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IN THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 2026 WE HAVE WORKED IN 12 COUNTRIES



SUPPORTED MORE THAN
68,000 PEOPLE

7,600 PEOPLE
SUPPORTED AFTER CYCLONE GEZANI IN MADAGASCAR

10,000
PEOPLE HELPED AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE IN MINDANAO

ShelterBox launched a new
CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVE
with Habitat for Humanity Malawi, focused on improving national
SHELTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL AID AFTER:

EARTHQUAKE | FIRE | FLOODING | CONFLICT | DROUGHT | TROPICAL CYCLONE

WELCOME

On behalf of the team here at ShelterBox, I want to thank you for your incredibly generous support of our work.

You are making a profound difference in the lives of families facing some of the world's most challenging circumstances. Thanks to supporters like you, ShelterBox continues to provide emergency shelter and essential aid to people who have lost everything to disaster and conflict, helping them take the first steps toward rebuilding their lives.

Humanitarian needs continue to increase around the world as communities face extreme weather, earthquakes and conflicts. Our preparedness efforts mean that no matter what happens, we are ready to respond.

Every gift you give helps push our work forward. On pages 4-5, you can see how our types of shelter are constantly evolving. I'm excited to show you how we're expanding our support from temporary emergency shelter to more durable shelters – depending on the complex needs of the communities we serve.

Following on from this, on pages 6-7, you can read about a recent workshop in Nairobi, Kenya. Here we brought different partners together to discuss how we can make our shelters even more resistant to the extreme weather.

Across a range of disasters, the needs of families can vary hugely. One family may urgently need tools, whereas another may need workers to build their shelter. As you can explore on pages 8-10, providing cash assistance alongside practical shelter and other aid gives people the freedom to control their own recovery.

I hope you see how your compassionate support helps to give families around the world a fresh start despite all the challenges they're facing. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and are honoured to share the impact of your support in the pages that follow.

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness.

STEPHANIE CHRISTENSEN
Executive Director



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The cover image is from an essential supplies distribution earlier this year in Bangladesh, following the devastating fire in the capital city Dhaka that left thousands homeless. With the support of Bangladesh partners Uttaran, ShelterBox are supporting families who have lost so much.

OUR EVOLING SHELTER



Mohamed and Ayan in front of their new home.

"OUR OLD SHELTER WAS LIKE A BIRD'S NEST. NOW WE HAVE A GOOD HOUSE FOR ALL SEASONS."

Thanks to your support, we're developing different kinds of shelter to help families like Mohamed's feel at home again, no matter the disaster. Together we're working with communities to provide shelters that fit the local culture and climate.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

You're helping supply emergency shelters around the world

After conflict or disasters like earthquakes displace people from their homes, emergency shelter can take many forms. We always provide the best form of shelter for the specific situation. This can range from distributing tents, to providing tarps tools and building materials to repair or rebuild homes, or even training communities on build back better methods to help strengthen structures.

Complete shelters vary by country and context. They are built by local partners, often with support from paid workers from the local area, which also helps create income opportunities.



You're helping to train people how to set up emergency shelters with rope and tarpaulin.



Thanks to you, families can move out of makeshift structures and into complete shelters.



You're helping families upgrade their emergency shelters with sturdier mudbrick walls.

TRANSITIONAL SHELTER

When conflict or climate shocks force people to flee, they may be displaced for months – or even years – until it's safe to return. In these longer-term situations, your support provides transitional shelters that offer families a space where they can settle and regain a sense of stability while they wait.

In Burkina Faso, Sahelian tents are built with a sturdy steel frame, rope, and tarpaulin, all set on a concrete base to protect families from flooding. Shade netting is added to keep the interiors cooler, creating a comfortable home for families living through harsh conditions.



You're helping local people construct a Sahelian tent with solid base and shade netting.

In other areas, transitional shelters are built with an iron grid frame, fire-resistant insulation, and protective plastic sheeting. A concrete floor helps keep families safe from rainwater and flooding, creating a sturdier, more secure place to stay during displacement.



You're helping to supply household items to make transitional shelters more homely.

Transitional shelters are not meant to be permanent. With land rights often uncertain, they are designed to be dismantled and relocated, whenever families need to move.

DURABLE SHELTER

You're providing durable shelters in Somalia

In Somalia, authorities are creating safer, planned areas for displaced families to make a fresh start. Mohamed's family is among those who've benefited. After severe flooding forced them from their home, they lived in a shelter made of sticks, fabric, and plastic bags.

