

## \$2.6 million of emergency shelter!

Over this past week, ShelterBox has distributed more than \$1.2 million of emergency shelter to our disaster struck Pacific neighbours who have endured earthquakes, tsunamis and flooding. Add this to a previous month where ShelterBox responded to earthquakes and typhoons in Indonesia and the Philippines; massive flooding in West Bengal; a typhoon in China; hurricane in Mexico; and flash flooding in Niger.

In total, over the past five weeks, ShelterBox with the assistance of our fully trained ShelterBox Response Team members (SRT), Rotarians and their Clubs have assisted with the distribution of more than \$2.6 million in emergency shelter to those most in need.

ShelterBox Australia SRT members and Rotarians Keith Robins, Hans Van Dyk, Gary Bidner, Mike Greenslade and Peter Pearce have all volunteered their time and expertise over the past six weeks to assist those who have lost everything.

### Sumatra

ShelterBox SRT members Mike Greenslade (Aus) and Andy Holland (UK) have been busy making initial assessments in the Pariaman district, the epicentre of the devastating earthquake to the north of Padang, West Sumatra. Co-ordinating with local government, Mike and Andy report that the latest assessment from UNOCHA estimates more than 83,000 homes are severely damaged and most will be demolished making the task for our ShelterBox team a very daunting one.

It is estimated at this time the need for 900+ ShelterBoxes to assist those who have lost everything. ShelterBox has 200 boxes in country with another 400 arriving this Saturday plus another 224 ex-Dubai arriving over this weekend.

"There are many NGO's working here covering all aspects of disaster relief and it's important we all work together to achieve the most effective outcome" Mike Greenslade said. "There is a big job to be done and by sharing resources and more importantly information, we can make sure our efforts are not duplicated".



Andy Holland (SRT) who has been in Indonesia since the beginning of September dealing with the earlier earthquake in Java said: "Our resources will be bolstered to assist those most in need with the addition of another two SRT members over the weekend". "The rainy season has started and it is imperative we get help to those in need quickly" he said.



More images from Australian SRT Mike Greenslade in Padang, Indonesia

## Philippines

The following are excerpts from a report from ShelterBox SRT member Lizzy Treglown (UK) who is in Manila with Australian SRT Peter Pearce. Working with local Rotarians and their Clubs, together with many welcome 'friends', Lizzy reports the following.

"Conditions here are appalling; the evacuation centres are overflowing and it is very tough. The weather here has already changed and the super-typhoon is expected to hit on Saturday – much more rain is expected which will make things even worse" she said.

"We have been travelling to the areas most in need to determine the best position for our ShelterBox tents – it is a challenge to find areas of land which are not going to flood but we are making progress. With the help of our Rotarian friends, we will begin to erect our tent cities to ensure the survivors are safe" Lizzy said.

Lizzy and Peter will send more updates and pictures as they deliver hope to these survivors.



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## Samoa

ShelterBox's landed in Samoa to assist families who were devastated by a tsunami triggered by a deep-sea earthquake last week causing widespread destruction in Samoa and American Samoa. Twenty villages were completely destroyed and an estimated 3,500 survivors displaced.

New Zealand SRT members Owen Smith and Walter Van der Kley have been working with the local Rotary and Rotaract Club of Apia to ensure that those most in need receive our emergency shelter and quickly. Photographs of ShelterBox emergency shelter being delivered will be sent as they come to hand and communication lines open.

## Thank you Rotary and ShelterBox for your help

This email was sent by Rotarian Lyne Abanilla, RI Public Awareness Co-ordinator (Philippines) to PDG Dick Garner, RI Public Awareness Co-ordinator (Australia) and with Lyne's permission, we share her thoughts with you.

"Once again, Rotarians displayed our rare spirit of volunteerism amidst adversity. The sight and experiences over the past week of people and many Rotarians working together to save lives, to feed the people in the evacuation centres, to deliver relief goods to displaced families were awe inspiring indeed.

We are extremely grateful to our fellow Rotarians in Australia and the UK, the ShelterBox group for the immediate response to the need of the displaced families last month in Zambales and now right in the capital cities of Marikina, Pasig, Tausig and many others. Thank you all very much indeed! Lyne"

## Des Watts Rides for ShelterBox and our Pacific friends

Remember the mighty 20,000 km+ ride of Des Watts in 2008? He is off again, (not quite so far this time) to raise awareness and funds to assist our Pacific friends in their time of dire need.

Des is very grateful to his fellow Rotarians who have assisted in bringing this tour together by accommodating him and his beloved BMW R100 LT but also in the organisation of events and functions to coincide with his tour.

Setting off on October 7 and returning on November 3, Des will have plenty of stories upon his return – safe motoring Des and thank you!

## Message from Tom Henderson

ShelterBox Founder and CEO said: "This has been one of ShelterBox's most challenging set of deployments to date and we are urgently appealing for donations to enable us to alleviate the suffering of hundreds of thousands of people across the globe that have just lost everything in the last week.

As always, we are humbled and amazed by our Rotarian friends and the public's generosity and compassion. We're working flat out to ensure our aid is delivered to people as quickly as possible and, rest assured, we won't stop until the job is done", Tom said.

Please help if you can.

The need is now.

\$1200 will allow a survivor family shelter with dignity.

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