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SHELTERBOX CANADA ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15



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OUR MISSION

To rapidly provide emergency shelter and vital aid to stabilize, protect, and support communities overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis.

OUR VISION

A world in which all people displaced by disasters and humanitarian crises are rapidly provided with emergency shelter and vital aid which will help rebuild their communities and lives.

OUR VALUES

Respect
Honesty and Integrity
Accountability
Resourcefulness

ABOUT US

Every year hundreds of thousands of communities around the world lose everything when disasters strike. Through no fault of their own, and often with no warning, people lose their homes, their possessions, and their livelihoods. Every day they are faced with a battle for survival.

ShelterBox provides emergency shelter and vital supplies to support communities around the world which are overwhelmed by disasters and humanitarian crises.

Since inception in 2000, ShelterBox has responded to earthquakes, floods, volcanos, tsunamis, hurricanes, landslides, typhoons and conflict, delivering emergency humanitarian aid to communities in need on every continent.

The ShelterBox response to disasters is as simple as it is effective. We deliver the essentials a family needs to survive in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Our aid is customizable to meet the specific needs arising from each disaster. Essentially, Shelterbox provides families with shelter, and the supplies they need to survive and rebuild their lives.

Aid is delivered by highly trained ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) Members from around the world. In Canada there are currently 11 SRTs. By prepositioning aid in strategic locations around the world we are able to be on the ground after a disaster within 24-48 hours. All boxes are packed at our Headquarters in Cornwall UK.

ShelterBox Canada is one of 15 ShelterBox Affiliates which work to raise awareness and funds for ShelterBox's work.

ShelterBox Canada is based in Toronto and has two full time staff members, a board of directors, as well as a network of over 100 volunteers across the country.

280 +
DISASTERS

95+
COUNTRIES

1,000,000 +
PEOPLE HELPED

15
YEARS OF
DISASTER RELIEF



A Message From Our Board Chair

ShelterBox continues to make a tremendous difference to families affected by disasters. The organization is more effective than ever, thanks to a great combination of volunteers, staff and donor support.

Everyone is aware of major disasters, such as the Nepal earthquake and global refugee crisis. We all see the pictures of destruction, hear descriptions of geopolitical complexity and read statistics of the tens of thousands of people affected. It is all so overwhelming. But for our volunteers on the front line, it is about the family standing before them and giving that family ShelterBox aid - a temporary home and a sense of relief that the worst is over and their children will be safe. Shelter, delivered by volunteers, funded by donors – It's simple really.

Over the past year ShelterBox Canada has continued to focus our efforts on simple, efficient, grassroots fundraising. Our Ambassadors are the key to it all, raising funds in their communities through a wide range of activities. Their energy, creativity and impact are inspiring!

We often see Rotary Clubs and Rotarians involved in those local fundraising efforts. ShelterBox is an official partner of Rotary International and many in that organization see ShelterBox as the best Rotary-way to help with immediate disaster relief. They are great supporters here; and in countries affected by disaster the local Rotarians are often a big help.

Of course it doesn't all happen on its own. The many Canadian activities are held together by a staff of just two people. Stephanie Christensen, Operations Manager and Tess Widdifield, Fundraising Officer, combine to assist volunteers, look after donors and keep everything moving forward. Their commitment is especially evident when major disasters strike, reacting immediately to get the organization mobilized, regardless of the day or time. I hope that you have the opportunity to experience their enthusiasm!

The Canadian organization continues to strengthen behind the scenes as well. I'd like to especially thank Ron Noseworthy for his past leadership as Chair and for his continuing passion for what we do. He is still the backbone of a board that is comprised of directors with a wonderful diversity of skills that are improving our capabilities and setting a high standard in governance.

It is great to see the teamwork of volunteers, leadership and staff. It is also great to see the generous support from donors, joining ShelterBox in bringing shelter and hope to families. Thank You!

Kent Fraser



A Message From Our Operations Manager

Looking back on the last year, I am so proud of what ShelterBox Canada has been able to accomplish with the support of our dedicated donors, volunteers, Board and staff. ShelterBox responded to eighteen diverse disasters in the last year, providing lifesaving aid to hundreds of thousands of vulnerable people. This would not have been possible without the support of our Canadian donors who together generously gave \$1,413,878.

ShelterBox is constantly looking for ways to innovate our aid so that we can provide the very best assistance for those who need it most. In the last year, ShelterBox has introduced two new types of tents, as well as a new solar light and water filter. These new items were added based on feedback from beneficiaries.

As ShelterBox diversifies and grows, we are being recognized as a leader in humanitarian shelter provision. On two deployments in the last year, a ShelterBox Response Team Member has been appointed as the UN Humanitarian Shelter Cluster leader.

Seven Canadian Response Team Members were deployed this year to some of our most challenging deployments to date including severe flooding in Malawi and the Nepal Earthquakes. ShelterBox responded to disasters in Nepal twice in the last year, and had aid already stored in country when the Nepal Earthquakes hit. Due to easily transportable nature of ShelterBox aid, and the rapid ability of our team to respond, we were able to reach some of the most remote areas of the country.

