



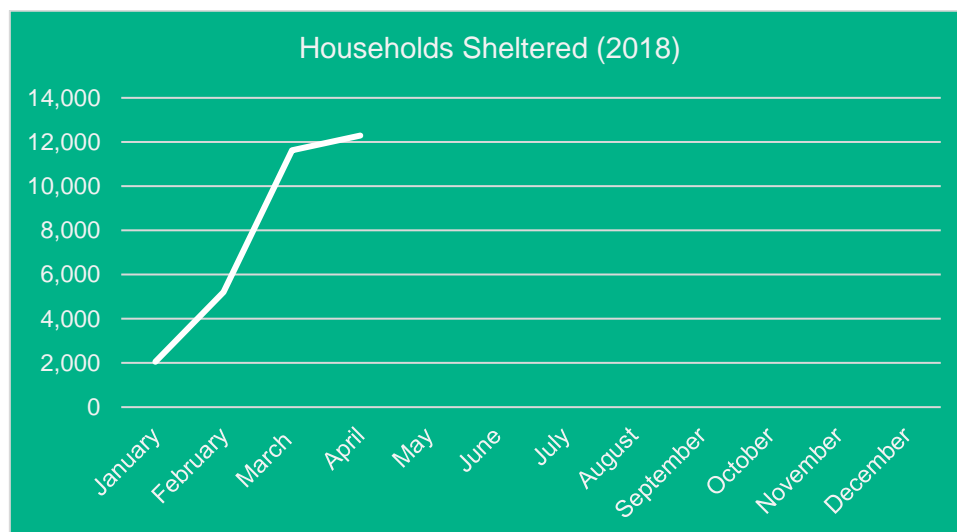
**ShelterBox Trust Update to ShelterBox Switzerland**  
**Period from 1 Jan to 30 April 2018**

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## Summary of Period January to April 2018

In the first four months of the year, ShelterBox response teams and partner agencies have been working in eight countries to provide vital aid to people that need it most.



ShelterBox has provided shelter to 12,292 households (61,460 people) which is considerably ahead of our target of 9,413.

Throughout the whole year, the latest forecast is that we will provide shelter to 41,000 households compared to original expectations of 34,000.

## Syria

The Syrian crisis is now in its eighth year. Over 5.5 million people have fled since the conflict began and more than 6 million are internally displaced. At the start of 2018 it was estimated that over 13 million people (that's around 70% of the population) in Syria were in need of humanitarian assistance.

The objective of our work in Syria is to support these people by providing emergency shelter and non-food items (NFIs). The type of aid delivered will depend on the season, location and specific needs identified. We aim to enhance security, dignity and resilience of vulnerable communities.

### Response

ShelterBox is not able to intervene directly with teams on the ground in Syria because of the volatile and dangerous security environment. However, we have been able to assist those displaced within Syria through implementing partners, Hand in Hand for Syria, ReliefAid, and Bahar Organisation.

The type of aid delivered will depend on the season, location, and specific needs identified. In winter this will be winter clothing, high thermal blankets, mattresses and sometimes stoves. In summer the focus is to provide shade from the sun and protection from biting insects with mosquito nets.

Our intention is to continue to provide support to households that are not being reached by other organisations (finding a gap in the current humanitarian response).

At the end of April, ShelterBox and partner organisations have provided shelter to 2,815 households.



## Bangladesh flooding

Heavy monsoon rains caused widespread flooding in the Northern and Central regions. 6.9 million people were affected across 31 districts. The humanitarian response to the flooding was slow, largely due to funding being diverted to the Rohingya crisis (see below). ShelterBox was one of very few actors that followed through on early commitments, focussing our efforts on the district of Kurigram, one of the poorest areas of Bangladesh.

### Response

The response targeted 3,000 households: 1,000 households were provided with ShelterKits, blankets, and solar lights; 2,000 households were provided with tarpaulins, blankets, and mosquito nets. All of these aid items were in line with Shelter cluster recommendations.

The last remaining households that we supported in this response received aid items in January 2018.

## Bangladesh – Rohingya

Since August 25th 2017, it is estimated that over 671,000 Rohingya have fled violence in Myanmar, putting the population of Rohingya in Bangladesh at nearly 1 million.

### Response

Together with the Shelter Sector Working Group we had a two-phase approach:

Phase 1: To provide emergency shelter and NFIs as quickly as possible, with a focus on survival and dignity.

Phase 2: To reinforce shelters and fill remaining gaps in specific NFI distributions to improve resilience, privacy, dignity, security and protection of affected community in line with shelter cluster strategy.

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) is mandated to coordinate the Rohingya response. We partnered with IOM, who are responsible for importation, transport, warehousing and distribution of the aid we have provided.

In total, we supported 4000 households with the following aid items:

- 8,000 LuminAIDs
- 8,000 (water) jerry cans
- 8,000 blankets
- 8,000 tarpaulins
- 8,000 lengths of rope

## Caribbean

Hurricane Irma originated in the Cape Verde Islands, off the West coast of Africa. It developed into the most powerful storm ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean, having sustained winds of 185mph. Irma made landfall on northeast Caribbean islands during the early hours of 6 September, affecting Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, St Barthélemy, St. Martin, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, US Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos.

## Response

All ShelterBox Response Team members have now left the Caribbean islands but distributions are continuing through in-country partners in Dominica and Barbuda. In 2018 shelter has been provided to 210 households on the island of Barbuda.





