our prepositioned warehouse in Dubai.



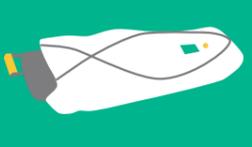
- < Top left image: May washes her hands with water from a bucket provided as part of the ShelterBox aid package.
- < Bottom left image: Jonas uses tools he received as part of the aid package to rebuild a house that was destroyed in Ponof village.
- > Ireen works in her garden using tools provided by ShelterBox.

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Adeline and her daughter stand outside their kitchen house which has been repaired with tarpaulins provided by ShelterBox.

WORKING WITH LOCAL PARTNER, CARE VANUATU, SHELTERBOX SUPPORTED 2,000 FAMILIES ACROSS THE PENTECOST AND SANTO ISLANDS WITH EMERGENCY SHELTER

				
1,000 shelter kits	4,000 solar lights	2,000 tarpaulins	1,000 ropes	2,000 kitchen sets



Abu has been living in a camp for IDPs with his family since his home was destroyed by heavy shelling at the start of 2020. He received ShelterBox aid including a tarpaulin, kitchen set, blankets and solar lights.

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All the materials are important and useful, especially the kitchen set, because we now have our own materials and we do not borrow anything from anyone, such as spoons and pots. The kitchen kit is very important to prevent the transmission of infection.



2011

Peaceful demonstrations calling for democratic reforms are met with strong governmental opposition, giving way to the start of a long-running civil war which has resulted in mass displacement.

An estimated 5.6 million Syrian civilians are now living as refugees outside Syria, with a further 6.5 million internally displaced.



2012

We form a new partnership with ReliefAid to further our reach in Northern Syria and launch our first 'Winterisation' project, providing household items and children's winter clothing to prepare vulnerable families for the extreme conditions of winter.

2015

ShelterBox forms a partnership with 'Hand in Hand for Syria' and starts to support families in Northern Syria. We also support refugee families in Jordan and Lebanon.

2017

We form a new partnership with Bahar Organisation to aid people fleeing the offensive on Raqqa.

2019

Syrian government airstrikes escalate in Idlib province, displacing more than a million people. **We reach the milestone of supporting 250,000 people in Syria.**

2020

Through our partners, our work continues in Syria with over 4,000 families supported with shelter and household items across Idlib this year, in addition to our sixth Winterisation project which is currently underway.

SYRIA IS CURRENTLY OUR LONGEST RUNNING RESPONSE

BURKINA FASO

2015

Insecurity in Burkina Faso begins when the former President, Blaise Compaoré, who has ruled for almost three decades is ousted from power.

2019

ShelterBox are contacted by Rotary to see how we can support vulnerable families, following a big increase in fighting. 900,000 people are now estimated to be displaced.

2020

ShelterBox supports 1,200 families with tarpaulins and household items through a partnership with HELP. Project 2 is underway to support 700 more families into 2021.

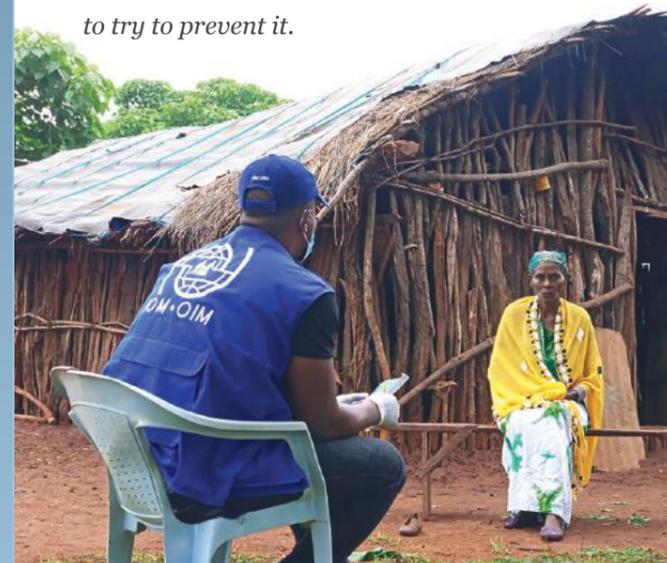
Nongoma and her seven children have been living in a camp for internally displaced people (IDPs) since 2019, after she was forced from her village when it came under attack and her husband was killed.

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I was lucky enough to be housed here next to people from the same village and we continue to have very good relations. When it came to repairing my shelter, many people came forward out of compassion to help. With the help of ShelterBox with new, beautiful tarpaulins, we are now well housed and I am very satisfied.