At ShelterBox Canada, we continue to better our ability to fundraise by improving our volunteer Ambassador program, seeking corporate partnerships and starting a legacy giving program. ShelterBox Canada continues to operate as a very lean organization focused on accountability and transparency, and ensuring our donors money goes as far as possible to help families in need.

None of our success over the past year would be possible without our dedicated team of ShelterBox volunteers. I extend my sincere thanks to them for everything they do. I would also like to thank our Board for the dedication and passion for the ShelterBox mission. Finally, to our donors, thank you so much for your support. Without you, it would not be possible to provide families with shelter, warmth and hope.

I look forward to the next year, and am excited to see what we can accomplish together to help families affected by disasters and conflict around the world.

Stephanie Christensen

ShelterBox Aid

At ShelterBox we are always looking for ways to improve our aid. We use beneficiary feedback to make changes to our aid in order to provide the best products possible. This year, LuminAid lights replaced our previous solar lights as they provide a longer lasting, brighter light and are both more compact and weigh less. This is just one example of how ShelterBoxes are being updated to ensure we offer the best aid possible.

ShelterBox is also expanding the type of aid we deploy to ensure we can provide the best options for a wide range of situations. This aid innovation makes ShelterBox one of the leaders in providing humanitarian shelter. ShelterBox aid includes:

The Traditional ShelterBox

The ShelterBox is still the heart of what we do. ShelterBoxes are customizable to meet the specific needs of each disaster. A typical ShelterBox contains a high-tech family tent, blankets, a cookstove and dishes, water purification, solar light, mosquito net and more. Essentially, a ShelterBox provides a family with the supplies they need to survive after a disaster. ShelterBoxes can be completely winterized for cold climates.

ShelterKits

ShelterKits contain heavy tarpaulin as well as tools and hardware so that people can repair their homes or build temporary shelter. ShelterKits allow us to help families who still have part of their homes standing, and do not need a full ShelterBox. ShelterKits can be used to create shelter that may be more culturally appropriate than tents. They are also more effective in areas where there is not space for tents. Individual items from ShelterBoxes may be provided in conjunction with ShelterKits where needed. By diversifying our aid, we can help more people in desperate need.

SchoolBoxes

ShelterBox deploys SchoolBoxes in situations where schools are destroyed, or long term conflict is preventing access to education. SchoolBoxes provide a classroom in a box for up to 50 children. The Boxes are packed with a backpack and supplies for each child, notebooks, chalk and chalkboard paint, a windup radio and more. Having a daily routine and being able to go to school helps give a sense of normalcy to children whose lives have been turned upside down by a disaster or conflict.



The ShelterBox Tent

The ShelterBox Disaster Relief Tent is a dome style tent which is large enough for a family and very durable. It is tested to 120 km/hr winds and monsoon rains. The tent provides a strong, dry, temporary home for people in their greatest time of need. Our tents have been used all over the world, and are still up in Haiti five years later.

The Disaster Relief Tent has two layers to facilitate better air flow, and a third insulated layer can be added to keep the tent warm in up to -20°C weather. There is also a divider that can be put up to separate the tent into two or three rooms.

Over the last two years, our familiar dome-shaped family tent has been supplemented with four other offerings. The first of these is the Midi Tent, a smaller version, which is used in locations where space is at a premium or where shelter is required for a shorter period. At the other end of the size and weight spectrum, some deployments call for the use of larger United Nations specification tents. They are very hard-wearing, difficult to move and, critically, more 'generic' than our branded dome tents. This is important in situations where we need to blend in, for example in larger camps where we are often working with partners who are also using UN tents. These are the types of tent that have been deployed in large numbers in Kurdistan, Lebanon and Syria.

We used the Flex 3, another dome-style tent similar to the disaster relief tent, for the first time in 2015. With an insulated hole to accommodate a stove chimney, the Flex 3 is suited to colder climates. That made it ideal for use in our deployment to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) where there was snow on the ground in many of the affected areas. The Flex 3 tent also has offset doors which make it a more culturally appropriate option for the many areas we deploy where feng-shui is practiced.

Finally, our Oase tent is another alternative, offering a larger porch area and a different window configuration to provide better cooling in hot climates.

While tents remain at the heart of our emergency shelter equipment, there are some situations where other solutions are more appropriate. Sometimes there is simply no room for even our smallest tent, while in other disaster areas, houses may have lost their roofs but be otherwise structurally sound. This was the impetus behind the introduction of the ShelterKits, which we began to use in 2014.

Tents from top to bottom: Disaster Relief Tent, Midi Tent, UN Spec Tent, Flex 3 Tent, Oase Tent.



Deployment Overview

This has been another busy year for ShelterBox. While the number of disasters has not increased, this year, the severity of the disasters experienced has. In the last year alone Vanuatu was hit by Cyclone Pam which destroyed 90% of buildings on the small island; Malawi experienced its worst flooding in 40 years, the Syrian conflict rages on displacing more than ever, and Nepal was hit two major earthquakes and hundreds of aftershocks causing unimaginable damage. These are only a few of the disasters ShelterBox responded to this year. Whether large or small, ShelterBox responds immediately to help families whose lives have been turned upside down.

