



News Update

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A project in Australia of the
Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills

ShelterBox assistance sought from Philippine Rotarians

On Saturday, Tropical storm Ondoy (Ketsana, international name) brought a month's worth of rainfall to metro Manila and nearby regions in just one hour. The UN is reporting a death toll of 240 and rising and the number of displaced survivors is said to be 375,000. In total, it is reported that 1.87 million people have been affected.

ShelterBox Australia received three separate requests for assistance from Rotary Clubs in Manila. Australian ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) member and Rotarian Peter Pearce packed his bags for the second time in six weeks to travel to Manila to assess the need and viability.

Joining Peter will be UK SRT Lizzy Treglown who worked with Peter in the last deployment – between them they have all the local Rotary and government contacts to best understand the infrastructure which will allow them to deliver aid quickly and most effectively.

It was only weeks ago that ShelterBox provided 334 ShelterBoxes to those affected by Typhoon Morakot but now they have been left reeling yet again from another catastrophic tropical storm.

The worst may not be over for the Philippines with weather experts warning another storm or typhoon could hit the region in the next couple of days.

Overwhelmed Philippine authorities have appealed for international aid as the death toll from the once-in-a-lifetime floods soar and weary survivors shelter in squalid conditions.

The Philippine government states that more rain fell on Manila and the surrounding areas than on New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005.

More news as it comes to hand from the disaster area.

Please help if you can.
We need your assistance to replace the ShelterBoxes
used in Indonesia, China, Philippines, Niger, Mexico,
Jakarta and India over the past six weeks.
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