Bulutna and her family have been living in temporary shelter since armed militants attacked their village and they were forced to flee their home. She says she is planning to gradually return her family's life back to normal, but she is concerned about the recent coronavirus pandemic.

“
I used to hear about a new virus that was spreading everywhere, but I didn't know about the way it spread and how to prevent it. But after the lessons we learned by the health official, me and my family are now doing everything we can to try to prevent it.



ETHIOPIA

2012

ShelterBox begins working in partnership with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to support families displaced by violence and conflict in Ethiopia.

2020

Escalating tension between Ethiopia's federal government and the regional leadership in Tigray erupts into armed conflict. An estimated 1.2 million people will be displaced, with more than half likely to seek refuge with host communities. Project 4 with IOM is underway with a target to support another 6,200 families affected in Tigray.



To date, the partnership has supported more than **8,000** Families with shelter aid

LAKE CHAD BASIN

2009

The violent rise of Boko Haram begins when the extremist group starts an armed rebellion against the Nigerian government. More than 3.4 million people are now thought to be displaced in the Lake Chad Basin area, with the crisis spilling over into the neighbouring countries of Niger, Chad and Cameroon.

2015

Through our partner IEDA relief, we begin to support families seeking refuge in Minawao camp, in the extreme north of Cameroon, close to the Nigerian border.

2018

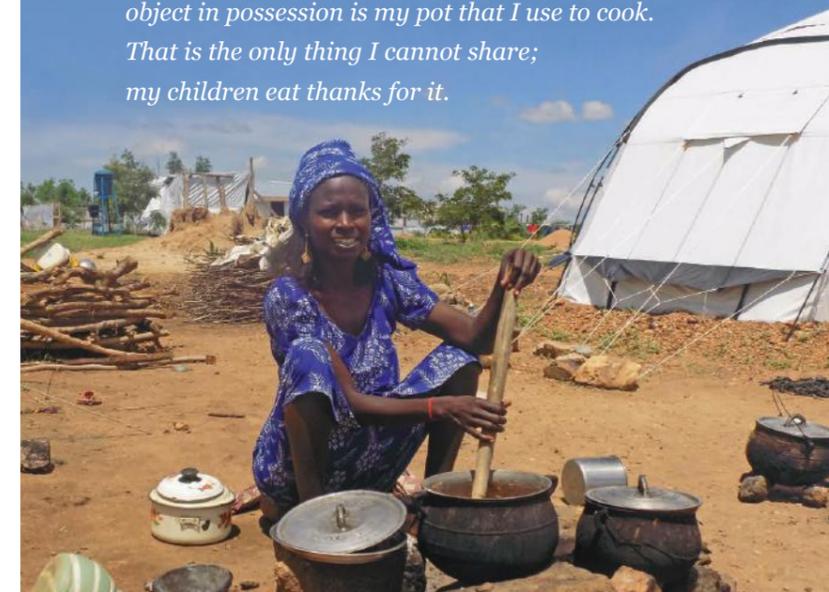
ShelterBox forms a partnership with ACTED to support displaced families in Nigeria with shelter kits and household items.

2020

An escalation of Boko Haram attacks in Borno state, Nigeria leads to further displacement and dozens of civilian deaths. Project 5 will aim to support 1,548 families in Borno state with emergency shelter kits. 24,000 families have been supported in the Lake Chad Basin region with plans in place to continue supporting more families in both Cameroon and Nigeria into 2021.

Fanne is a mother of eight children living in Minawao camp, Cameroon after fleeing the violence in Nigeria, leaving her disabled husband behind.

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I collected a tent, blankets, solar lamps, bucket, water carriers and much more. My favourite object in possession is my pot that I use to cook. That is the only thing I cannot share; my children eat thanks for it.



THANK YOU

Each year, Rotary helps us to go further, support more people, and access areas that would otherwise be impossible to reach.

Right now, project 2 is progressing with our partners HELP to support more displaced families in Burkina Faso; we are working with our partners, Habitat for Humanity India, for the second time this year responding to flooding in Odisha; and we are continuing to move forward with a response in Honduras to the displacement caused by Hurricanes Eta and Iota, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Honduras and the Rotary Club of San Pedro Sula.

And thanks to our global partnership with Rotary, we are continuing to support families that have been displaced by conflict or disaster in Sudan, Syria, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Cameroon.

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With a global pandemic, environmental and sustainability challenges, a world refugee crisis and global inequalities, the world needs Rotary and ShelterBox now more than ever.

- Holger Knaack, Rotary International President 2020/21



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