



# ShelterBox

## Disaster relief

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ShelterBox is proud to be a Project Partner of Rotary International



One third of Bangladesh is underwater, following recent Monsoon floods

**Our vision is to see a world where no family is without shelter after disaster.**

Our teams work with disaster-hit families around the world, offering emergency shelter and other essential items to support them in rebuilding their lives. Right now, our response teams are working in Paraguay and Bangladesh to help families affected by flooding. Through our partners, we continue to support affected families in Ethiopia, Somaliland, Syria and the Lake Chad Basin.

It's to this end that our volunteers and supporters continue to go the extra mile. I'm looking forward to joining our Larapinta Team in Alice Springs on Monday before we embark on our five-day trek. Together, we'll raise over \$1,000 every kilometre we walk! Thanks to everyone who has supported their friends and family members on this journey.

Of course, there are plenty of opportunities to 'go the extra mile' to support ShelterBox. You may want to sign up for the Kangaroo Island Trek, the Kokoda Trek or, if you fancy going several extra miles, the TCS New York Marathon!

Trekking and running aren't everyone's cup of tea, so you may like to join our growing ranks of regular donors (you may already be one!). Whatever you chose to do, you can rest assured you'll be part of our global movement, working towards a world where no family goes without shelter, following disaster.

This month's quote comes from Helen Kelle, "Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light."

Many thanks for your support



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## Bangladesh - Floods



ShelterBox Response Team volunteer, Tommy Gray in Bangladesh in 2017.

Melbourne-based ShelterBox Response Team volunteer, Tommy Gray has returned to Bangladesh as part of an Assessment team following widespread flooding in the north of the country. Tommy last deployed to Bangladesh in 2017 as part of our response to the Rohingya crisis. Since 7th July, heavy monsoon rains have triggered flooding in low lying areas of Bangladesh, leaving one third of the country underwater. The team in country have met with local

Rotary contacts and potential partners for a response including Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh, IFRC Bangladesh, and the new Shelter Cluster Coordinator.

A Logistics team will be joining the current team this week to undertake detailed scoping on the importation process.

## Paraguay - Floods



Aid distributions continue in affected wards of the capital, Asuncion.

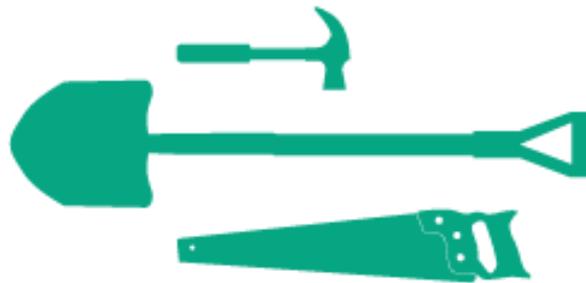
ShelterBox is providing emergency shelter to **3,000 families** affected by severe floods in Asuncion, Paraguay. We are working with **Habitat for Humanity** and the Paraguayan Red Cross to reach vulnerable communities and support them to start to recover. We have also been in contact with SEN (the Paraguayan authority coordinating the government response to the floods) and the **Rotary Club of Asuncion**, who have shared useful information with us and shown their support for our response.

Aid items for each family include a ShelterKit, four thermal blankets, two solar lights and two mosquito nets.

## Case study - Mirta



Mirta lives with her husband and younger daughter in a temporary settlement in Asuncion, Paraguay. They moved there after severe flooding forced them from their homes. Her son lives next door in the temporary settlement and back home before the floods. Both Mirta and her son received a ShelterKit. When talking to the ShelterBox team about her current living conditions, Mirta said she was tired of always having to move each time there were floods. Unfortunately, they did not have any other option. She said that she and her husband cannot afford to buy a home out of the flood affected areas. Mirta was appreciative of the tools provided by ShelterBox. She said it meant a great deal to have their own. Until they had collected the aid, they had to borrow other people's tools. The family were planning to use to the tarpaulins and the other items when they return home. Mirta added that she really liked the grey blankets because they are soft, *"they are thick and they don't make you scratch."*



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 [sbaoffice@shelterbox.org.au](mailto:sbaoffice@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

**TCS New York City Marathon - Limited places available soon!**



Next year, ShelterBox Australia is heading to New York to participate in one of the most iconic marathons in the world. The **TCM New York City Marathon 2020** is your chance to not only visit this incredible city, but also secure a spot in this prestigious race and raise funds for ShelterBox to continue our work in disaster relief. Keep an eye out for the launch of this fantastic opportunity in the next couple of weeks ..... and get your friends to sign-up for the newsletter for their chance to **#Run4Shelter!**

For a sneak peek go to: <http://bit.ly/shelterbox-ny-2020>

**Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trek**



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## KANGAROO ISLAND WILDERNESS TREK

OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> 2019




Class 4 Hike



Cabin accommodation  
(shared)

**\$1800**  
all inclusive early bird special (payment  
by 1<sup>st</sup> July)

**\$1949**  
all inclusive (payment by 1<sup>st</sup> September)



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### HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Chance of a lifetime to trek one of Australia's great walks
- \* Trek through 61kms of rugged, remote and spectacular South Australian nature over 5 days
- \* Bus transfer each evening to the Western KI Caravan Park
- \* 5 nights fully catered (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- \* Experienced guide and trail pass included
- \* Walking each day with a day pack only
- \* Bus and ferry transfer to and from Adelaide included
- \* Raising funds for ShelterBox via everydayhero

**Book now. Start training. Start fundraising**



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## Trek The Kokoda Track with ShelterBox in 2020



We're so excited to launch 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.

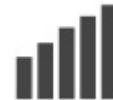
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22 April – 2 May 2020



11-day adventure  
9 challenge days



Very challenging



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