



ShelterBox

Rotary



SHELTERBOX IMPACT

2025

ROTARY IN FOCUS



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How we have supported communities in 2025.

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Front cover Image: Fatima from Ethiopia, who was displaced by climate aggravated drought and conflicts, and she was supported with emergency shelter and household items.



THANK YOU

FROM SANJ SRIKANTHAN (SHELTERBOX CEO)

ShelterBox is a global community that believes no one should be without shelter after disaster. I want to share my sincere gratitude to Rotary International and Rotary members around the world for being a vital part of that community.

When disaster strikes, Rotary is right there beside us - helping secure local contacts, organize logistics, and reach communities who might otherwise be left without emergency shelter.

The ShelterBox and Rotary International partnership is vital. I want to take this opportunity to recognize President-Elect Yinka Babalola who we've been fortunate to have serve on our Board of Trustees for the past four years, with his term concluding in October 2025.

His deep knowledge and unwavering passion have been instrumental in strengthening the bond between ShelterBox and Rotary International. He has brought invaluable perspective and insight to the Board and his years of service have left a lasting legacy on our partnership. We thank him wholeheartedly for his invaluable commitment.

During our recent response in the Philippines, following two typhoons and a series of devastating earthquakes, our partnership with Rotary meant we could quickly scale up to meet the need after multiple disasters.

Rotary Clubs played a crucial role in coordinating warehousing and transport through their connections with local authorities. Our ability to act quickly together in the Philippines is in part from our continued local collaboration, even when there are no disasters. We stay connected through regular disaster preparedness talks that help Rotary and the community remain ready and informed across the district.

The Philippines is just one example. Every year, our partnership helps us to go further and support more people who otherwise would not be reached.

And now, we are thrilled to officially wish President-Elect Yinka the very best of luck in his new and hugely important role as Rotary International's President for 2026-27.

As we look to the future, we know the need for our work is more urgent than ever. In partnership together, we can do more to prepare and reach more people who urgently need safe shelter.



SANJ SRIKANTHAN
Chief Executive
ShelterBox Trust

2025 OVERVIEW

Reaching communities with vital aid is only made possible with help from Rotary International, our partners, volunteers and global network of supporters. We have created this report to say thank you and show how this support has helped so many families rebuild their lives following disaster or conflict.

- KEY:**
- Conflict
 - Drought
 - Flooding
 - Tropical cyclone
 - Earthquake
 - Fire



231,000 PEOPLE

In 2025, ShelterBox reached the milestone of supporting **OVER THREE MILLION PEOPLE** SINCE BEING FOUNDED IN 2000.

THANKS TO OUR GLOBAL SUPPORTERS, SHELTERBOX HAS BEEN ABLE TO WORK IN 17 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES, AFTER:



EARTHQUAKE



FIRE



FLOODING



CONFLICT



DROUGHT



TROPICAL CYCLONE

SYRIAN REGION

Despite the regime change, millions remain dependent on aid. Our winterisation projects support people with items like tarpaulins to cover older or worn tents, blankets, and children's clothing. We're also supporting thousands of people to improve their shelters who've been displaced in the north.

LEBANON

In southern Lebanon, people fled airstrikes with only what they could carry. We supported people sheltering in communal spaces, such as schools, by providing mattresses and blankets to help protect them from the winter cold.

JAMAICA, HURRICANE MELISSA

For more information, go to page 10.

SUDAN

The humanitarian need is huge, with refugees living in makeshift shelters. Along with INTERSOS and HOPE, we supported thousands of people in Darfur with items including kitchen sets, water carriers, sleeping mats, blankets, mosquito nets, and solar lights. We're now planning further shelter projects.

BURKINA FASO

For more information, go to page 9.

CHAD

Civil war in Sudan forced around a million people across the border. Working with Help Tchad, we're improving shelters and distributing household items. We're also supporting people to build hundreds of mudbrick shelters by providing materials, tools, training, and cash assistance.

CAMEROON

The Lake Chad Basin is facing a complex crisis. We're supporting people in Minawao refugee camp to improve their homes with materials like tarpaulins, wood, nails and cement. We're also supplying community tool kits with reusable items such as hammers and brick moulds.

MOZAMBIQUE

One of the world's fastest growing displacement crises. We supported people displaced by conflict in Cabo Delgado with CARE Mozambique and other local partners. The communities received training and built timber frames for hundreds of transitional shelters.

YEMEN

We partner with the Benevolence Coalition for Humanitarian Relief to support people forced to flee their homes with iron framed shelters that have concrete bases, thermal insulation and corrugated steel outer shells. For people affected by floods, we have made items like tarpaulins and rope available.

AFGHANISTAN, EARTHQUAKE

We responded to the earthquakes and humanitarian crisis with Islamic Relief Afghanistan. Families were provided with tents and essential items, such as winter clothing, thermal blankets, kitchen sets and stoves.

PAKISTAN, FLOODING

Following severe flooding, we worked with Islamic Relief Pakistan to deliver tents and tarpaulins to the north of the country, together with thermal blankets and other essential items. In the east, we also provided tents, tarpaulins and mattresses.

BANGLADESH, FIRES

Thousands of families were affected by devastating fires in densely populated Dhaka. With partner, Uttaran, we supported around 800 families with emergency shelter and household items like bedding and kitchen sets, or cash assistance.

PHILIPPINES, TYPHOONS & EARTHQUAKE

For more information, go to page 12.

SOMALIA

With Juba Foundation over three years, we are supporting over 75,000 people displaced by complex crisis with a mix of shelter kits, transitional shelters, and durable homes. We also supported nearly 10,000 newly displaced people, mostly female headed households, with pre-positioned aid items.

MYANMAR, EARTHQUAKE

We partnered with a Myanmar based organization to support thousands of people whose homes have been damaged. We supported people from 36 rural villages across Mandalay and Southern Shan states - repairing homes so they last longer and withstand the rainy season.

ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia is facing a serious humanitarian crisis driven by conflict, insecurity, and climate change. We supported thousands of people living in communal shelters or returning to damaged or looted homes. Aid packages have varied depending on needs, but include shelter, cash assistance, reusable sanitary pads and soap.