Recently, they moved into a home provided by ShelterBox with solid foundations, plastered mudbrick walls, and a long-term tenancy. To support their 10-year-old daughter Ayan, who lives with a disability, the home was also fitted with handrails and a ramp so she can move in and out with ease.

Mohamed shared, "Our old shelter was like a bird's nest. During bad weather, soil blew into our food, and when it rained, it flooded – we couldn't sleep or keep the children safe. Now, the weather can't affect us. We finally have a good house for all seasons."



Authorities in Somalia provided land for displaced families to settle.

RECONSTRUCTION

You're helping families take the lead in rebuilding their homes

Every gift you give is put into action in different ways by different families, from helping people make their homes more disaster-resistant to giving them the means to hire skilled workers. Whatever helps families on their journey to full recovery.



Bangladesh – After severe floods destroyed entire villages, ShelterBox helped families rebuild, providing materials and offering a choice of corrugated iron walls to give their homes a personal touch.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EMERGENCY SHELTER



Workshop in Nairobi, Kenya to collaborate on the future of emergency shelter.

How can design choices make shelters cooler during extreme heat? What materials are sustainable? And how can shelters endure heavy rains or strong winds? These questions (and more) were posed during a three-day workshop held in Kenya.

While we provide emergency shelter and vital tools to families around the world, much of our work depends on the knowledge, expertise, and dedication of our local partners. These organizations understand their communities' climate, culture, challenges, and strengths.

That's why in February, ShelterBox met with three partners for a special three-day workshop in Nairobi, Kenya. Representatives from Benevolence Coalition for Humanitarian Relief (BCHR) in Yemen, Juba Foundation in Somalia, and Positive Action for Development (PAD) in Ethiopia met with ShelterBox staff to shape the future of emergency shelter.

CREATING A SPACE FOR COLLABORATION

The workshop began with each organization sharing stories of their wider work. For many participants, this was the first time they had met colleagues from neighbouring countries. Hearing about the realities faced in Yemen, Somalia, and Ethiopia created a sense of shared purpose and connection.

These introductions set the stage for deeper conversations. Even though each partner works in different communities, many of the challenges they face overlap: extreme weather events, unpredictable climate patterns, ongoing conflict, and the growing need for dignified emergency shelter that provides improved safety for families.

EXPLORING CLIMATE-ADAPTED SHELTER

One of the key topics we explored was environmentally-appropriate shelter design, including how to adapt materials and structures to withstand harsher climates.

Participants reflected on questions such as:

- How can simple design choices make shelters cooler during extreme heat?
- What materials are sustainable, accessible and suitable for local environments?
- How can shelters be constructed to endure extreme weather patterns?

Together, we looked at mudbrick construction techniques, following a method that is cost-effective, environmentally friendly, and widely used across many communities. We also explored how women, older people, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups can play a part. Everyone agreed that dignity is at the heart of every kind of shelter we provide.



In Somalia, ShelterBox has supported families by constructing durable mudbrick shelters.



Each organization shared their learnings and insights.

LOOKING AHEAD

Throughout these sessions, the energy and openness in the room were truly inspiring. Partners offered insights into what works and what doesn't in their communities. This will only further strengthen our life-changing programme and improve our shelter designs.

For partners, the event reinforced that they are part of a wider collective committed to helping families rebuild with dignity and improved safety.

This workshop is a reminder that your generosity supports the collaboration, learning, and innovation that build stronger futures for communities facing disaster.



Representatives from Benevolence Coalition for Humanitarian Relief (BCHR), Juba Foundation and Positive Action for Development (PAD) met with ShelterBox staff.

HELPING FAMILIES TAKE CONTROL THROUGH

CASH ASSISTANCE



Artisan training session Malawi 2024.

Following a crisis, the needs of different families can vary hugely. One family may urgently need tools and labour; another may need food and medicine. That's where cash assistance comes in – giving people the freedom to control their own recovery.

Cash assistance has long been the gold standard for humanitarian aid. ShelterBox started providing cash assistance where appropriate during our response to Typhoon Tisoy in the Philippines in 2020. Alongside shelter materials and training, we included cash assistance in our aid package so people could hire local tradespeople and purchase wood to repair their homes. We have now provided cash to communities in Cameroon, Ukraine, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Malawi.

What is cash and voucher assistance?
This is a type of humanitarian aid where a small cash grant is provided alongside other humanitarian aid, or a voucher to a hardware store or other supplier is provided so communities can source items they need. This form of aid allows them to pay for tools and services, based on their specific needs.