Natural Disasters

On average, ShelterBox responds to a new disaster every two weeks. Most of these disasters never make the news here at home, however, ShelterBox is on the ground helping families who have lost their homes, possessions, and livelihoods. The following is an overview of some of the natural disasters we responded to this year.

Typhoons in the Philippines are, sadly, an annual occurrence and ShelterBox response teams found themselves back in the country in July when Typhoon Ramassun hit the Bicol region in the south east of Luzon Island. We reached 1,034 households with a mix of ShelterBoxes, tents and ShelterKits.

There was no respite as the summer wore on and August brought perhaps the most challenging response of the year so far, as monsoon rains in the northern part of the Indian sub-continent triggered flooding and landslides. The mid-west region of the mountainous country of Nepal was amongst the worst-affected areas, with 14,000 families displaced.

While the event quickly fell out of the headlines, it became clear to us that many remote communities in Nepal had not received any assistance. Damaged roads and collapsed bridges over swollen rivers presented formidable logistical challenges, but that did not prevent the ShelterBox response teams from reaching villages by tractor, 4x4 vehicles and on foot. Many stories emerged from this deployment but a typical example was of a team trekking 20km across rivers and around landslides to find 35 families living in the forest under tarpaulins after their homes had collapsed. This is what ShelterBox does best - working in places outside the media spotlight to get supplies to families in need who have received little or no other outside assistance. It is a source of great pride to us that ultimately 426 ShelterBoxes were distributed in these very challenging circumstances.

Tropical storms go by different names in different parts of the world, but the results are similar. In September, Hurricane Odile battered the Baja California peninsula on Mexico's west coast. The hardest-hit communities were living in an area which had no space for tents, so this was another situation tailor-made for the new ShelterKits. We distributed 350, enabling families to make their homes habitable until permanent repairs could be effected.



In November, ShelterBox deployed to Niger, where 200 ShelterBoxes were distributed to assist families displaced by flooding. The Philippines was back on our radar in December as Typhoon Hagupit traced a parallel track to that taken by Haiyan a year earlier. This time, the worst damage came in Eastern Samar in the central part of the country. However, we were able to provide enough ShelterKits to shelter 994 families.

At the end of December ShelterBox deployed to Malaysia for the first time as the North East of the country was inundated with the worst flooding for some 50 years. ShelterBox worked with local disaster teams to set up a camp with 100 tents for families in need. As there has not been the need for this type of response in Malaysia before, the ShelterBox team members were able to pass on their knowledge and experience of creating camps and the best practice for managing them in the long-term.

January was a busy month as ShelterBox teams deployed to Malawi after flooding displaced more than 200,000 people. Teams were able to reach remote areas to provide shelter for families that were packed into schools or sleeping outside. ShelterBox provided aid for more than 1400 families.

In March, Cyclone Pam ripped through the small island nation of Vanuatu causing 90% of buildings to be damaged or destroyed. The Category 5 storm left at least 250,000 people homeless. ShelterBox worked with CARE International to provide ShelterKits for 1000 families in need.

The largest disaster of the year took ShelterBox back to Nepal after a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 25th. ShelterBox sent a team immediately following the earthquake, and already had aid stored in Nepal. By prepositioning aid in strategic areas around the world, ShelterBox is able to reach families in need faster, and in a more cost effective manner.

Conflict

While natural disasters are always difficult from a logistical perspective, delivering aid in conflict zones adds yet another level of complexity. However, we continue to take on these challenges which we see as a vital part of our work.

The majority of our conflict-related efforts have, inevitably, been focused on the Middle East as the civil war in Syria ground on into its fourth year. Compounded by the rise of Islamic State, this has led to the displacement of 12 million Syrian civilians, 4 million of whom have crossed the borders into neighbouring countries.

Elsewhere in the Middle East, July's renewed fighting in Gaza between Hamas and Israel left thousands homeless. Our efforts to assist were hampered by restrictions on the importation of materials into the enclave and by the fact that Gaza is a densely populated urban area, making deployment of tents difficult. Our persistence finally paid off, however, and after we found suitable sites for tents in more rural areas of the territory, the first 250 ShelterBoxes arrived in 2015.

The Ukrainian conflict was a fixture in media headlines throughout 2014 and personnel were dispatched to assess whether ShelterBox could be of assistance. Although we decided that further immediate action was not appropriate, we have made contacts which will prove valuable should the conflict intensify. This is a good example of the work that goes on constantly behind the scenes to lay the groundwork for deployments.

Meanwhile, in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, which has been affected by civil unrest, 496 families received tents in November.