ROTARY IN OUR RESPONSE CYCLE

We ensure that the people we support remain at the heart of all we do by following each phase of our Response Cycle in every response. Rotary members often play a key role alongside our teams, contributing their skills and capacity at different phases of the cycle, depending on the context. Here are some examples of where they have done this, including several from 2025:

1 PREPAREDNESS



Bernard Vonn Sia from the Rotary Club of Cebu, assisting with distributions of shelter kits.

Looking back and thinking ahead
We are always learning from each response, and preparing, planning and connecting with local networks to ensure we can deploy resources quickly.

ShelterBox Operations Philippines hold shelter items in their warehouse. Close collaboration with Rotary means that typhoons can be responded to effectively together.



2 INITIATION PHASE



The ShelterBox team discuss with members of the Rotary clubs of Yangon, Central Yangon and Metro Yangon.

Do we respond?
Our 'Response Criteria' helps us make tough decisions about responding during 'Go/No-Go' meetings, which bring together the right people to make effective decisions.

ShelterBox staff were in touch with Rotary members in Thailand and Myanmar on the day of the earthquake, who shared vital insight and damage assessments.



6 PROJECT CLOSURE AND REVIEW



Yunus Emre, the President of Istanbul Erenköy Rotaract Club.

Learning from what we do
As a project nears completion, we conduct evaluations to assess the effectiveness and impact of our response.

Rotary and Rotaract members supported the Türkiye earthquakes response in distributions, providing translation and contributing to our evaluation report.



COMMUNITY IMPACT
At the heart of all we do



3 INFORMATION GATHERING



Fabrice (pictured right) from the Rotary Club of Ouagadougou Elite, ensured we could continue to work safely.

Piecing together the big picture
We need a strong understanding of the impact of the disaster – how many people have been affected and what they need to help them recover.

Rotary members in Burkina Faso provided contextual advice and guidance to inform safety and security planning and project design decisions.



5 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



The Rotaract Club of Kingston and several other clubs worked together on the response.

Getting shelter and support to affected communities
Once all the ground work is complete, local partners and communities undergo the training they need to begin distributions.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Jamaica played key roles in distributions after the hurricane. They helped pack aid and ensured families received the items they needed.



4 DESIGN PHASE



Rtn Muhsen Mufleh and Hisham Hawari of The Rotary Club of Amman West at the JHCO warehouse.

Building a plan
The support we offer is always carefully tailored to the context and the community. In the design phase we focus on the details and finalise our plans.

Collaboration with Rotary District 2452 enabled us to get aid into Gaza via various routes. Plus, Rotary members in Jordan helped secure warehousing in Amman for our tents.





BURKINA FASO

Burkina Faso remains one of the world's most neglected crises. Since 2019, violence from armed groups and intercommunal clashes has forced more than two million people - about 1 in 10 - to flee their homes. Many who return find their homes damaged, destroyed, or looted.

Those caught up in the conflict are also affected by extreme weather, pushing even more people from their homes. This makes it harder for them to recover, with women and girls at increased risk. Even where stability returns, insecurity and limited resources slow recovery.

Since 2020, we've partnered with HELP Burkina Faso to support tens of thousands of people with shelter, and received support from Rotary in-country.

As people remain displaced for a long period, we introduced more robust Sahelian tents. They're locally made from tarpaulins stretched over an iron frame and designed for the harsh climate of the Sahel. We've since added concrete bases to protect against flooding and improve hygiene.

To combat extreme heat, we successfully piloted UV-filtering shade netting to keep tents cooler (by up to 6.6°C) and extend their lifespan.



Némata fled violence in her village. ShelterBox supported her with a Sahelian tent and essential items.

A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

By Carrie Golden, Rotary International Partnerships Manager and Alex Youlten, ShelterBox Rotary Partnership Manager

Throughout 2025, ShelterBox and Rotary worked closely worldwide. We focused on updating Rotary members' understanding of ShelterBox's current approach to disaster response, which has developed alongside the sector over the past 25 years.

We highlighted our shared commitment to locally led approaches, varied shelter and aid offerings, and sector best practices such as pre-positioned aid, community assessments, and capacity-building with aid distributions - all of which increase the likelihood of community recovery after disaster.

We demonstrated that diverse emergency shelter solutions and aid offerings, delivered with training, supported more communities better by matching our efforts to the climate, context, culture, conditions, and community-identified needs.

Rotary members and ShelterBox engaged in disaster preparedness activities, response projects after rapid-onset (weather and seismic) disasters, and response projects in support of communities repeatedly displaced by complex (climate and conflict-driven) crises. Rotary members, clubs and districts service engagements with ShelterBox varied from The Philippines to Gaza to Jamaica - to name a few: more details are across this report.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EVERY CONTRIBUTION, EVERY CONNECTION, AND EVERY MOMENT OF COLLABORATION HELPS SHELTERBOX DELIVER SHELTER AND SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST.

150+ ROTARY MEMBERS SERVED THEIR COMMUNITIES WITH SHELTERBOX

<p>6 COMPLETED PROJECTS (with ShelterBox and Rotary collaboration) Gaza, Jamaica, Burkina Faso, Philippines x 3</p>	<p>11 CONVERSATIONS EXPLORING COLLABORATIONS in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Malawi, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, South Sudan and Thailand</p>	<p>71,000 PEOPLE SUPPORTED (through our 6 collaborations across 5 regions)</p>
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FABRICE ABOUSSA

Rotary in our Response cycle: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Fabrice, from the Rotary Club of Ouagadougou Elite, tells us how he collaborated with the ShelterBox team on safety and security in the project areas.

