



KENYA – *Flooding*

August has been a successful month for our response in Kenya. After initially deploying a team in May, families displaced by severe flooding have now received ShelterBox aid. By the end of August, the team had worked with the Kenya Red Cross Society to distribute aid to a total of 648 households in Kilifi county, one of the hardest hit regions. These families have each received a ShelterKit, solar lights, a kitchen set, sleeping mats, and water carriers. The response in Kenya has been complex, in part due to a single use plastic ban across the country. To address the issue, we sent teams to Belgium and Dubai to work with our suppliers to remove all plastic packaging from our aid. The next steps in Kenya are to continue working on post-distribution monitoring with the Kenya Red Cross Society and to finalise plans for distributions in Tana River, another region which was severely hit by the floods.

Distributions



LOMBOK/INDONESIA – *Earthquake*

On Sunday 5 August, a 6.9 magnitude earthquake struck the Indonesian island of Lombok, killing more than 460 people, and causing displacement for around 400,000. Since the earthquake hit, many people have been too scared to return home as the island has been rocked by hundreds of aftershocks, including three big tremors each reaching a magnitude of at least 6.4. By Friday 10 August, we had deployed a team to Jakarta to meet with Rotarians, assess the need and strengthen relationships with organisations in Indonesia. The team explored whether stock currently held in the region could be utilised to support this response. It was decided that the aid stocks would be beneficial and an MOU between Rotary and the National Board for Disaster Management was drawn up to provide ShelterBox tents, tarpaulins, ropes, kitchen sets and other essential items to affected families. By the end of August, with the support of Rotary in Lombok, we had distributed 160 ShelterBoxes, 50 tarpaulins, and 60 sections of rope.

Distributions



ETHIOPIA

In April 2018, inter-communal violence flared on the border of southern Ethiopia, with conflict mainly linked to longstanding political and tribal divisions. At this current time, nearly one million people have been internally displaced in the Gedeo Zone and West Guji Zone. Around 60% of the families displaced are staying in crowded and unsuitable collective centres in public buildings. We currently have a team in-country working with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to support 2,000 families with tarpaulins, rope, blankets, water carriers, mosquito nets, and kitchen sets. This aid will provide lifesaving protection from the cold weather, as well as protection from vector and water borne diseases. Aid is now in country at the field warehouse, distribution dates are yet to be confirmed.

Conflict displacement

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CAMEROON

Conflict displacement

Since 2014, Boko Haram attacks in Cameroon have caused the internal displacement of more than 241,000 people. In addition, over 95,000 Nigerian refugees have fled into the country. Many of those who have been displaced relocated to Minawao camp, which now accommodates more than 70,000 people. We have been working in Cameroon with our implementing partner IEDA Relief since 2015 to support families living inside the camp. In August, we deployed a team to Cameroon to meet with IEDA Relief and review all the work that has been done over the past 12 months. As well as this, the team held 'train the trainer' sessions on the use of ShelterKits, tents, solar lights, mosquito nets, and water filters, to ensure everyone was using the kit in the correct way and passing this information on during distributions. With ShelterBox aid still in Cameroon, the IEDA team continued to distribute the remaining stock throughout August.



CHAD

Conflict displacement

More than 10 million people across the Lake Chad Region are currently in need of humanitarian assistance. Extreme poverty; the effects of climate change and growing insecurity caused by horrific Boko Haram attacks, are some of the factors that play into this crisis. In Chad, we are working with our local partner ICAHD to support vulnerable families who have been affected by the conflict. So far, we've distributed aid to over 2,300 families. In August, a team of ShelterBox staff and Response Team Volunteers deployed to Chad to carry out a supply chain capacity assessment with the ICAHD team and produce a report on their findings. The assessment included finance, logistics and procurement components. The team are now back from the response and working on the report.



SYRIA

Conflict displacement

At the start of 2018 it was estimated that over 13 million people (that's around 70% of the population) in Syria needed humanitarian assistance. ShelterBox has been working with our partners in-country to help families displaced by the conflict since 2013. Throughout August, our implementing partner Hand in Hand for Syria distributed 45 flex-3 tents and 180 Shelter and non-food item (NFI) kits, supporting a total of 180 households. These kits included kitchen sets, water carriers, tool kits, blankets, ground sheets, and solar lights. We have also been working with our partner ReliefAid on the planning stages of the winter response in Syria.