Other less well known conflicts also drew our attention. In Cameroon, ShelterBox Response Team members provided training sessions to staff at IEDA Relief in the capital city, Yaoundé. Their staff delivered aid to 224 families on our behalf. Often in conflict zones, ShelterBox will work with local partners to ensure both the safety of our teams, and beneficiaries receiving aid. Foreign aid workers are increasingly targets, so we take every step we can to ensure the safety of all involved.

While working in conflict zones does not have the same rapid response time as our work helping those affected by natural disasters, those affected by conflict will likely be displaced for a lot longer. Our high-tech tents and ShelterKits ensure families are protected for long periods of time, often years.

Philippines | Typhoon

Mexico | Hurricane

Pakistan | Flooding

Philippines | Typhoon

Gaza | Conflict

July 2014

Nepal | Flooding and Landslides

Niger | Flooding

Sierra Leone | Ebola

Malaysia | Flooding



Ebola Outbreak in Sierra Leone

ShelterBox demonstrated its adaptability and delivered different kinds of aid to those affected by the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone. Sixty sturdy black-and-yellow ShelterBoxes were sent which kept foodstuffs dry and safe, along with 10 red-and-blue SchoolBoxes which provided enough classroom supplies for 500 children in all. Excitement was felt in the township of Port Loko as the SchoolBoxes were delivered to the “All for One” orphanage, which cares for children who lost family during the Ebola outbreak.



Flooding and Volcanic Activity in Chile- June 2015

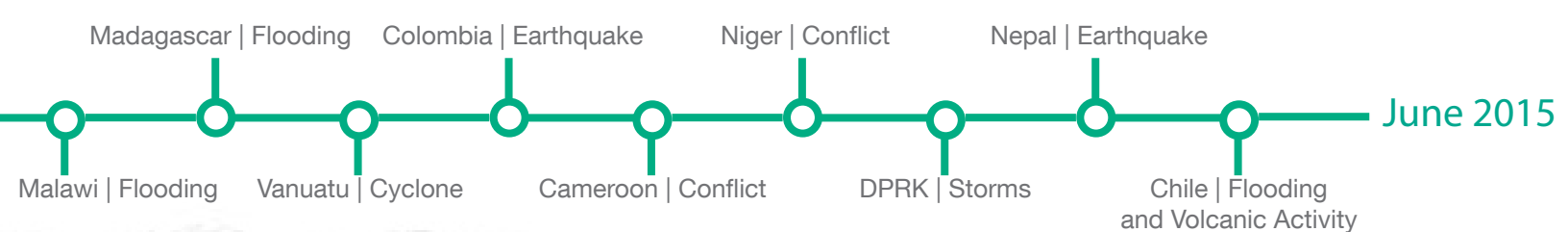
Chile was impacted by two separate natural disasters within a few weeks. The Atacama Desert received the equivalent of 7 years of rainfall in a 24 hour period, causing landslides and flashflooding which left over 8,000 families with a damaged or a totally destroyed home. The eruption of the Calbulco volcano, 1,600 km away from Atacama, forced the evacuation of 6,600 homes as a 16km high plume of ash and other pyroclastic materials were sent into the air. ShelterBox response team members worked with the fellow aid organizations Habitat for Humanity and the Chilean Red Cross to deliver 1,500 ShelterKits, which contained materials to provide waterproof shelters and to repair existing structures.



Flooding in Malawi - January 2015

Malawi experienced its worst flooding in 40 years which left more than 230,000 people without homes and destroyed countless farms and livelihoods. Canadian Response Team Member, Claire Noseworthy said: “Margrot Kalimanjika, a 69 year old grandmother came into the classroom in Matandwe with a tear in her eye. She was so thankful we were giving her a Shelterbox so she would be able to move back home with her 3 grandchildren and her son.”





Floods in Nepal - November 2014

Flooding in some of the most remote and rugged regions of Nepal left 14,000 families displaced and destroyed 11,000 homes. With many communities cut off by damage to infrastructure such as bridges and roads, Response Team members faced one of the most challenging deployments to deliver supplies to communities in need. In the Taranga area, response team members took a 6-hour journey by tractor, 4x4 and foot to deliver boxes to a remote community. At one point, boxes had to be lifted vertically onto a makeshift ramp (pictured) to reach a bridge that was damaged by the flooding. One Response Team member said, 'We were the first NGO to get supplies through as the road had only been cleared a few days before...it's fair to say that there was a mood of excitement once we erected a tent and demonstrated the equipment to the villagers.'

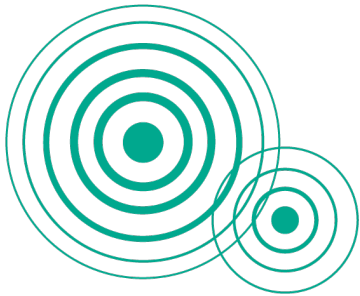
Floods in Malaysia - January 2015

Extreme flooding caused more than 200,000 people to be displaced from their homes. One of our response team members reported: "this family [pictured] was living in a house that was all but crushed, her husband was at work and she was quietly sitting with her daughter in the heat. We walked up and asked if we could set up a tent for them on their concrete pad. She said they couldn't afford it, we told her it was a gift from our donors. I don't think she believed us fully, but we put it up and handed her a certificate of ownership, and the tears came."