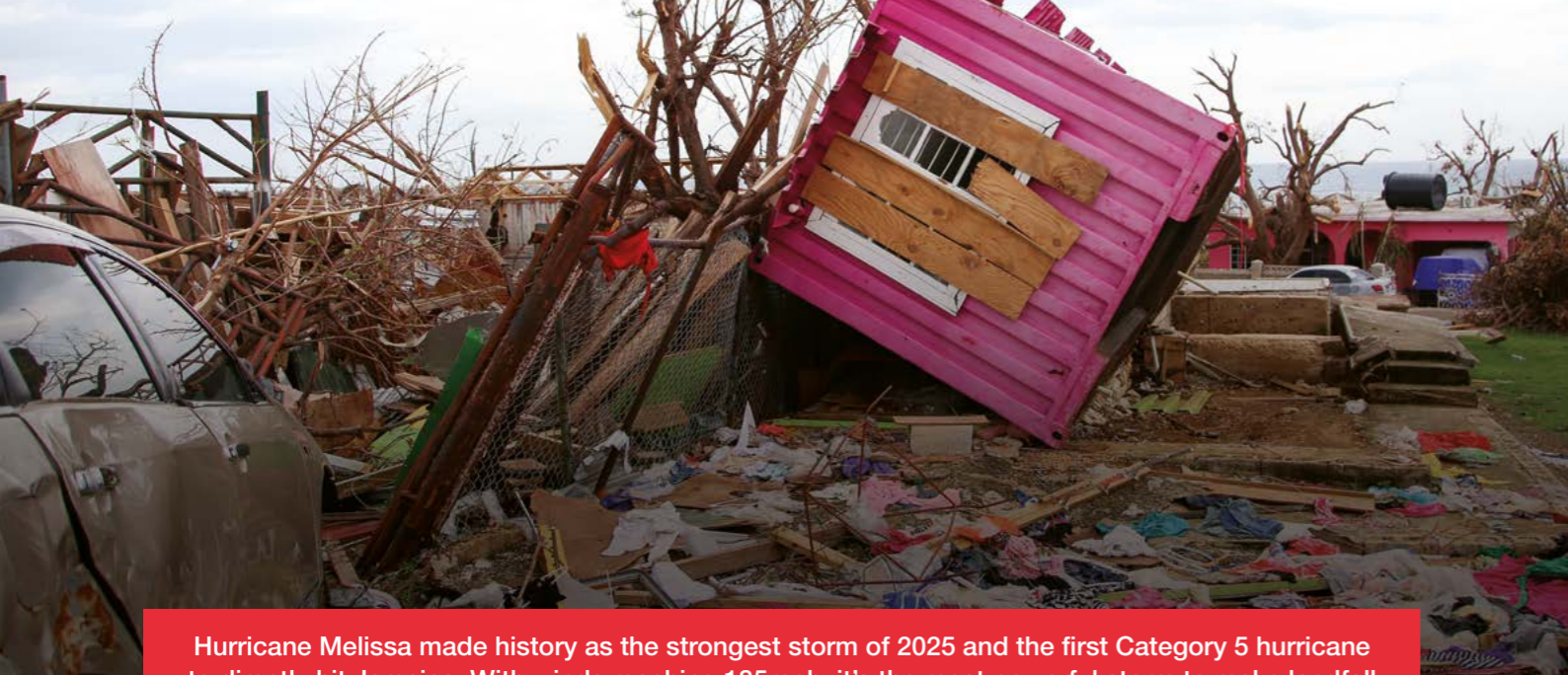
"I supported the ShelterBox team with advice and brain-storming on what we can do to support the activities here. I gave active advice on the field mission and how ShelterBox engages with people and authorities in the field. This was about the best routes and roads to access the community, the right people to talk to, as well as how to interact with people safely in the rural areas. I also advised how to get accurate and reliable information so that things can go smoothly with the ShelterBox project.



Because we are working in the affected areas and some of us are from this country, we know what advice to give. I think there are many more opportunities for Rotary clubs and ShelterBox to do things together. We have energy, creativity and compassion in Africa.

These are elements that we Africans can be proud of and now we have our third RI President, Yinka, who is an inspiring person. We have to come together, we have to do our best to have more projects that can bring partnerships like that with ShelterBox so that we can have real impact."

HURRICANE MELISSA



Hurricane Melissa made history as the strongest storm of 2025 and the first Category 5 hurricane to directly hit Jamaica. With winds reaching 185mph, it's the most powerful storm to make landfall anywhere in the world for nearly a century.



Jennifer stood amongst the damage and destruction caused by Hurricane Melissa.

The hurricane moved slowly over the Caribbean, bringing relentless rain, flash floods, and destructive winds to several countries. Jamaica took the brunt of it. Western parts of Jamaica – especially Black River, St Elizabeth, and Westmoreland – were hit hardest. Entire communities were devastated, homes were swept away or torn apart, with roofs ripped off and buildings left in ruins.

ShelterBox worked with Rotary and Food for the Poor in Jamaica to support up to 10,000 people with emergency shelter and essential supplies.

We distributed emergency shelter aid with the help of some inspiring Rotary and Rotaract members. This aid was shipped from our newly set up warehouse in Barbados where we pre-positioned supplies before the hurricane season, so we were ready to go.

OUR AID PACKAGE INCLUDED:

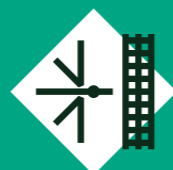


SHELTER KITS

with tarpaulins, tools, and rope so families can make quick repairs and protect themselves from the weather.



BLANKETS



MOSQUITO NETS



SOLAR LIGHTS



WATER CARRIERS

to protect against illness and stay healthy and warm.



Families were provided with tarpaulins to make their roofs watertight again.

Rotary and Rotaract's vital input supported all stages of the response. Liaison started before the hurricane hit and continued in the immediate aftermath at the Initiation and Information Gathering Phases through team coordination, project design and assessments. Our collaboration continued into the Implementation Phase, covering warehouse packing, distributions, staff registration, feedback and complaints support, exit surveys, and site operation. Rotary also added locally-sourced hygiene kits to the aid package - vital to families who were without basic amenities.

Clubs hosted teams, co-led distributions and piloted refined community level needs assessment criteria. In a huge joint effort, the ShelterBox team, Rotary members and Food for the Poor packed aid together in the warehouse ahead of each distribution to ensure that we got shelter aid to people as quickly as possible.

Numerous individuals and clubs worked together, including but not limited to the District 7020 Disaster Committee, Rotary Clubs of Kingston, Portmore, Black River, Savannah La Mar, as well as Rotaractors from across the country.

