



ShelterBox Australia

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To all Australian District Governors, Club Presidents and Rotarians.

Dear Fellow Rotarians

I am writing to you to advise you of the action Shelterbox has taken over the last few days in response to the Pakistani floods and seek your support and financial assistance to help us expand on the work we have commenced to respond to one of the most catastrophic natural disasters in recent times .

The floods in Pakistan have resulted in massive flooding in the Punjab and Sindh regions of Pakistan. Although the death toll has been mercifully low and estimated at 1600 people the United Nations has indicated that up to 14.5 million people will potentially be displaced as a result of this disaster.

Susan Schneider ,International Programs Coordinator for Rotary International has indicated that RI will direct Rotarians seeking to help in with immediate short term Disaster relief to Shelterbox's website for up to date information and options for donating funds.

Our web site can be accessed at www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au and is being updated as rapidly as possible as we respond to advise of steps we are taking.

Our initial response was to release 1000 boxes that had been prepositioned in the north of the Country on the advice of our partner organisation in Pakistan, the National Rural Support Program as a severe monsoon had been predicted and we had prepared for such a possible emergency. A further 400 boxes have been distributed from the South of the country in conjunction with Karachi Rotary clubs and the National Disaster Management Agency of the Pakistani Government. Assistance was received from the French military to fly a further 240 boxes in from Europe free of any cost to Shelterbox and boxes are being packed for further deployment from Cornwall as rapidly as possible.

John Leach, Operations Manager of SB headquarters in the UK has advised me overnight that Vango, our tent suppliers are making arrangements to ship 6000 tents directly to Pakistan for us for immediate use and related components of the box will be shipped separately according to demand.

As you can see a massive demand exists and Shelterbox is again in the forefront as a major International Disaster Relief Organisation. As such we now face an unprecedented demand for funds. This disaster probably will need more support than either the Asian Tsunami or Haiti but after Haiti and the recent Floods in Brazil and Earthquake in Chile our URGENT need is for funds to supply essential emergency aid.

Any donations are welcome. Although a Donation of \$1000 will fund a box any amounts will be gratefully received on behalf of the displaced in Pakistan.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me or any of the Directors of Shelterbox in Australia. Our phone numbers are available on our website.

Yours in Rotary Service.

Tim Klar.

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ShelterBox in Australia