If certain materials aren't included in our shelter offering, people can buy what they need for themselves. Providing cash also means that suppliers and tradespeople can start doing business again. This is a crucial step towards a whole community beginning to recover.

Ultimately, cash gives people the flexibility to choose what they feel is right for their family.



ShelterBox first included cash assistance in our response to Typhoon Tisoy in the Philippines in 2020.



ShelterBox supported Nelie and her family with cash and voucher assistance to help them rebuild their home.



The destruction following the 6.9-magnitude earthquake in the Philippines.

How has Cash Assistance helped people? In September 2025, a devastating 6.9-magnitude earthquake struck the Philippines. ShelterBox provided families with aid that included corrugated iron sheets, hurricane strapping, and cash assistance to help hire skilled labour.

Reluna is just one of the many people who received support. She recently got in touch with ShelterBox to express her deepest gratitude for cash assistance to help her family.



ShelterBox supported families with aid who lost everything following the earthquake.

Dear ShelterBox Team,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the cash assistance you provided to help me build a new house.

After losing my home due to the 6.9-magnitude earthquake that happened here in Northern Cebu last September 30, 2025, I felt lost and unsure how I would ever have a safe place to call my own again.

Your generous support gave me not just the means to construct a house but also hope for the future. Today, my family and I have a sturdy roof over our heads, a warm space to gather, and the security we desperately needed.

I know that your work helps thousands of people like me around the world, and I am so grateful that you chose to stand with me in my time of need. Your kindness has made a difference that I will never forget.

Thank you again for everything you do.

With deepest appreciation,

Reluna



The power of the water washed away roads and buildings.



Cash assistance helped families make their homes more watertight in Malawi.

Following heavy rainfall in Malawi in 2024, we provided shelter materials and essential household items to people who had been affected. Families also received a small cash grant to support their shelter needs, ensuring their homes remained watertight.

"Cash and voucher assistance can play a key part in our responses. It strengthens local markets, speeds up recovery, and reduces the costs associated with transporting items. Overall, it gives people dignity, flexibility, and more control over their own shelter recovery." – Ben Mascall, Head of Programme Quality

We also provided cash as part of a support package that included hygiene kits and blankets to people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. People on the move were able to pay for things like food, transport, accommodation, and other essential items.

Valentina is one of the thousands of people who fled to Moldova, where ShelterBox was working to support people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. In April 2022, she received ShelterBox cash assistance to help with the financial burden of being displaced.

When she was asked what she was going to spend the money on, Valentina replied:

"MEDICINE. I LIVE ONLY DUE TO THE MEDICINE; IT'S THE SAME WITH MY HUSBAND. MEDICINE AND FOOD, THAT'S IT, WE DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE."



Valentina and her husband received cash assistance during the conflict in Ukraine.



Communities were given cash assistance to help rebuild their homes in Bangladesh.

Scan this QR code to watch our cash assistance in action following Typhoon Rai in the Philippines.

A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AGAIN

When floodwaters raced toward Zia's village in northern Pakistan, there was little time to think.

Late one evening, Zia received an urgent phone call warning that a flash flood was approaching and his family needed to evacuate immediately. In the darkness, he, his wife, their children, and extended family members gathered what they could carry and escaped by boat. Within hours, the home they had built from unbaked bricks was gone.

"Everything we left behind was washed away. The house completely collapsed. Nothing was saved," Zia recalled.

Like dozens of other families, Zia's family found safety, but they had nowhere to live. They were exposed to the elements, enduring cold temperatures with only worn clothing and limited belongings.

"It is very cold here. We stayed in the open air with no tents and no wood," he said. "We stayed on the roadside."

Thanks to the generosity of ShelterBox supporters, help arrived when it was needed most. Working alongside Islamic Relief Pakistan, ShelterBox provided emergency shelter and essential supplies to thousands of families affected by severe flooding. As temperatures dropped, emergency tents gave families like Zia's a safe, warm place to sleep and begin recovering from the disaster.



Zia's family received a solar light, which provides safety and comfort during nights in their new tent.



Zia's family in front of their new tent.

This tent was very necessary for us. We have small children, and the cold was severe. Now, at least, everyone can sleep safely and comfortably."

Your support did more than provide shelter. ShelterBox also employed locals to help clear debris and construct temporary shelters in safe locations, creating vital income opportunities while helping communities rebuild.

Today, Zia and his family can look beyond the devastation they experienced and focus on what comes next.

With your help, families facing the unimaginable are not left to recover alone. Your support is giving people like Zia the foundation they need to begin rebuilding their lives.

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THANK YOU!

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