Nepal Earthquakes

Key Information



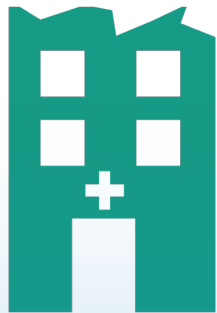
120
AFTER
SHOCKS



8700 +
PEOPLE
KILLED



approx.
473,000
HOMES DESTROYED



approx.
26
HOSPITALS
DESTROYED



approx.
2,800,000
PEOPLE
DISPLACED

SHELTERBOX HELPED OVER
15,000 FAMILIES
IN SOME OF THE MOST REMOTE AREAS



= 1500
FAMILIES



Nepal Earthquakes ShelterBox Response

On April 25th, 2015 a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake occurred between the cities of Kathmandu and Pokhara. This was followed by hundreds of aftershocks, and a second major earthquake on May 12th 2015. These earthquakes displaced millions of people in Nepal, destroyed buildings and heritage sites, and killed over 8700 people.

Having worked in Nepal responding to flooding and landslides in November of 2014, ShelterBox already had some ShelterBox aid stored in country and therefore was able to start helping families right away. The first ShelterBox tents distributed were used to create clinical space for damaged hospitals, as many of the hospital buildings had been condemned and medical staff were treating patients out in the open.



ShelterBox had multiple teams of Response Team members in Nepal for the duration of the emergency phase of the disasters. Thanks to our donors support, ShelterBox was able to provide essential shelter for over 15,000 people in some of the most remote areas who had lost everything because of the earthquakes.

On top of the devastation caused by the earthquakes, intense rainfall, flash flooding, landslides and difficult traveling conditions associated with monsoon season increased the urgency for equipment to help shelter and rebuild communities. Waterproof tarps were in high demand, and ShelterBox was able to deliver a number of forms of monsoon proof shelter options.



ShelterBox provided a combination of ShelterBoxes, ShelterKits, and UN Spec tents to aid families affected. ShelterKits were particularly effective as they allowed our teams to reach the most remote areas where larger aid items could not be transported. ShelterKits were used to repair homes with some damage, and to create new temporary homes for families whose homes had been destroyed. In either situation, families were able to stay on their land – something that is invaluable when trying to recover from a disaster.

ShelterBox's innovation and adaptability was evident when shipments of SchoolBoxes were delivered to orphanages in the Kathmandu Valley. ShelterBox teamed up with several different organizations, including The Rotary Club of Bhadgaon, based in the

Kathmandu Valley. The club has taken on the project of supporting more than 200 orphanages across the Kathmandu Valley, which has become even more urgent following the earthquakes. Each orphanage looks after between 25 and 50 children, some of whom arrive when they are as young as a few days old and can remain until the age of 18. Many of the orphanage buildings had been damaged as a result of the earthquakes, with cracks in the walls and floors visible in the structures. A ShelterBox response team, including Jessica Kim from Canada, helped to source and deliver SchoolBoxes containing enough school materials for 450 children.



Syrian Refugee Crisis ShelterBox Response

The Syrian conflict has caused one of the world's greatest humanitarian crises on record. Over 12 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, 4 million of whom are refugees outside Syria's borders. Neighbouring countries: Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Turkey have taken the majority of the refugees in, however, the sheer numbers make it very difficult to provide for these people desperately seeking a safe place. In Lebanon alone, 1/4 of the population is now made up of Syrian refugees.

ShelterBox has been supporting Syrian refugees since December 2012 and has helped 6,077 households in that time throughout the region. ShelterBox's unique winterized kits are especially important in this region because of the harsh winter climate. Many of the refugee camps are in flat open spaces which are subject to harsh winter winds. For those without adequate shelter, these conditions can be dangerous. In these conditions, a winterized ShelterBox tent can mean the difference between life and death.

SchoolBoxes have also been an important aid item in this region. In many areas children have not been able to go to school for years. SchoolBoxes give teachers the materials they need to continue to teach children living in refugee camps.

In the last year, we continued to work with partners to get aid to areas which need it the most. Due to the hazardous nature of the situation, we do not deploy Response Teams in all areas but rely on local organizations whose staff have on-the-ground-contacts, local knowledge and the ability to blend in. We send small aid shipments through these partners and then wait for verification of the distribution before preparing to send the next load.

Despite the volatile nature of the situation, ShelterBox is committed to doing everything we can for those affected by this brutal conflict. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to continue providing aid for those that need it most.



