



# HOW SHELTERBOX PROMOTES CLEAN WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



## HOW CONFLICT AND DISASTER REDUCE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

Water is a human right and yet for too many communities. People often find themselves in inhospitable areas or overcrowded camps where finding safe water is a daily struggle.

When this happens, disease follows – from cholera outbreaks, to children dying of common and treatable diseases like diarrhea.



< Our water filters and carriers help families living in displacement camps in Syria drink clean water.



**REFUGEE COMMUNITIES ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO A LACK OF SAFE, CLEAN WATER: 41% OF THE WORLD'S REFUGEES HAVE NO ACCESS TO CLEAN DRINKING WATER.**



## SUPPORTING MINATI WITH CLEAN WATER

In Odisha State, India, flash floods following heavy rains wrecked local water supplies, leaving families without access to clean, safe water. Minati saw her home submerged, as she and her family fled the rising waters.

**“DRINKING WATER SOURCE POINTS WERE BROKEN AND OPEN WELLS WERE CONTAMINATED WITH FLOOD WATER. WE HAD NO DRINKING WATER NEARBY AT THAT TIME AND WE HAD TO WALK FAR TO GET IT.”**

The flood damaged water pipes, forcing Minati to walk for long distances to collect water from an unsafe source. At the same time, she was struggling to rebuild her life after the floodwaters destroyed her home.

ShelterBox provided Minati and her family with tarpaulins and ropes so she could provide shelter for herself, her children and her elderly mother-in-law. We also provided her with a water filter so she could make sure that, rather than drinking disease-ridden water straight from the river, she and her family had safe, clean water.

## HOW SHELTERBOX SUPPORTS COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE.

ShelterBox provides emergency relief following the kinds of disasters that lead to a lack of safe, clean water, helping protect families from dehydration and disease.

We provide water filters and water carriers, so people can drink clean, safe water. Our water filters remove bacteria, viruses and protozoa that can be found within contaminated water. We have recently started using the Grifaid Family Filter, which is manufactured by The Safe Water Trust Ltd, a not-for-profit company, which similarly to ShelterBox, was the outcome of a Rotary Project. It was started in 2009 with the support of the Rotary Club of Cleadon and District, UK.



## SUPPORTING SALUPHA WITH CLEAN WATER

Salupha was kidnapped when Boko Haram militias attacked his village. After two years in captivity he managed to escape and travelled from village to village until he found his family who had fled their home. They used to live a prosperous life, but when he was captured his family lost their home and all of their possessions.

Salupha and his family were relieved when they were supported by ShelterBox and our partner IEDA relief. Before they received the filter his family had to travel several kilometers to get drinking water from a borehole.

**'SINCE RECEIVING THE WATER FILTER I HAVE BEEN USING IT DAILY, AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FILTERED WATER AND NON-FILTERED WATER IS STAGGERING. YOU ONLY HAVE TO LOOK IN THE BUCKET TO SEE HOW CLEAN THE FILTERED WATER IS, WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AND IN RECORD TIME. SINCE USING THE FILTER I HAVE NO STOMACH ACHES AND I EVEN ENJOY TAKING A BIG SIP OF WATER. WHAT A RELIEF IT IS WHEN YOU REALISE THAT THERE IS NO RISK OF CATCHING AN ILLNESS JUST BY DRINKING WATER!'**

The population of his host village is increasing every day, as more displaced people arrive seeking safety, putting even more pressure on the water supply. Salupha worries about the people who do not have safe drinking water in his village.

'This situation is very worrying; access to drinking water is seriously threatened.'



**We also supply water containers to people who need to collect water from a central source so they can transport it safely.**

This emergency response is vital in preventing the spread of common but deadly water-borne diseases like cholera. Our hygiene kits, including soap, help stop the spread of infections like coronavirus in vulnerable communities.

< Pimienta, Honduras after Hurricanes Eta and Iota



Falmata is from Banki in Nigeria. She is a single mother and lives with her four children in an emergency shelter at Minawao Camp

One of the main consequences of the climate crisis is drought – an extreme weather event that wrecks people's livelihoods, leads to famines, causes civil conflict and takes lives. ShelterBox provides shelter to those who have had to leave their homes due to extreme weather and drought so they can start rebuilding their lives.

