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Flood Victims in Namibia Receive Aid

International disaster relief agency ShelterBox began distributing emergency shelter to flood-affected areas of northern Namibia on April 15th.

The charity is distributing 200 ShelterBoxes in Kavango region, providing shelter and emergency equipment to up to 2000 people affected by the severe floods that have hit large parts of the country since late February.

"The area the boxes are going to has really borne the brunt of the recent flooding," says ShelterBox Response Team volunteer Tom Lay. "There are many thousands of people there living without adequate shelter". ShelterBox is working in the country with UN-HABITAT, the International Committee of the Red Cross and local Rotary clubs.

ShelterBox is sending an additional 170 ShelterBoxes, 130 ten-person heavy duty tents and other essential equipment to the country. The additional aid will be distributed in late April. "We have built a strong relationship with agencies on the ground and have established that there is a need for further help," says ShelterBox Operations Manager Pete Sykes.

Northern Namibia has experienced heavy rain since the start of the year causing rivers to burst their banks. The Namibian government has declared a state of emergency in parts of the country and has appealed for international help. It is estimated that 85 people have lost their lives and about 13,400 people have been displaced.

Severe flooding has also been reported in neighboring Angola, Botswana and Zambia. Each ShelterBox contains a 10-person tent and other vital equipment to allow a family to survive for up to six months.

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NOTES TO EDITOR About ShelterBox

ShelterBox USA, Lakewood Ranch, FL is the national affiliate of charity ShelterBox Trust, headquartered in Cornwall, England. The US affiliate raises funds for ShelterBoxes to be used in disaster relief efforts around the world.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity, and a global Rotary club project, which exists to provide humanitarian aid worldwide in the form of shelter, warmth and dignity for people displaced by natural and other disasters.

An initiative of Rotarian Tom Henderson, a former Royal Navy search and rescue diver, ShelterBox started in 2000 as a project of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall. ShelterBox, now the largest Rotary Club project in the world, has raised over \$37 million and responded to over 80 major disasters including the Indian Ocean Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar (Burma) and has operated in 57 countries.

Each ShelterBox contains a 10-person tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, a stove and other essential equipment. Every box is individually numbered and can be tracked by donors. Each box costs \$1000.00– including the cost of all materials, packing, storage, transport worldwide and distribution to the needy. Best value is achieved by working closely with leading suppliers, all items being obtained at below trade price. Assuming six month's use, this equates to shelter and warmth for less than 30 pence per person per day.

All aid delivery is undertaken by international volunteer ShelterBox Response Team members who have carried out extensive training with ShelterBox. By working with local Rotary clubs in the countries where disasters have occurred, ShelterBox is often able to get aid where it is needed faster than any other organization.

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