Building Resistance in the Philippines

It is no surprise that ShelterBox has deployed to the Philippines more than any other country in the last decade, since each year it experiences a highly destructive 'typhoon season'. The two major typhoons in the second half of 2014 were a reminder of this. The recurring nature of the problem, combined with the fact that it will take many years (well beyond the life of our tents) for people to get back on their feet after Haiyan prompted us to look at additional solutions.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, ShelterBox was able to extend the type of assistance we could offer in the Philippines in the form of transitional shelters – resilient temporary structures to house families moving out of emergency accommodation. As our expertise is in emergency, rather than transitional shelter, this was a great learning opportunity for ShelterBox. We therefore went into partnership with four international organizations with a proven track record of delivery in this area. As a result, almost 1,700 transitional shelters have been provided to house 8,000 vulnerable people.

The structures, built primarily from locally sourced materials and each designed with the input of the families who would occupy them, were constructed on the 'build back better' principle in order to be more resilient to future natural disasters. In addition to the creation of the shelters themselves, the projects promote a wider understanding of how communities can best protect themselves in the future by passing on, and training carpenters in, techniques to rebuild safer shelters. In this way, communities are taking an active role in the recovery process and helping themselves to become more resilient to future disasters.

One such carpenter is 50 year old Nilo Visto, from the municipality of AlangAlang in northern Leyte, who underwent 15 days of training as part of the project. He now has a certificate from the Philippines's Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) after demonstrating his knowledge of safe building practices. Since graduation, Nilo has helped construct 20 strong shelters with us in his village. With his newfound skills, Nilo believes that he will be able to find more regular work to help support his family and also be able to assist his neighbours rebuild safely.



This project clearly paid dividends in December last year when Typhoon Hagupit struck. This time the local people were far better prepared, with many households tying down their shelters and reinforcing their roofs in the hours before the storm hit. None of our newly built shelters sustained any damage.

The reality of climate change is that super typhoons such as Haiyan are no longer one off events. Since Typhoon Haiyan, the Philippines has already endured three powerful typhoons. Our continued engagement is helping to ensure they are better able to withstand extreme weather events in the future, minimizing not only the future risk to life, but also the need for us to return with emergency aid in the years to come.

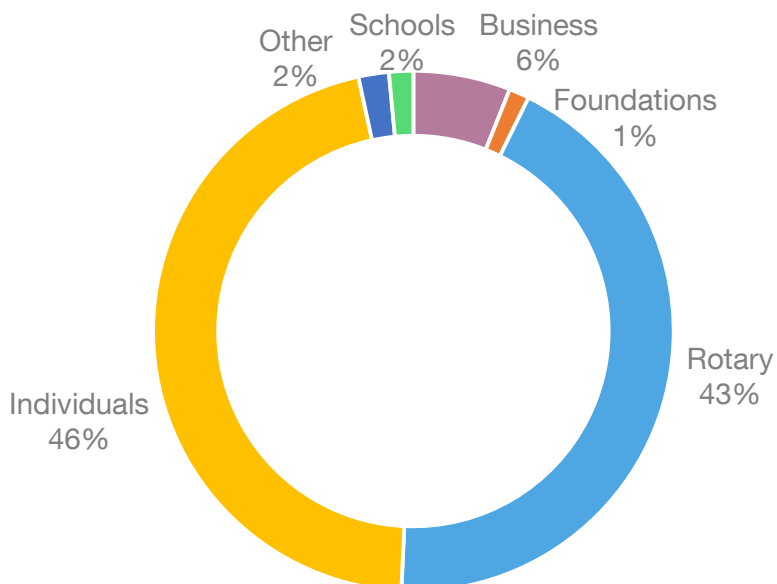
In addition the projects have, of course, broadened ShelterBox's own knowledge and expertise in the shelter sector which will aid us in helping more people in the future.