LEXI BAILEY

Rotary in our Response Cycle: 1 2 3 4 5 6



A volunteer from the Rotaract Club of Kingston, Lexi joined our team with her sister, Felicia. Among other tasks, they assisted with shelter aid distributions and gathering images and people's stories to share.

"As a Rotaract Club volunteer, volunteering with ShelterBox during the relief efforts following Hurricane Melissa, was profoundly impactful and truly remarkable. I am a proud Jamaican and witnessing the devastation in the western communities was heartbreaking.

Although the ShelterBox team changed over the weeks, their professionalism and unwavering dedication was consistent. They seamlessly integrated with us as local volunteers while demonstrating understanding of the unique challenges we faced.

Each relief package was delivered with dignity to families who had lost everything. It was inspiring to be part of a team that wasn't just distributing aid, but empowering people to create a safe, stable environment in such widespread destruction."

FELICIA BAILEY

"An overwhelming sense of survivor's guilt comes with living close to a disaster zone yet being personally unaffected. It feels like a heavy burden, watching life continue as normal where you are.

So, when the Rotaract Representative for District 7020 reached out to ask if I wanted to volunteer, my sister and I did not hesitate.

Together with the ShelterBox Team, we were able to impact so many families. The gratitude expressed by those we served was a constant source of motivation. People genuinely appreciated the thought, care, and dignity reflected in the items they received.

I was especially grateful for ShelterBox's approach, which allowed us to reach people in the deepest parts of the disaster zone, places that many other distributions did not reach. For several of our distribution sites, it was the first time aid had made its way to those districts or communities."





PHILIPPINES

ShelterBox responded after a series of powerful storms and earthquakes caused widespread destruction in the Philippines in September 2025. Typhoon Bualoi hit just hours after a series of typhoons hit the islands. Days later came the deadliest earthquake in the Philippines in over a decade – striking Cebu.

TYPHOON BUALOI

We partnered with Rotary and FACE Inc. to support thousands of people in the Mobo area of Masbate Island whose homes were destroyed. People were supported with hurricane strapping to strengthen structures, solar lights, and cash assistance. This meant people could choose whether to buy corrugated iron, tarpaulins, or hire help to rebuild. We also ran technical shelter workshops, called, ‘Eight Reminders to Make Our Homes Safe and Strong’. The community training covered construction practices such as building a strong foundation, placing reinforcements, maintaining the correct roof angle, and choosing a safe area for building.

The Rotary Club of Masbate collaborated with our team, from Project Initiation to Implementation, including the handling of Cash Voucher Assistance and solar light distributions.

TYPHOON KALMAEGI

ShelterBox and the Rotary Clubs of Mandaue East, Cebu, Mandaue, Fort San Pedro, and Cebu North also responded to Typhoon Kalmaegi, supporting up to 10,000 people with tarpaulins and tool kits. They were joined by the Rotaract Club of Cebu and members of the Interact Club of Cebu. These vital items from our Cebu warehouse meant that families could carry out temporary repairs and better protect themselves from wind and rain.

MARK SIA



Rotary in our Response Cycle: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Mark Sia, President of the Rotary Club of Masbate, played a crucial role in the response to Typhoon Bualoi.

"It was a great collaboration between our two organizations. I arranged some of the ShelterBox team's accommodation since most of the hotels here were damaged by the typhoon. The members of our Club offered and provided support with logistics, suppliers and warehousing so they could execute their programs smoothly and efficiently.

ShelterBox taught the community how to properly build a house in a medium that they can understand and execute. This medium can also be used by the barangays (villages) and our Club in our future projects.

I have experienced the typhoon's destruction firsthand, and it reminded me how deeply our service matters. When communities are hurting, Rotary's presence brings hope, comfort, and real support."

EARTHQUAKE

Thousands of homes were destroyed when an earthquake struck the northern tip of Cebu Island. Working alongside our longstanding Rotary partners, we distributed emergency shelter aid that was stored in our central Cebu warehouse. Some families lived along fault lines and faced having to relocate from no-build zones and start again. For those with access to land, we supported them to build transitional shelters with corrugated iron sheets, hurricane strapping, and cash to help hire skilled labour.

Rotary partners collaborated closely with the ShelterBox Operations Philippines team across all stages of the response. After helping with damage and needs assessments, representatives from D3860, Disaster Management Inc (DMI) and Rotary members from numerous clubs joined distributions of shelter aid and essential items, helping families begin rebuilding their temporary homes and their lives.

To complement the ShelterBox aid package, the Cebu Rotary Clubs provided clean drinking water, family water filters, community solar lights, and even donuts to lift the spirits of the children still living in makeshift tents at the distribution site.



Families received different shelter packages with the help of Rotary, depending on their situations.

PP JANEL OBNI MAGA



Rotary in our Response Cycle: 1 2 3 4 5 6

"Our district worked closely with DMI and ShelterBox to identify families in need, coordinate logistics, and distribute kits. Rotary Clubs provided hands-on support to ensure the relief reached families efficiently and safely.

Rotary's strength lies in partnership. Working with organizations like ShelterBox shows what impact we can make when local knowledge and global expertise come together."

BEATRICE CAMILLE SIA



"A few Interactors joined the 4am journey to Tabogon to help distribute shelter kits and tools. We also learnt the 'why' behind the specific materials given and how they help make safe, liveable rebuilding possible.

Together, ShelterBox and Rotary have taught me what it means to be someone who leads relief operations: Service Above Self starts with the conscious decision to help and seeing it through.

Over the course of weeks... Rotarians and ShelterBox representatives saw each beneficiary through to the point of familiarity and even friendship. This experience taught me how careful and intentional the decision to serve is, fostering this mindset and approach amongst Interactors who are still learning what true service looks like."

WE DISTRIBUTED SHELTER REPAIR KITS AND CORRUGATED IRON SHEETING AS WELL AS:



TARPAULINS



MOSQUITO NETS



SOLAR LIGHTS



BLANKETS



CASH ASSISTANCE



GAZA

Working together with local partners in Gaza and with Rotary in Jordan, ShelterBox has supported around 15,000 people with emergency shelter aid and essential household items since October 2023. This aid has been distributed through our partner organizations in Gaza: Medical Aid for Palestinians and their implementing partner, the Social Development Forum, as well as the Agricultural Development Association (PARC).

