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# ShelterBox responds immediately to deadly Indonesian tsunami

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A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) is heading to Indonesia after a deadly tsunami struck the county's coast.

The tsunami has already claimed more than 100 lives and it is feared scores of coastal villages could have been wiped off the map.

The response team will be led by Australian SRT Mike Greenslade and will be working alongside ShelterBox's Internationals newly formed Indonesian affiliate to assess the affected area. The tsunami was triggered by a 7.7 magnitude earthquake that struck 20 kilometres beneath the ocean floor off the island of Sumatra. Reports say that the massive wave swept up to 600 meters inland in some places. ShelterBox Head of Operations, John Leach, said 'we're anticipating a large need for immediate emergency

assistance in Sumatra and will do everything we can to get it there as quickly as possible.

'Disasters can happen at anytime and strike anywhere. We're currently operating in five other countries where there are huge numbers of families in need of our help.

'Our job is to ensure these families are given all the help they need at a time when they really need it the most.'

The situation in Indonesia is turning into a double disaster as thousands of people are evacuated from the area surrounding the Mt Merapi volcano in central Java.

In October 2009, ShelterBox delivered emergency shelter for more than 6,000 people in Sumatra after a devastating earthquake struck the island.

## Massive aid effort in Pakistan continues



ShelterBox continues to provide vital aid for displaced families in Pakistan as the effects of the monsoon floods cause untold hardship for millions of people. Logistical pathways into Pakistan have now cleared and emergency shelter for a further 56,000 people will be distributed in the coming weeks. This means ShelterBox has committed emergency shelter for up to 147,590 people in Pakistan, one of the largest commitments in the charity's history. 'ShelterBox camps continue to stand up to the extreme strains of a disaster situation. We've received a lot of praise from international organisations and the media for the way our camps allow families to live in safety, comfort and dignity.

# Emergency ShelterBox aid sent to the Philippines after Super Typhoon strikes



A state of calamity has been declared in the northern Philippines after the strongest typhoon to strike the country this year left a trail of destruction in its wake.

Super Typhoon Megi, known locally as Juan, hit the Philippines' northern Isabela province on Monday, October 18 prompting the province's governor to declare a state of calamity. A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) was immediately mobilised and the first consignment of ShelterBoxes has been committed to the country.

ShelterBox Operations Manager, Alf Evans, said: 'Although the full extent of the damage remains unclear, there will unfortunately be a need for our assistance.'

'Typhoons regularly strike the Philippines and while the early warning systems in place prevented large scale casualties, the power of the typhoon will have destroyed hundreds of homes.'

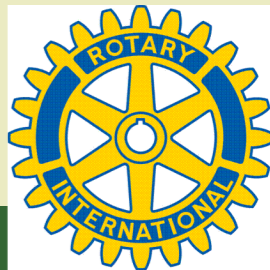
SRT members Lyndon Tamblyn and Arnold Kelly arrived in Manila, the Philippines' capital and with the assistance of local Rotarians they established the areas of greatest need while they awaited the arrival of 200 ShelterBoxes and 4 Classrooms in a Box. Typhoon Megi is was also expected to hit China where thousands of people have been evacuated. In 2009, more than 1,600 ShelterBoxes were delivered to families in the Philippines who lost their homes when typhoons hit the country. This is ShelterBox's first deployment to the Philippines in 2010.

## Wanted: people willing to put their heart in box

District 9670 ShelterBox Representative Peter Croft has put his money where his mouth is in challenging the people of Dubbo City, surrounding regions and District Rotary Clubs to donate to ShelterBox and help deliver emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster world wide. As Business Enterprise Centre Chief Executive Peter coughed up \$3000, one from each of the Business Enterprise Centre offices in Dubbo, Parkes and Forbes for three Shelterboxes, each containing emergency shelter and survival equipment for an extended family of 10.



The challenge aims to collect enough to purchase 100 boxes that would "provide shelter, warmth and dignity" for 1000 people for at least 12 months. As of this week Peter's efforts have seen twenty ShelterBoxes donated and the need is now further exasperated by the urgent requirement in Indonesia, the continuing humanitarian crisis in Pakistan and the forthcoming Typhoon season in South East Asia.



### WHO WE ARE

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity, specialising in emergency shelter provision. Humanitarian aid is delivered in iconic green ShelterBoxes. Each one contains a disaster relief tent for an extended family, water purification equipment, a stove, blankets and other items essential for survival. ShelterBox responds to disaster as quickly as possible with the aim of helping the people who are in most need.

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# WEST AFRICAN FLOODS



## Benin hit by annual floods but this year's are the worst in 50 years.

Nearly 700,000 people affected with a desperate need for emergency shelter, food and water. This is the scene coming out of West African country Benin.

This year's annual flooding in West Africa is continuing to cause chaos across the region. The floods in Benin have been the worst to hit the country in close to 50 years and show no sign of letting up.

Reports for the United Nations Office for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) state that emergency shelter is one of the top priorities. ShelterBox Operations Manager, Alf Evans, said: 'West Africa has been hit particularly hard this year. We've only recently returned from Niger and we're now putting a response team together to head into Benin. They'll be working with local authorities and Rotarians to establish where the greatest need is.'

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members Chris Donald (UK) and James Webb (UK) will head to Benin in the coming days to assess the scale and the areas of most need. Benin, which has a population of around 8.8 million people, is one of the world's poorest countries with approximately a third of the population living below the



## YOUNG SHELTERBOX

What could be better than having great fun at the same time as helping others? Nothing! And that's exactly what Kahibah Primary School has done. The School recently had a "Global Adventure" and explored the world of ShelterBox in their own classroom, Learning about disasters and how we can all help others in need.

ShelterBox thanks the children from Kahibah Primary School for their donation of one ShelterBox (\$1000) through a fun "out of uniform day" and sausage sizzle. Well Done. If you would like Young ShelterBox at your school contact [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/contact.php](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/contact.php)

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## Successful distribution of emergency shelter in Guatemala

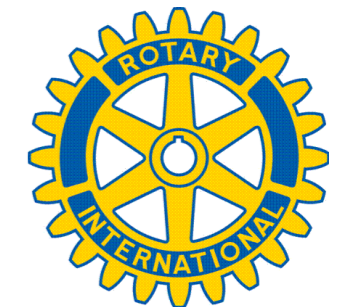


Families who have been in desperate need for emergency shelter in Guatemala have now set up homes in ShelterBox tents. 'The first boxes went to families who had lost their homes in recent landslides that had torn through the village,' said Ian Neal. 'We showed them how to put up the tents and use all the other equipment that's inside the box. Of the 200 boxes, 109 have now been distributed. The team worked with local non-profit organisation Mayan Families and the Club Rotario Guatemala Sur who, the SRT said, provided 'invaluable' and 'tireless' support to help the people of Guatemala.

The praise was reciprocated by Rotarians in Mexico who said the SRT members had 'legs of a dog,



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