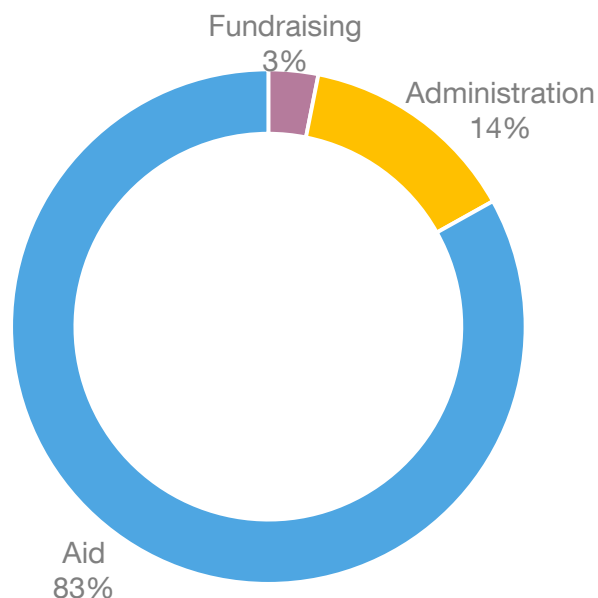


Canada Makes A Difference in 2014-2015

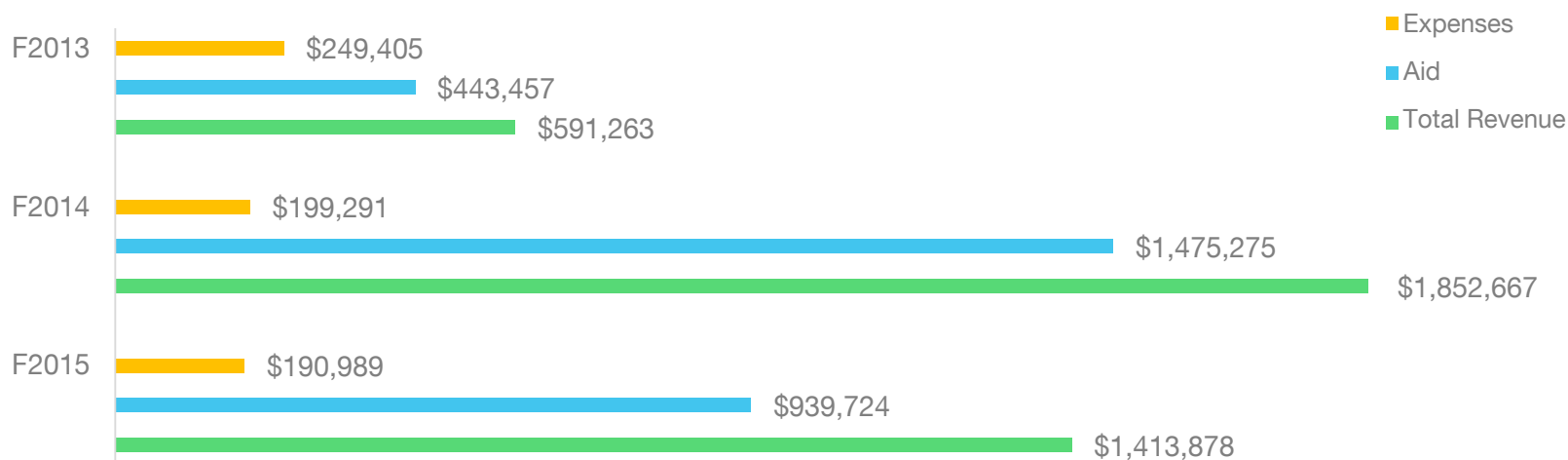
Where our donations came from:



How funds were spent:



Revenue Breakdown:



Our Commitment to Donors:

ShelterBox Canada's funding has traditionally come mainly from one-time, aid specific donations. Major disaster activity drives significantly higher donations, but such disasters are impossible to plan for. As a result, the Board of Directors has worked hard to reduce the cost structure from a high of \$290,000 in fiscal 2012 to \$191,00 in fiscal 2015. This will allow the organization more flexibility to continue operating during extended periods between major disasters.

In the last year, ShelterBox has improved our fundraising between major disasters. Having an efficient cost structure that can be effective at raising funds for both small and large scale disasters is one of the strategic goals of the organization. We are committed to building the organization towards a long-term sustainable, rolling three year average expense rate of 15%.

Audited Financial Statements For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

The full financial statements for the fiscal year from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 were audited by Grant Thornton LLP, an independent audit firm. The full statements are available at: <http://www.shelterboxcanada.org> under the “about us” section.

ShelterBox Canada received \$1,413,878 in donations in the year ended June 30, 2015. Of these donations \$939,724 were restricted for the purchase and distribution of ShelterBoxes. It should be noted that the Distribution Agreement with ShelterBox Trust (UK) fixes the price of a box at \$850 and requires ShelterBox Trust (UK) to invoice ShelterBox Canada only once a box has been deployed, thereby ensuring that all funds directed to aid are traceable, consistent with ShelterBox Canada’s high standards of transparency and governance. The impact of this is that there is a lag between the time that funds are received and when they are ultimately expensed in the statement of operations, resulting in an amount held in ‘Restricted Funds’ on the statement of financial position at the end of the fiscal year. The lag in processing does not reflect a delay in the delivery of aid, as ShelterBox International deploys boxes without respect to the timing of invoicing and payment for boxes. ShelterBox Canada also receives unrestricted donations and operating grants which can be applied to the organization’s fundraising, marketing, administrative, or mission activities.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, ShelterBox Canada paid \$608,600 to ShelterBox Trust (UK) for the purchase and distribution of ShelterBoxes upon confirmation of delivery to disaster survivors. At the end of the period, ShelterBox Canada held \$1,023,936 in funds restricted for the purchase and distribution of ShelterBoxes that will be paid to ShelterBox Trust (UK) once distribution of aid has been confirmed in accordance with the terms of a Distribution Agreement.

This year, ShelterBox had a unrestricted funding surplus at the end of the year, and therefore decided to devote \$150,000 immediately to fund ShelterBox aid. A \$100,000 Operating Reserve was also established with strict guidelines to ensure ShelterBox Canada is sustainable through long periods without major disasters. ShelterBox Canada is committed to operating as efficiently as possible which is why the majority of our fundraising is done at a grassroots level through our dedicated volunteers. As we continue to grow and expand, we are starting to cautiously invest in other fundraising methods which will ultimately allow us to achieve our mission and help more people in need. With these changes, we remain committed to our low cost structure to ensure we are as effective as possible with our donor’s money.