ShelterBox's partnership with Rotary has been essential in helping to facilitate the movement and storage of aid items

into Gaza from Jordan, alongside the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO).

Responding to the conflict in Gaza continues to be one of ShelterBox's most challenging responses to date. Access to aid has been severely restricted by border closures, attacks on convoys, the collapse of previous ceasefires, and a long blockade by Israel. ShelterBox has enough tents in Amman to shelter thousands of people. We're exploring all options with our partners to scale up our response as soon as access allows.

PP MUHSEN MUFLEH



PP Muhsen has also contributed to an internal evaluation of our projects in Gaza.

Rotary in our Response Cycle: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Muhsen, from the Rotary Club of Amman West, along with others from District 2452, supported the initiation, project design, implementation and evaluation of our response.

"I first came across ShelterBox through Rotary in 2012. ShelterBox reached out to Rotary in Jordan to assist in supporting Syrian refugees who were crossing the borders into Jordan as they fled the civil war.

When the situation in Gaza worsened, we knew we had to act. Our district came together to support ShelterBox's emergency response by raising funds and promoting awareness across our clubs. Rotaract also played a key role in organizing awareness campaigns and presentations. I facilitated a partnership between ShelterBox and JHCO, enabling access to warehousing, transport, and storage. My personal connections ensured there were smooth operations for the ShelterBox shipments.

ShelterBox brings exceptional expertise in disaster response and logistics, while Rotary offers deep community connections and long-term engagement. There's so much potential for collaboration."

FOCUS ON TARPAULINS

No two disasters are the same and so our shelter packages are tailored to each situation. It's also why we no longer transport aid in our iconic green boxes. We provide a range of emergency, transitional, and durable shelters, depending on the needs of each community.

One option for settings where emergency and transitional shelter is needed are shelter kits: tools and materials including tarpaulins, ropes, nails and hammers. They are typically used for short-term repairs and temporary shelter, but the tarpaulins can also be used with a framing structure to create transitional shelters that may last a number of years.

The tarpaulins in our kits are heavy duty, UV resistant and highly versatile. From walls, to roofs, to whole shelters, they are customizable to suit different needs in all kinds of settings. Whether wrapped around a structure, lashed with storm ropes or nailed to form a roof, our tarpaulins have provided shelter for millions of people across the world.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE WAYS IN WHICH THIS FLEXIBLE ITEM HAS BEEN USED TO PROVIDE SHELTER AROUND THE WORLD:



We provided tarpaulins and fixings for the construction of transitional shelters for refugees in Chad. In a joint project with UNHCR, these shelters used tarpaulins as the exterior material across a timber frame with a corrugated iron roof.



After the flooding in the Nkhotakota district of Malawi, the team held an artisan training and demonstration session. Tarpaulins were used for the walls and roofing of the local wooden framed structures.



Thousands of people fleeing violence now live in displacement camps in Burkina Faso. These 'Sahelian Tents' utilise tarpaulins stretched over a metal frame, with large door openings for cross ventilation.



Islanders on Jamaica needed to quickly seal their roofs after they were destroyed by Hurricane Melissa. Tarpaulins were used in a number of ways, sometimes to simply provide a waterproof barrier to further rainfall.



Following Cyclone Trami, people needed to construct temporary shelters before the next storm arrived. Here, the tarpaulins are held in place by batons over a bamboo frame and used to make the roof watertight, under a layer of palm leaves.

FACTS ABOUT OUR TARPAULINS

- Made from a 190g/m² woven high-density polyethylene fabric, laminated on both sides with a white low density polyethylene coating
- 6 metres by 4 metres in size
- Reinforced dark bands where fixings are applied
- A tensile strength of 500 Newtons
- White sun reflective material (35-50% reflectivity) on both sides

WE HAVE PROVIDED TARPAULINS AND ROPE AS WELL AS:



TENTS



MATTRESSES



WATER CARRIERS



BLANKETS



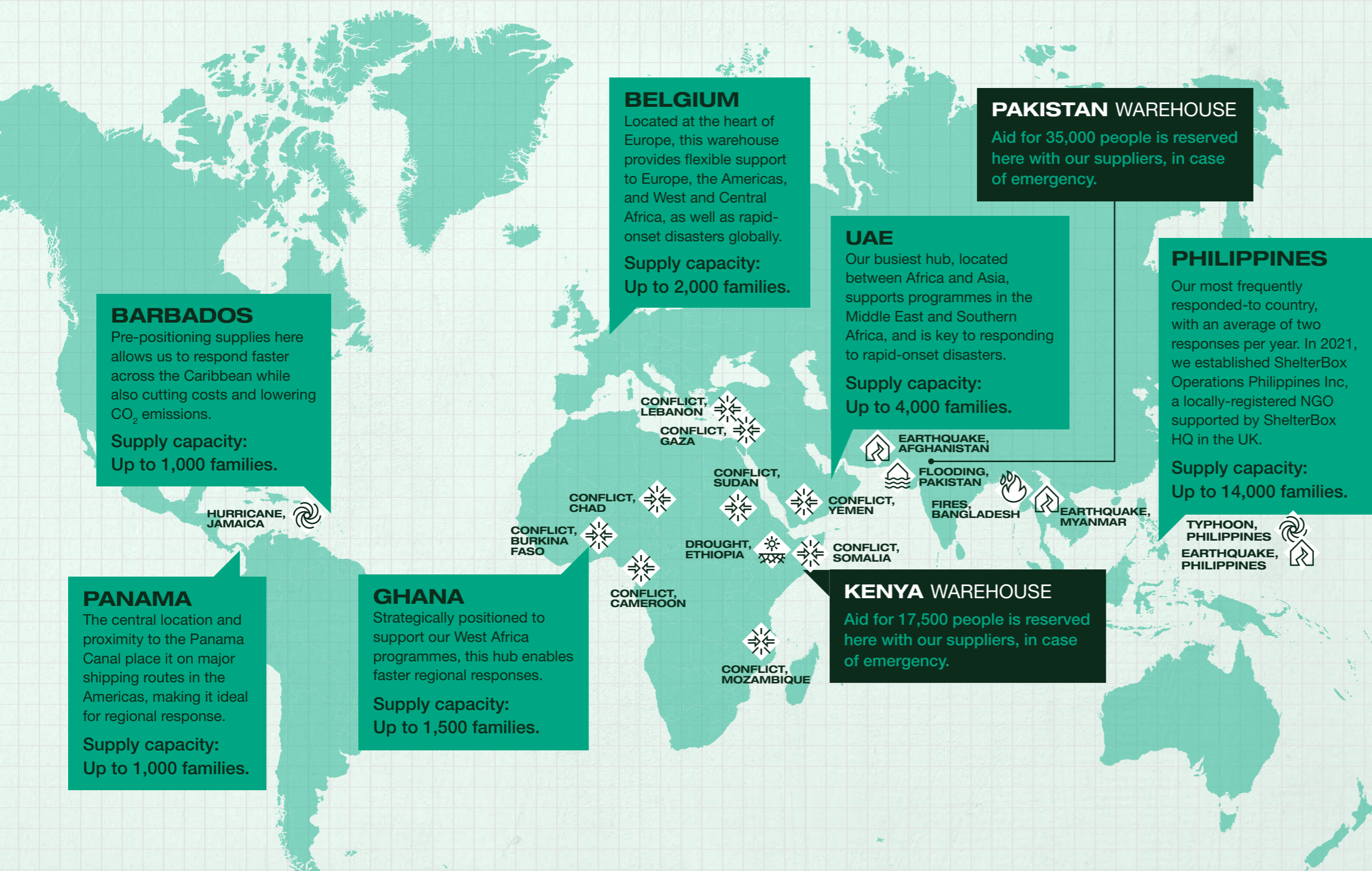
KITCHEN SETS

PRE-POSITIONING AID

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

ShelterBox emergency shelter items are held in strategic locations around the world. We also reserve stocks of aid with suppliers in key locations. Our focus on preparedness means that we have key aid items ready and available to be dispatched at short notice.

HERE'S WHERE SHELTERBOX STORES AID AND WHY:



We look for the most cost effective way to transport our aid items - sometimes flights are donated by carriers.



Our aid is stored in secure and dry warehouses to ensure it is in good condition when it reaches affected families.



Aid items are distributed with the help of local partners or Rotary members.



People affected by disaster receive vital shelter and other essential items tailored to their situation to support their recovery.



Sometimes we are able to procure items local to the disaster, such as these tents in Türkiye and others in Afghanistan. This is even more cost effective and supports the country's economy.

PREPAREDNESS IN THE

PHILIPPINES



BERNARD VONN SIA

Rotary in our Response Cycle: **1** 2 3 4 5 6

Bernard Vonn Sia, PP of the Rotary Club of Cebu, has worked closely with ShelterBox Operations Philippines (SBOP) for many years on disaster responses.

"Our District 3860 has a separate organization called Disaster Management Incorporated (DMI). I was appointed Executive Director of this unit two years ago. All Rotary members in the district are automatically members. Our sole task is to be immediately operational in case of a disaster.

The first year was quiet, so we focused on preparing for emergencies. I relied on ShelterBox's expertise a lot - for training, creating guidelines and internalizing best practices. We conducted seminars, disaster-preparedness presentations and used many materials from ShelterBox. We created a module with ShelterBox on Disaster Preparedness and shared it during our Rotary learning sessions in Cebu and Davao.

This year, as we were visited by multiple disasters, the DMI tried to involve as many Rotary Clubs as possible. Not just to expose them to the SBOP and Rotary collaboration, but also for Rotary members to better understand disaster assessment. That way, together we can reach the people who truly need help with what they need.

The dream is to build the capacity of each Rotary Club in the district with not just the tools and knowledge for preparedness but also needs assessments and response."

We have a team permanently based in Cebu - ShelterBox Operations Philippines (SBOP). Emergency shelter supplies are pre-positioned in a warehouse there, so we're ready to go when disaster strikes.

MILDRED VITCANGOL



Mildred Vitcangol, Public Image Co-ordinator in the Philippines, speaks about ShelterBox Operations Philippines' disaster training modules. These modules cover: ShelterBox ways of working and assessments, content collection and safeguarding.

"The training modules are an opportunity for us to collaborate with District Governors (in the Philippines) so they can organize a seminar, online or face-to-face, for the ShelterBox learning and preparedness programme to be promoted to clubs.

We can then collaborate with the District Disaster Team, the Public Image team, and the local government's disaster risk management team. Together we can promote how ShelterBox can help during calamities and in rebuilding lives."

WOMEN AND GIRLS



Mona and her family living in their mudbrick shelter in Chad, after fleeing the conflict in Sudan

In Chad, life is especially dangerous for women and children, with 76% of people reporting experiencing physical attacks, theft, and sexual violence. In eastern Chad, most of the people displaced are women and girls, so the project design with Help Tchad is focussing on their needs. Here's some examples:

- **Emergency shelters** made from high quality tarpaulins, fitted with lockable corrugated iron doors and windows, providing privacy and protection
- **Stoves** that require less firewood, helping women avoid unsafe journeys
- **Menstrual hygiene kits**, including reusable sanitary pads, can help prevent infection and maintain dignity
- **Solar lights** to make it safer to move around after dark

In Somalia, 4 million people have been forced from their homes – and nearly 80% are women and children. In partnership with Juba Foundation, we are putting women and girls at the heart of every decision. Most village leaders in the areas of Somalia we are working are women, helping keep people and families together.

DID YOU KNOW?

Women and girls are most at risk in crises
But designing aid with their needs in mind helps whole communities respond better and recover faster.

Crises make existing inequalities worse
But including women from the start creates fairer and more effective responses that reflect real needs.

Women and girls are more likely to fall into deeper poverty during crises
But with the right tools, women help drive recovery and rebuild livelihoods.

