



ShelterBox

Disaster relief

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ShelterBox is proud to be a Project Partner of Rotary International



“ *Humanity is at its rawest in disasters and yet there are moments that capture true human dignity and hope. Brilliantly shown in Mike's work.* **”**

TIM COSTELLO, AO
CHIEF ADVOCATE
OF WORLD VISION
AUSTRALIA

<https://chuffed.org/project/shelterbox2020vision>

Increasingly, we are living in a world of extremes. As the East coast of Australia suffers drought and widespread bushfires, much of Europe is affected by record-breaking floods. Luckily, advanced economies have the resources to respond to such events. With insurance, government support and the support of our local communities, we have the capacity to respond. For many, the road to recovery will be long, in the meantime, our hearts go out to those affected.

Many countries are not so lucky. Right now, we have Response team in the Philippines working to help families left homeless by a series of earthquakes that hit Mindanao in late October. For security reasons we were unable to publicise this response until now, making fundraising very difficult. Elsewhere we continue to work under the radar of the mainstream media to ensure that families affected by disaster and conflict are not left without shelter.

There are many ways you can support our work. Advance copies of the 2020 Vision photo book are due to arrive before the end of the month and we've already managed to crowd fund more than \$7,000! The book, cards and limited-edition prints make great Christmas presents and are all packed full of the feel-good factor. Spaces on the Kokoda Trek are filling up fast and the Tasmania Trek is attracting a lot of attention. Is it too early to start thinking about some New Year fitness goals? Around the country, Rotary clubs and individuals are 'doing their own thing' and raising funds for disaster relief and for that, we are eternally grateful.

This month's quote comes from Marcus Tullius Cicero, "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others."

Many thanks for your support

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Greenslade', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Bangladesh - Floods



The ShelterBox Response Team in Bangladesh worked closely with the Bangladeshi Red Crescent to assess needs and distribute aid.

Since the beginning of July 2019, heavy monsoon rains have triggered flooding in the low-lying areas of Bangladesh, leaving around one third of the country under water.

Whilst the Bangladeshi government did not request international assistance, the Shelter Cluster called for surge capacity, suggesting outside aid was required. Both Rotary and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) reached out to ShelterBox at the end of July and with weather conditions set to worsen over the following weeks a decision was made to send a team to assess the feasibility and appropriateness of a response.

ShelterBox worked with Rotary and BDRCS to provide Shelter Kits to **750 families**

Ethiopia - Displacement by conflict



Humanitarian agencies and the Ethiopian Government are currently dealing with the triple challenges of drought in the eastern and south-eastern parts of the country, localised flooding, and the huge continuing needs of returnees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and refugees from neighbouring states.

In May 2019, the government set targets for those displaced to return. However, in many cases those returning find their property has been damaged or destroyed and support services are limited.

Access constraints, an unpredictable security environment, and periodic nationwide shutdown of the internet and local SMS services, are additional challenges to any effective humanitarian response. However, the needs remain huge and the overall response is chronically under-funded.

ShelterBox, in partnership with IOM (International Organisation for Migration) has worked to shelter households with cluster-approved Emergency Kits. These currently contain tarpaulins, rope, blankets, water carriers, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, and kitchen sets. IOM are supplementing this with solar lights. The first project, assisting **3495 households** is complete, with aid for a further **3500 families** in the pipeline.

Case study - Bogalech

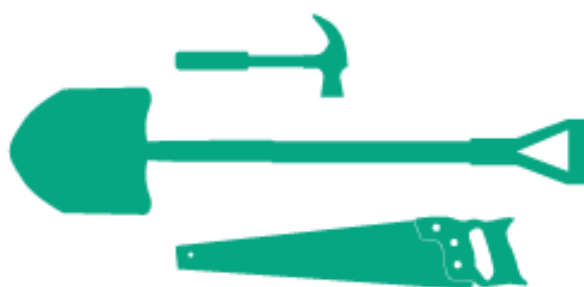


Bogalech lives with six of her grandchildren in a small shelter with a roof made of banana leaves. The children range from four-years-old to 15 and they are three boys and three girls.

"My health is not strong", Bogalech said. When the conflict broke out, she didn't feel able to leave. Bogalech belongs to the Gedeo community but her daughters married ethnic Gujis. When the fighting between the two communities was at its height, Bogalech's sons in law hid her from the attackers, keeping her out of view and safe from harm.

"There is no conflict between Gedeos and Gujis in my family," she said. "It is there at a higher level between the tribes, but I am personally grateful to the Guji people."

She says her Guji sons in law will once again come to her aid and help her to fix her roof with her new tarpaulins, provided by ShelterBox



Support families affected by disaster and crisis. Please

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DONATE NOW

EFT: Bendigo Bank: ShelterBox Australia: BSB 633 000: Account no. 166 780 163 (please email sbaooffice@shelterbox.org.au to notify us of your donation and receive your tax receipt).

Cheques can be mailed to: ShelterBox Australia, PO Box 254, Parramatta, NSW, 2124

All donations above \$2 are fully tax-deductible

Tasmania Trek November 2020



Have you always wanted to take on a challenge for a worthy cause? ShelterBox's Tasmania Trek could be your next adventure...

We're excited to announce our latest adventure, the **ShelterBox Tasmania Trek 2020**. On this incredible adventure, you'll trek through the rocky mountain peaks, buttongrass moorlands, glacial lakes, waterfalls and the dense rainforest of **Cradle Mountain** and its beautiful surrounds.

To top it off, you'll also be raising funds for ShelterBox Australia to **provide emergency shelter for families who have lost their homes to disaster**, enabling them to rebuild their lives.

When you sign up, you'll join a team of other passionate ShelterBox Australia supporters who will trek with you and we'll give you all the guidance you'll need to start your fundraising journey!

Find out more



7-11 November 2020



5-day adventure
5 challenge days



Moderately challenging

[Register your interest](#)

Trek The Kokoda Track with ShelterBox in 2020

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KOKODA TREK 2020

Save \$385 on your registration fee,
and join us in Kokoda!

Offer lasts till 1st of November

ONLY 7 PLACES LEFT!

We're so excited to promote our newest adventure challenge and we hope you'll join us! How will you spend ANZAC Day next year? How about trekking the Kokoda Track alongside a team of ShelterBox Australia supporters?

Picture trekking across rugged mountain terrain, through lush tropical rainforest and into unspoiled villages of Papua New Guinea. Imagine retracing the footsteps of Australian soldiers and learning about the history of the battle sites from expert guides. **The ShelterBox Kokoda Trek 2020** is going to be an unforgettable adventure and we'd love for you to take part.

[Find out more](#)



22 April – 2 May 2020



11-day adventure
9 challenge days



Very challenging

Rotary Club of Waratah - Trivia Night



The Rotary Club of Waratah held a Trivia Night in aid of ShelterBox earlier this month and raised a **fantastic \$5,000!** A special thanks to Nathan and Jenna Brown and their team for organising the event and to Chris and Helen McGrath for their wonderful support