## Somaliland

Following years of drought, here is a widespread need for humanitarian assistance for nomadic pastoralists who have lost livestock. Many displaced communities are living in overcrowded, ill-equipped, shelters. They are lacking essential NFIs including water filters and carriers (Cholera outbreaks have risen due to lack of water sanitation).

On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018, Somaliland authorities declared a drought emergency, calling for humanitarian assistance in areas facing acute food crisis. Nearly 500,000 people across Somalia are officially in a state of emergency and 2.2 million people are in crisis, needing emergency lifesaving assistance. This situation has been further exacerbated by renewed tensions between Somaliland and neighbouring Puntland.

## Response

During Phase 2 of our response, the ShelterBox response team worked closely with our implementing partner ActionAid. They conducted train the trainer sessions, project review and forecast, and setting monitoring and evaluation framework for the response. The distributions for this phase were completed in February reaching 1,000 households.



## Lake Chad Basin Crisis

### Cameroon

In 2014 the Boko Haram Islamist insurgency spread from Nigeria into the border regions of Cameroon.

Refugee numbers have been on the rise in Northern Cameroon since 2015. Camp Minawao was initially opened to house 35,000 people, however the numbers of those living in the camp has almost doubled. ShelterBox has been supporting households in Minawao camp since 2015. The first distribution consisted of 224 ShelterBoxes. Since then we have supported households with a variety of aid items including tents, tarpaulins and fixings, NFIs and hygiene kits.

### Response

With IEDA, our partner agency in Cameroon we had distributed 625 tents and 50 shelter kits by the end of April.

### Chad

Since 2015, Chad armed forces have been fighting the Islamist militant group Boko Haram. In 2017 ShelterBox partnered with ICAHD with the aim of providing shelter and NFIs to those who have been displaced by the violence in Chad.

Whilst Boko Haram attacks in 2017 increased in Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria, the group's presence has decreased in Chad. This has, however, prompted the Chadian government to tighten its borders and augment counter insurgency operations. This has limited refugee movement and humanitarian access.

As well as the conflict with Boko Haram, Chad is also playing host to Central African and South Sudanese refugees from the East, and Chadian refugees are returning from the Central African Republic

### Response

**Phase 2:** provision of shelter and non-food-items. 1000 households/families received 2 tarpaulins and an NFI kit.

**Phase 3:** running concurrently with phase 2. In total, 1950 households are being supported, but split into two parts, each targeting different populations.

- PART A (completed in April 2018): 850 households have received 2 x tarpaulins and NFIs (4 x water carriers, 4 x blankets, 1 x kitchen set, 1 x bucket and 2 x solar lamps).
- PART B: 1100 households will receive 2 x tarpaulins and NFIs (4 x water carriers, 4 x blankets, 1 x kitchen set, 1 x bucket and 2 x solar lamps)





## Nigeria

Boko Haram control has spread across the North of Nigeria into the states of Borno, Kaduna, Yoba, Bauchi and Kano, as well as the Border regions of Niger, Chad and Cameroon. A Multi-National-Joint-Task-Force, tasked with combatting Boko Haram, was set up in 2015. As the force has pushed back Boko Haram from its strongholds, the severity of humanitarian need in the Northern states of Nigeria have become increasingly visible. According to OCHA, 10.2 million people are in need in the Northern states of Nigeria.

## Response

Through our partnership with ACTED, we have implemented a five-month response that supports displaced people and meets their basic shelter and NFI needs. 765 emergency shelter kits and NFI kits will be locally procured and distributed across the IDP sites in north-eastern Nigeria. Specifically, these distributions are targeting new arrivals that are expected due to the ongoing military offensive.

## Philippines

Tropical Storm Urduja (known internationally as Kai-Tak) made landfall on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec '17 over Eastern Samar province in the Philippines. Two months of rain fell in 48 hours, triggering severe flooding and landslides.

### Response

In January, ShelterBox supported 957 households with a combination of emergency tents, ShelterKits and ShelterBoxes.

Following the response, ShelterBox was approached by The Rotary Club of Biliran Island. They requested CGI (Corrugated Galvanised Iron) materials to support 29 households identified as beneficiaries of a Rotary Village Project. These households are currently living in ShelterBox emergency tents on a school playing field.

This project targets households that have received emergency tented shelter and are living on communal or borrowed land. The Rotary Village will provide households with more durable semi-permanent housing units for a period of three years, after which point they will be relocated to permanent accommodation by the Government.



## Financial Update

Income fell behind budget in April in part this was due to phasing of institutional funding which is expected to be received later in the year. Operational expenditure, like the number of households sheltered, is ahead of budget for the year but is forecasted to be in line with original budget plus underspend from 2017 budget at the year end.

Four months ended 30 April 2018	Actual	Budget	Variance
	Total	Total	Total
	£000	£000	£000
<b>Income</b>	2,907	3,447	(540)
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
Materials & Grants	1,664	1,476	(189)
Transport	538	290	(248)
SRT Costs	91	127	36
	2,293	1,893	(401)
<b>Fixed Costs</b>			
Staff Costs	1,144	1,264	120
Other Costs	1,311	1,790	479
	2,455	3,054	599
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4,748</b>	<b>4,946</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(1,841)</b>	<b>(1,499)</b>	<b>(342)</b>

## Request for Funding from ShelterBox Switzerland

In accordance with the Affiliate Grant Agreement, and following completion of the first four months of activity, SBT now submit this request to draw on available funds to continue our charitable work. Thank you.