**OVER HALF OF THE WORLD'S
120 MILLION PEOPLE
DISPLACED ARE WOMEN AND GIRLS**

MEET NURIA

A STORY OF STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE



Nuria, a 57-year-old mother of ten was forced to leave her rural home after a devastating fire. She embarked on a treacherous journey to safety, adopting three abandoned children on the way. Facing heavy rain, and very hot weather, they reached Baidoa, where 82% of transitional shelters are supporting female-headed families. Despite the harsh reality as a widow and single mother, her journey took a hopeful turn. She received a tent shelter, essential kitchen utensils, and other necessities that brought a newfound sense of stability. She says: "I find contentment in my daily struggle for survival, rather than focusing on constructing elaborate houses. I have a strong desire to ensure a good life and proper education for my children."

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE EXAMPLES OF THE WORK WE ARE DOING TO DESIGN RESPONSES WITH WOMEN IN MIND.

OUR GLOBAL NETWORK



YINKA BABALOLA, RI PRESIDENT ELECT 2026-27 AND FORMER SHELTERBOX TRUSTEE, TELLS US:

"I love being a Rotarian. Rotary allows me to do much more than my 10 fingers can achieve. It allows me to impact my world, my community and myself. Working with ShelterBox enables me and many Rotarians to do those things. Impact our world, impact our communities, and also impact ourselves."

"THERE IS GREAT ALIGNMENT BETWEEN ROTARY'S ACTION PLAN AND SHELTERBOX'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES. THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER, WE'RE STRENGTHENING OUR RESPONSE AND CREATING A TANGIBLE AND POSITIVE IMPACT THAT SPANS THE GLOBE."

ROTARACT EUROPEAN CONVENTION, BELGRADE, SERBIA



Jamie Wilmott, International Giving Executive at ShelterBox, delivered an interactive workshop for delegates, using our aid items as tools for learning. Groups from around the world created videos on how to use the aid items in an engaging and innovative way.

ShelterBox CEO, Sanj Srikanthan and Rotary Partnerships Manager, Alex Youlten joined a livestream Q&A - a fantastic time for sharing ideas, asking questions and exploring how to partner with ShelterBox. Jamie made connections with Rotaractors across Europe and the rest of the globe.

Many of these Rotaractors are now becoming Global Ambassadors for ShelterBox or supporting our affiliate networks in different capacities. This is only the start of a fantastic partnership with Rotaract, and we're excited for the future! Matteo Facchetti, President of Rotaract Europe says: "Our early foundations of work with ShelterBox exemplifies the heart of Rotaract's mission: turning compassion into collaborative action.

Together, we are raising awareness and funds using the knowledge gained from ShelterBox workshops, bringing hope and dignity to families facing unimaginable loss and ensuring no one is left without shelter when disaster strikes."



RI ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTION

This year we have been updating Rotary members on ShelterBox's development over the past 25 years. At key events we highlighted our commitment to learning from the communities we work alongside.

At the International Assembly in Orlando, or teams from the UK, USA, and Canada strengthened global partnerships by engaging District Governors Elect (DGE) and sharing stories of the impact of the ShelterBox and Rotary partnership. We met a DGE's daughter who volunteered with ShelterBox as translator, and a rescued flood kitten is now her pet in Paris!

At the Convention in Calgary, our truly international team showcased the full cycle of a disaster response project, illustrating the many ways Rotary members can engage - whether through preparedness activities, rapid-onset disaster responses, or support for communities facing repeated displacement due to climate-related or conflict-driven crises.

AFFILIATES EXPLAINED



OUR INTERNATIONAL TEAM

From the UK to Canada to Australia, spanning oceans and continents, we have an international network of staff and volunteers across 13 countries, who run ShelterBox 'Affiliates' in their own country.

The first affiliate was formed in 2001 as a Rotary Club project in the United States, and the number has grown steadily ever since. We now have affiliates in Canada, Australia, Germany, New Zealand, Belgium-Luxembourg, Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and Finland.

Our international teams play a vital role across ShelterBox, and support comes in many forms. From fundraising, to volunteering, to help in getting our aid to exactly the right people and in helping us reach more supporters.

This year, we gathered together in Berlin to re-connect, celebrate our successes, share ideas, and plans for the future.

"From the moment I joined ShelterBox Netherlands about 14 years ago, I knew it is a worthy cause. I'm so happy to meet people from all over the world who are working for the same goal. We learn a lot from each other."

- Marijke Inklaar, Chair of ShelterBox Netherlands and former DG in 2023 - 2024, District 1590

"I love that working for ShelterBox Canada lets me connect with Rotarians every day—sharing stories, inspiring action, and working together to make a real difference. Being both a Rotarian at the Rotary Club of West Ottawa and part of ShelterBox feels like the perfect way to live Service Above Self."

- Ally Buck, Rotary and Community Fundraising Coordinator, ShelterBox Canada

ROTARY ENGAGEMENT



DR STEFAN FANDEL - GERMANY

In April 2025, the first Rotary Rüsselsheim challenge took place in Germany in the Groß-Gerau district. More than 30 participants cycled from Rüsselsheim to Groß-Gerau, raising vital funds along the way. A ShelterBox emergency tent awaited the group at the finish line.

Stefan said "The tent stood as a tangible symbol of protection, hope and new beginnings — bringing the work of ShelterBox to life for everyone."