ShelterBox Canada
Statement of Operations

Year ended June 30

	Unrestricted Operations	Restricted for Mission: Purchase and distribution of aid	Total 2015	Total 2014
Revenue				
Donations	\$ 474,154	\$ 939,724	\$ 1,413,878	\$ 1,809,759
Operating Grants		-	-	37,000
Interest Revenue	7,479	-	7,479	5,908
Total Revenue	481,633	939,724	1,421,357	1,852,667
Expenses				
Purchase of ShelterBoxes	-	608,600	608,600	1,144,950
Salaries and Benefits	106,471	-	106,471	101,029
Fundraising and Marketing	35,293	-	35,293	49,388
Occupancy	14,086	-	14,086	12,922
Legal and audit	13,833	-	13,833	19,083
Office and Administration	8,587	-	8,587	9,881
Travel and Meetings - staff and volunteers	11,960	-	11,960	4,696
Amortization	724	-	724	2,581
Loss (gain) on redemption of short-term investments	35	-	35	-289
Total expenses	190,989	608,600	799,589	1,344,241
Excess Revenue over Expenses	\$ 290,644	\$ 331,124	\$ 621,768	\$ 508,426

Statement of Financial Postion

June. 30	2015	2014
Assets		
Current		
Cash- Unrestricted	\$ 327,086	\$ 180,483
Cash- Restricted	1,023,936	542,812
Short-term investments	5,210	6,443
Accounts Receivable	2,251	2,022
Prepaid Expenses	2,448	2,391
	1,360,931	734,151
Long Term		
Capital Assets	1,087	1,811
	\$ 1,362,018	\$ 735,962
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,638	12,350
Fund Balances		
Invested in capital assets	1,087	1,811
Unrestricted	220,357	178,989
Restricted for mission - purchase and distribution of ShelterBox aid	1,023,936	542,812
Operating reserve fund	100,000	-
	1,345,380	723,612
	\$ 1,362,018	\$ 735,962

How you can make a difference

Millions of people are affected by disasters every year. ShelterBox is constantly responding to new disasters whether they make the headlines or not. Your support makes this possible, thank you. There are a number of ways you can get involved and make a difference:

1: Make a donation

Your donation will provide life-saving aid and give a family the ability to restart after a disaster. ShelterBox Canada offers a number of donation options:

- Make a one time donation
- Become a member of our ShelterBox Giving Team through monthly donations
- Leave a gift in your will

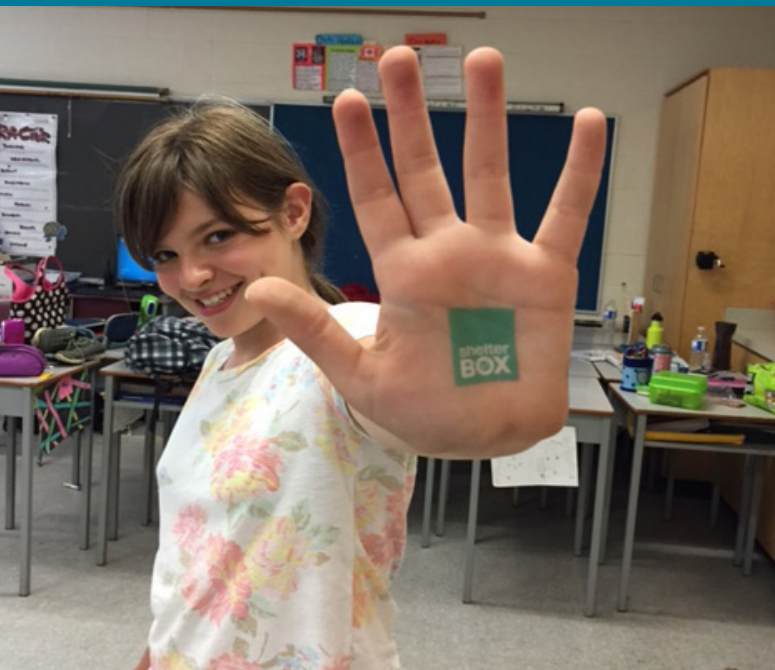
Donations can be made online at www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate.php, by phone to 647-352-1930 or via mail to 159 Jane Street, Office 2. Toronto, ON, M6S3Y8. If you have questions or would like more information please call our office at the number above.

2: Hold a Fundraiser

Organize or take part in an event that raises funds for ShelterBox Canada. You will be making a difference to families affected by disasters around the world. You can set up a fundraising page to track your goal, and we can provide you with any materials or information you need to make your event a success.

3: Become a ShelterBox Canada Ambassador or Volunteer

Volunteers are the heart and soul of ShelterBox Canada. Our Ambassadors work within their communities to raise funds and awareness. Whether you are giving presentations, holding events, or providing administrative support in our national office, our volunteers are crucial to our work. Please contact support@shelterboxcanada.org if you are interested or would like more information.





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