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ShelterBox Info

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that provides aid for people made homeless by disaster. We instantly respond to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict by delivering boxes of aid – ShelterBoxes.

A ShelterBox's contents will vary depending on where in the world it is being sent and the type of disaster it is responding to. However, it will generally include ...

- A specially made disaster relief tent
- A stove
- Kitchen set
- Water purification equipment
- Ground mats
- Blankets
- Mosquito nets
- Collapsible water carriers
- Toolkit
- A children's activity pack

One box is designed to help a family of up to 10 people survive and start rebuilding their lives after disaster strikes. The cost of a box is £490 and this includes its contents, transportation and the team of trained volunteers who make sure all boxes reach those in most need.

Since ShelterBox was launched in 2000, we have sent over 50,000 boxes around the world, responding to over 100 disasters in more than 70 countries. Our aim is to deliver boxes to an affected area within 48 hours of a disaster striking, getting aid to people in need as soon as we can.

We have also worked with Scouts on several deployments such as ...

- **Kenya (2008):** In 2008, after violent protests in east Kenya, thousands of people were forced to leave their homes. ShelterBox deployed 824 boxes, setting up a peaceful camp in the city of Nakuru. With the help of local scouts, a ShelterBox Response Team managed to set up an impressive 200 tents in two hours.
- **Italy (2009):** When a 6.3 magnitude earthquake devastated an area of central Italy on the 6th April 2009, thousands of people were left homeless. ShelterBox were quick to

respond, with ShelterBox Response Team members reaching the disaster area within 12 hours of the earthquake striking. Local Scout groups were trained how to set up tents and worked closely with ShelterBox in the deployment of 294 boxes.

- **The Philippines (2009):** In September 2009, following the devastation that Typhoon Onday (Ketsana) caused in The Philippines, local Scouts assisted ShelterBox's efforts and put up tents in a village near the capital city of Manila. Overall, ShelterBox sent over 1,500 boxes to the country in 2009.

You can find out much more information about ShelterBox's global work, including pictures, a map of our deployments and a short film at www.shelterbox.org. You can also visit the Scouts' area of the Young ShelterBox site, www.youngshelterbox.org, to see an animated slide show with pictures of the places around the world where we've worked with The Scout Association.