BRYN STYLES - CANADA



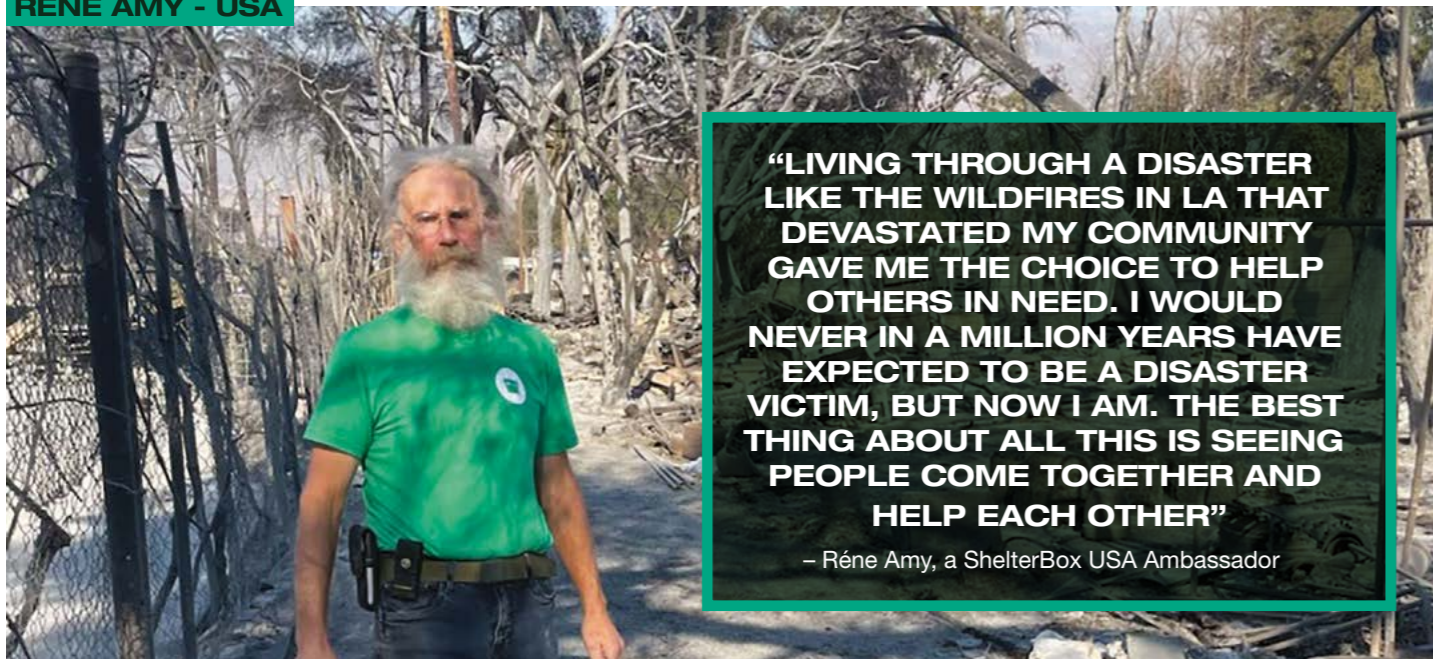
Bryn Styles is a member of the ShelterBox Canada Board of Directors and is currently the Aide to RI President for 2026-7, Yinka Babalola.

"I have worn many hats in Rotary from Club President to being a member of the Rotary International Board of Directors and a Trustee with the Rotary Foundation. The role that I currently hold is being the Aide to Yinka Babalola.

RIPE Yinka and I met almost 15 years ago and became fast friends. Over the years we have shared a similar Rotary journey. The interesting thing about our relationship is that we both became involved in ShelterBox unbeknownst to each other. Once we realized our mutual interest in ShelterBox, we have shared that journey as well. I am a member of the ShelterBox Canada Board of Directors and Yinka was on the ShelterBox Trust Board.

The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox allows both organizations to maximize their potential. It allows Rotary to work with disaster professionals knowing that the work will be done right. It allows ShelterBox access to local Rotarians when a disaster strikes to receive valuable information on how best to serve those affected."

RÉNE AMY - USA



"LIVING THROUGH A DISASTER LIKE THE WILDFIRES IN LA THAT DEVASTATED MY COMMUNITY GAVE ME THE CHOICE TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED. I WOULD NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS HAVE EXPECTED TO BE A DISASTER VICTIM, BUT NOW I AM. THE BEST THING ABOUT ALL THIS IS SEEING PEOPLE COME TOGETHER AND HELP EACH OTHER"

– Rène Amy, a ShelterBox USA Ambassador



KIERYN DEUTROM - AUSTRALIA

Rotary and Rotaract leaders inspired attendees at the 2025 ShelterBox Australia Conference, held just outside Sydney as part of a three-day camp focused on learning and connection.

Across Australia, Rotary Clubs also joined the 'Off the Grid' challenge. Despite wind and rain, camaraderie thrived around fires and kebabs at the Rotary Clubs of Yass and Canberra campsites, raising \$14,000.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Logan enjoyed sunnier skies in Queensland and raised \$3,000!

DAVID RAYMER AND BRIAN BARBER - UK



Rotarians, Brian Barber and David Raymer of the Rotary Club of Redruth, volunteered as role-play victims in various scenarios to support ShelterBox's Travel Security training in September. Trainees are taken through various scenarios to ensure they are equipped when on an active response.



ROTARY GALA - NEW ZEALAND

"All five New Zealand Rotary District Governors, and 100 or so Rotarians from around the country, joined ShelterBox New Zealand to celebrate our 25 year anniversary at Government House in Wellington."

The inaugural NZ District Governors' ShelterBox Ambassador program was announced this year. This is a new initiative for early career Rotarians who will be selected to travel to Truro, UK to participate in ShelterBox training.



HOWARD MATTHEWS - UK

Howard Matthews, a member of Christchurch Rotary in the UK, stepped down from volunteering with ShelterBox in the summer of 2025 after 18 years of dedicated service. He has been a powerful advocate for disaster-affected families around the world.

Howard said "I truly value the partnership between ShelterBox and Rotary and I feel proud to have been part of that journey since I began volunteering 2008."

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

2025 marked a significant milestone - 25 years since ShelterBox was founded by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard. Since then, we've supported over three million people across nearly 100 countries.



QUEEN'S VISIT:

In recognition of our 25th, ShelterBox's Royal patron, the Queen, paid a return visit to our Cornish headquarters. The Queen spent time with Rotary members, volunteers and staff, who shared our recent work and how we have evolved since she met our response team members in Pakistan in 2007.

FOUNDING CLUB CELEBRATION:



In July, we joined our founding Rotary Club, Helston-Lizard, for a special event marking 25 years of ShelterBox, organized by long-time Rotary volunteer Colin Benney. It was an opportunity to reflect on how far we've come, alongside Club members who were there in the very beginning.

SUPPORT BREWED FOR SHELTERBOX:



Rotary members across the world organized events like this 'Tea in a Tent' to raise funds and awareness in a huge show of support. From fun runs and hikes to dinners and tea parties, Rotary members engaged their communities in support of our work.



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